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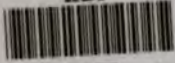
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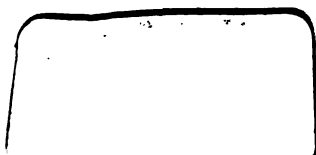


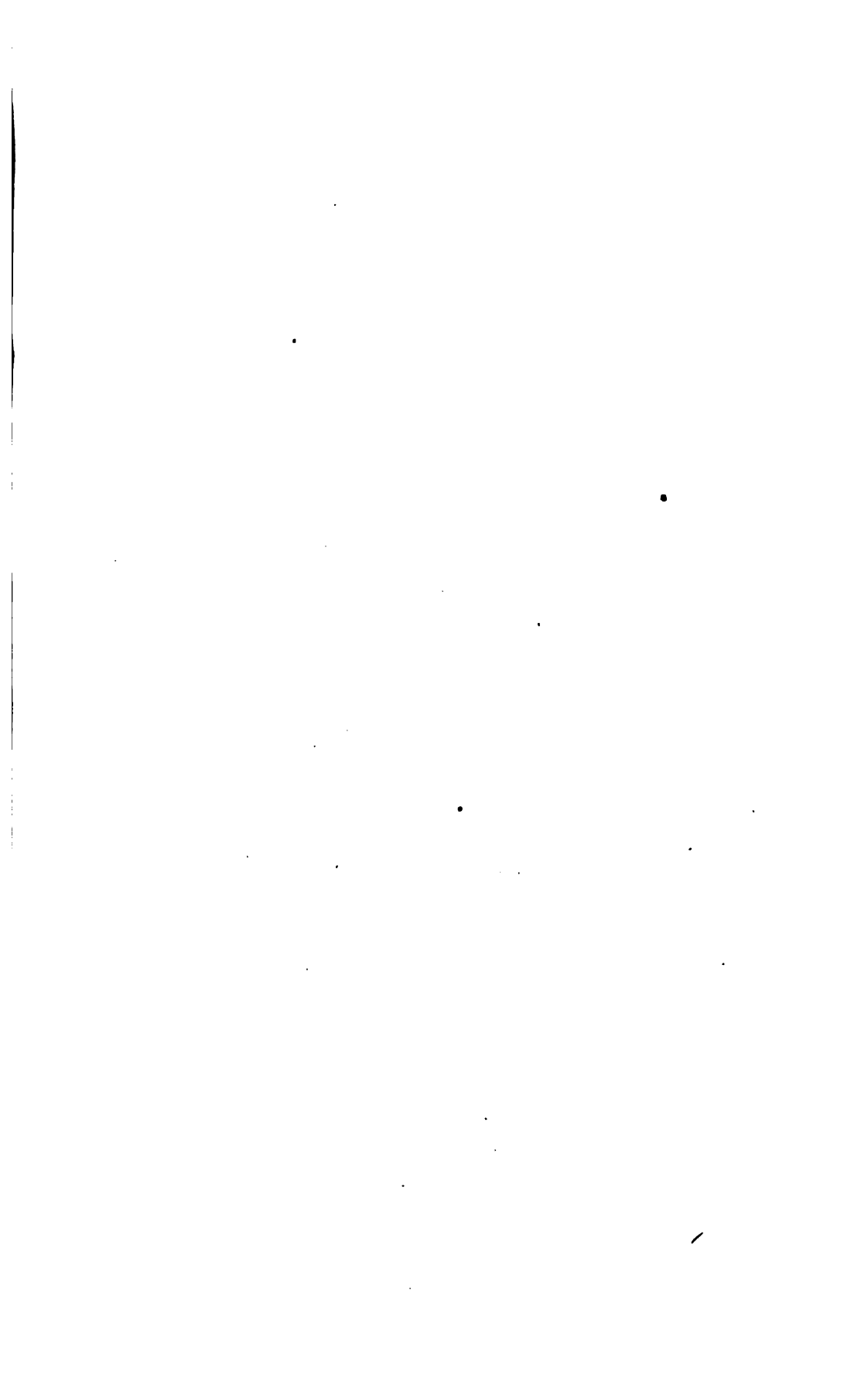
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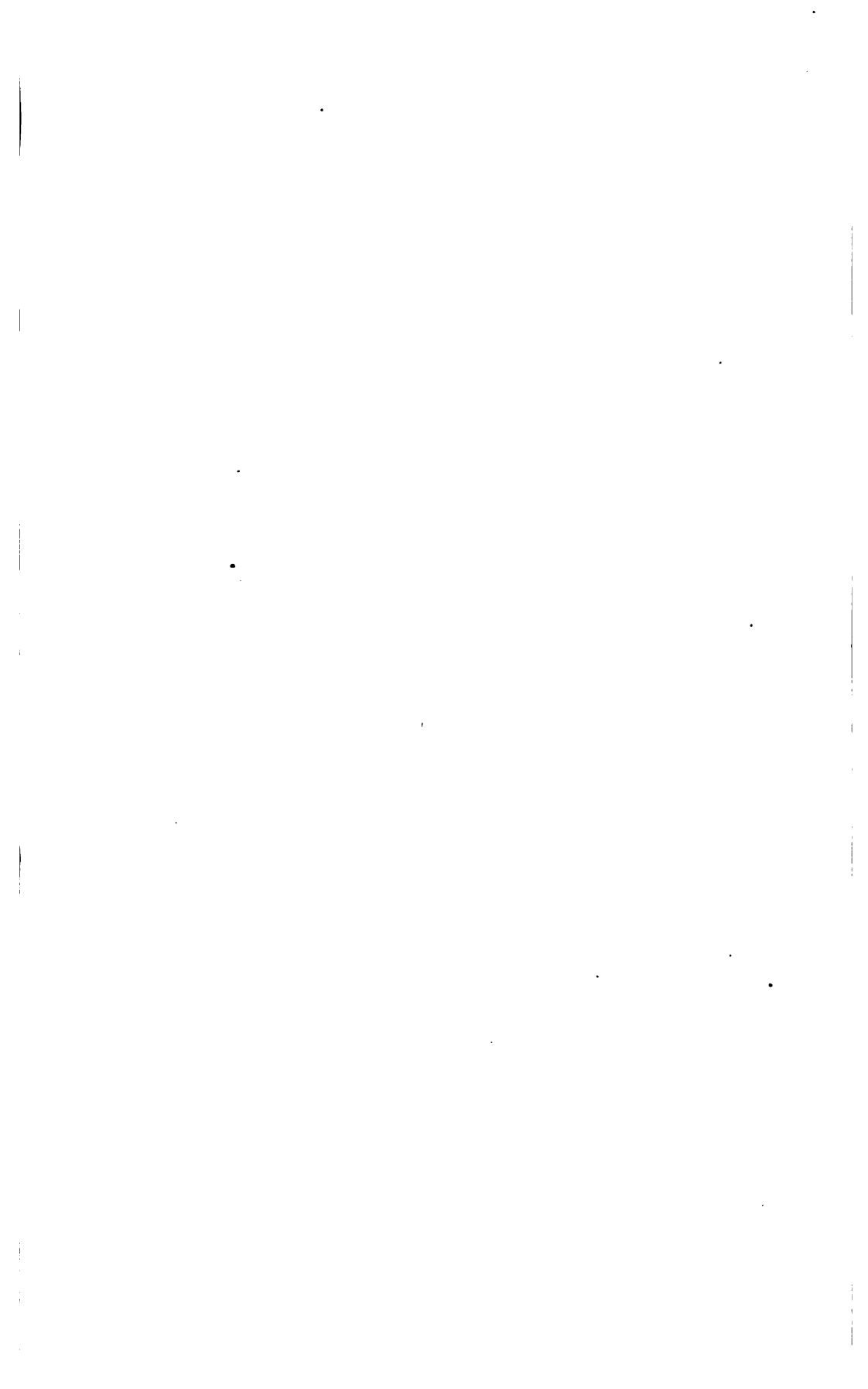
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The one hundred and fifth General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House in Boston on the first Wednesday in January, being the second day thereof, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighth. And the members-elect of the House of Representatives, having assembled in the Representatives' Chamber, were called to order at 11 o'clock A. M. by the Hon. John I. Baker of Beverly, the senior member-elect present. Preliminary organization.

By request of the presiding officer, prayer was offered by the Rev. Edmund B. Willson of Salem, a member-elect.

On motion of Mr. Rantoul of Salem,—

Ordered, That a committee of eight be appointed to inform the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the House has been called to order.

Messrs. Rantoul of Salem, Stebbins of Chicopee, Keyes of New Marlborough, Chamberlain of Cambridge, Daggett of Attleborough, Weston of Newton, Martin of Fall River, and Nash of Abington, were appointed the committee.

Thereupon the Secretary transmitted to the House a list of all the persons returned as representatives, with the original certificates of their election, which had been returned to his office.

On motion of Mr. Howard of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the Clerk call the roll of the House, to ascertain if a quorum be present. Roll called.

The roll was called; and, two hundred and thirteen members having answered to their names, the Chair declared a quorum present.

Qualification of
members.

On motion of Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham,—

Ordered, That a committee of eight be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled, and that the members are ready to be qualified.

Messrs. Cowdrey of Stoneham, Walker of Worcester, Coveney of Cambridge, Chappelle of Boston, Barstow of Mattapoissett, Melden of Lynn, Wentworth of Dedham, and Richards of Springfield, were appointed the committee.

Soon afterwards His Excellency the Governor, with the Council and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, came in, and the oaths and affirmations required by the Constitution and the laws were administered by His Excellency to the members present, and subscribed by them; after which the Governor, the Council, and the Secretary withdrew.

Subsequently Messrs. Burnham of Westminster, Bent of Gardner, Tarone of Boston, Webb of Petersham, Douglas of Brockton, Coffey of Boston, and Gilbert of Southwick, members-elect, being present and ready to be qualified, committees were appointed who conducted them to the Council Chamber, and, they having been duly qualified, report was made accordingly.

Senate
organised.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that that branch had been organized by the election of George A. Bruce of Middlesex as President, and Stephen N. Gifford of Duxbury as Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Howland of Plymouth,—

Speaker elected.

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Speaker.

Messrs. Howland of Plymouth, Bowker of Boston, Willcomb of Ipswich, Warner of Northampton, Starbird of Lowell, and Wright of Holyoke, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Howland, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes	.	.	.	223
Necessary for a choice	.	.	.	112
George A. Marden of Lowell	.	.	.	216
John I. Baker of Beverly	.	.	.	5
Alanson W. Beard	.	.	.	1
Scattering	.	.	.	1

And Mr. Marden having been elected, declaration was made accordingly, and the Speaker was conducted to the chair by a committee consisting of Messrs. Brackett of Boston and Dunham of Stockbridge, and spoke as follows:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE:—

The office to which your kindness has assigned me is one of honor and responsibility. To be called to occupy this Chair, which has been filled by an Otis, a Story, a Quincy, a Winthrop, a Banks, a Bullock, a Sanford, a Long, and other distinguished men, is a mark of confidence not to be lightly esteemed. I thank you most heartily, both for the compliment and for the practical unanimity with which it has been bestowed. Considerable observation and some experience have shown me both the pains and the pleasures of the position, and have made me thoroughly conscious of the fact that the Chair must depend in a very large degree upon the assistance and forbearance of the members on the floor. These I most earnestly bespeak. I am more and more confirmed in the belief that the General Court can do its whole duty, and do it well, in a session little, if any, exceeding 100 days. This is possible, however, only by the faithful and diligent efforts of individual members. There is but one rule of action which will secure an early prorogation, and that is an early and persistent attention to the business before us. I may, perhaps, be pardoned for making the suggestion, born of eleven years' continuous experience in this body, that the delays so often complained of are not so much due to lengthy debates or deliberate consideration of measures in the House, as to tardy action in the committee room, and unwise postponements of matters once placed in the calendar. The first six weeks of the session generally show but small progress in the disposition of subjects of legislation. The daily sessions are very short, only because little has come from the committees. I beg leave to suggest that there are important measures which may be reported with little delay in the first three weeks, and which may then be afforded ample time for full discussion in this chamber, without crowding other matters which require more investigation in the committee room, and which must necessarily come later before the House. Such, it seems to me, are woman suffrage, the biennial amendment, the prohibitory bill, if one

is to be reported, and any other subject which has been so long and so familiarly before the people that it may as well be considered by the whole House as by a committee. This would give us work at once. Meantime committees should present with all diligence matters referred to them, and the House should insist on a strict enforcement of the rule excluding new business after the second Wednesday in February, suspending it only to meet an exigency.

With these conditions fulfilled we may easily secure what is so often desired but so seldom achieved, a session of the Legislature of reasonable length, without the slightest infringement on the rights and privileges of the people whose servants we are. The time seems to be auspicious for this reform, and as the first step in its accomplishment the Chair will ask the House to proceed at once to the further business awaiting its attention.

On motion of Mr. Whiting of Boston,—

Clerk elected.

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Clerk.

Messrs. Whiting of Boston, Smith of Everett, Batchelder of Worcester, Peck of Taunton, Towne of Orange, and Littlefield of Lynn, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Whiting, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes	.	.	.	224
Necessary for a choice	.	.	.	113
Edward A. McLaughlin, of Boston	.	.	.	224

And Mr. McLaughlin, having been unanimously elected, was conducted to the Council Chamber by a committee consisting of Mr. O'Neil of Boston. And, having been qualified by taking the oaths required, report was made accordingly to the House, and the Clerk entered upon the discharge of his duties.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg,—

Senate notified.

Ordered, That a committee of eight be appointed to inform the Senate that the House has been organized by the election of of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Messrs. Hartwell of Fitchburg, Clark of Northampton, Eaton of Quincy, Snow of Boston, White of Taunton, Bailey of Somerville, Barker of Worcester, and Tarone of Boston, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Hartwell, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to their duty.

On motion of Mr. Boardman of Boston,—

Ordered, That a committee of eight be appointed to inform the Governor and Council that the House has been organized by the election of a Speaker and a Clerk.

Messrs. Boardman of Boston, Wentworth of Dedham, Huntoon of Lowell, Clark of Somerville, Gordon of New Bedford, Burr of Newton, Barry of Boston, and Douglas of Brockton, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Boardman, from the committee, afterwards reported that they had attended to that duty.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That a committee of six be appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Sergeant-at-arms elected.

Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Pattee of Quincy, Harrub of Plympton, Wells of Hatfield, Searell of New Bedford, and Gaffney of Gloucester, were appointed the committee.

Mr. Bancroft, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows :—

Whole number of votes	.	.	.	216
Necessary for a choice	.	.	.	109
Oreb F. Mitchell of Boston	.	.	.	215
Thomas R. Tucker of Boston	.	.	.	1

And Mr. Mitchell was declared elected on the part of the House.

Mr. Wolcott of Boston was appointed a committee to inform the Senate of the election of Oreb F. Mitchell as Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, announcing that O. F. Mitchell of Boston had been elected Sergeant-at-Arms on the part of that branch.

On motion of Mr. Small of Provincetown,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns to-day, it be to meet to-morrow at eleven o'clock A. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Hour of meeting.

On motion of Mr. Foster of Medford,—

Ordered, That the rules of the House of Representatives of 1883 be adopted as the rules of the present House until otherwise ordered.

Rules of the House.

- On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly,—
Rules of the House. *Ordered,* That the members of the joint committee on Rules, on the part of the House, prepare rules for the government of the House.
- On motion of Mr. Clark of Somerville,—
Election of chaplain. *Ordered,* That to-morrow, at half-past eleven o'clock A. M., be assigned for the election of Chaplain.
- On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough,—
Daily papers. *Ordered,* That the Clerk be directed to procure for the use of the House two copies of each of the Boston daily papers, and of the daily papers published in Springfield and Worcester, and one daily paper from each other city and town in the Commonwealth where a daily paper is published.
- Papers from the Senate.*
- Joint rules.** *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the joint rules of the Legislature of 1883 be adopted as the rules of the two branches until others are adopted.
- Ibid.** *Ordered,* In concurrence that a joint special committee, to consist of the President and three members of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to prepare rules for the government of the two branches.
 Messrs. Loring, McFarlin and Galvin having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Brackett of Boston, Davenport of Fall River, O'Neil of Boston, Kingsley of Cambridge, Hartwell of Fitchburg, and Dunham of Stockbridge, were joined on the part of the House.
- On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the Speaker of the House was joined to the committee.
- Sergeant-at-arms notified of his election.** *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches give notice to Captain O. F. Mitchell of his election as Sergeant-at-Arms for the current political year.
- Votes for Governor, etc.** *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor of Accounts and Attorney-General be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of three members of the Senate, and such as the House may join.

Messrs. Thomas of Norfolk, Morrison of Middlesex and Whiting of Worcester having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Ernst of Boston, Reynolds of Brockton, Gimlich of Pittsfield, Freeman of Chatham, Foley of Fall River, Collins of Salem, Kendrick of Springfield and Wadlin of Reading were joined on the part of the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the returns of votes for Councillors in the several councillor districts of the Commonwealth be referred to a joint special committee, to consist of two members of the Senate, and such as the House may join. Votes for
Councillors.

Messrs. Randall of Middlesex, and Woodworth of Hampden, having been appointed on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Clark of Boston, Bent of Cambridge, Randall of Boston, Shaw of Chelmsford, Crowley of Lowell, Hewins of Medfield, Burdett of Hingham and Carpenter of Springfield were joined on the part of the House.

Order.

Ordered, That a committee, to consist of eight on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and the Council, and inform them that the members of the two branches are now in readiness to attend public worship. Public worship.

Messrs. Davenport of Fall River, Bancroft of Cambridge, Stow of Fall River, Ernst of Boston, Linnell of Orleans, Coffin of Boston, Barker of Worcester, and Clark of Peabody were appointed on the part of the House.

Sent up to be joined.

Mr. Davenport, from the committee, afterwards reported that His Excellency the Governor had signified that he would join the two branches in attendance upon public worship at once.

At forty-seven minutes past one o'clock P. M., the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 3, 1883.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Calvin Damon of Haverhill, a member of the House.

The journal.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the reading of the journal of yesterday was omitted.

Orders.

Reading of journal dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough,—
Ordered, That the reading of the journal of the House be dispensed with until otherwise ordered.

Printing of journal.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston,—
Ordered, That the Clerk be authorized to begin the printing of the journal of the House, and that five hundred copies of the same be printed.

Members Qualified.

Members qualified.

Messrs. Bushrod Morse of Sharon, George H. Ball of Worcester, D. Frank Kimball of Chelsea and William Daly, Jr., of Boston, members-elect, being present and ready to be qualified, Mr. Howes of Cambridge, was appointed a committee, who conducted them to the Council Chamber, and they having been qualified, report was made accordingly.

Special Assignment.

Election of chaplain.

At half-past eleven o'clock the House proceeded to consider the special assignment, being the election of a Chaplain for the House.

Mr. Williams of Foxborough, moved that the Rev. Daniel W. Waldron of Boston be elected Chaplain by acclamation. The motion prevailed, and Mr. Waldron having been elected, declaration was made accordingly.

Order.

Clerk directed to notify chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Foster of Medford,—
Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to inform the Rev. Daniel W. Waldron of Boston, that he has been elected Chaplain of the House for the year 1884.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Baker of Beverly, from the committee on House rules.
 Rules on the part of the House, that the Rules of the
 House of Representatives for the year 1883 be adopted
 as the Rules of the House for this year.

Read and accepted under a suspension of the rules.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the joint special com- Joint rules.
 mittee appointed to prepare rules for the government of
 the two branches that the joint rules of last year should
 be adopted with the following amendment:—

Strike out Rule 1 and insert in place thereof the fol-
 lowing:—

RULE 1. The following joint standing committees
 shall be appointed at the commencement of the January
 session, viz. :—

- A committee on Agriculture ;
- A committee on Banks and Banking ;
- A committee on Cities ;
- A committee on Claims ;
- A committee on Drainage ;
- A committee on Education ;
- A committee on Election Laws ;
- A committee on Expenditures ;
- A committee on Federal Relations ;
- A committee on the Fisheries ;
- A committee on Harbors and Public Lands ;
- A committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and
 Greenfield Railroad ;
- A committee on Insurance ;
- A committee on Labor ;
- A committee on the Library ;
- A committee on the Liquor Law ;
- A committee on Manufactures ;
- A committee on Mercantile Affairs ;
- A committee on Military Affairs ;
- A committee on Parishes and Religious Societies ;
- A committee on Printing ;
- A committee on Prisons ;
- A committee on Public Charitable Institutions ;
- A committee on Public Health ;
- A committee on Railroads ;
- A committee on Roads and Bridges ;

A committee on the State House ;
 A committee on Street Railways ;
 A committee on Taxation ;
 A committee on Towns ;
 A committee on Water Supply ;
 A committee on Woman Suffrage ;

And each of said committees shall consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House, except the committee on Railroads, which shall consist of four members on the part of the Senate and eleven on the part of the House, and except the committees on Federal Relations, on the Library, on Parishes and Religious Societies, on Printing, on the State House, and on Woman Suffrage, which shall consist of two members on the part of the Senate and five members on the part of the House ; and except also the committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the committee on the Treasury of the Senate, and the committee on Finance of the House.

Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Votes for Governor and other State officers.

The report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, and other State officers, was received from the Senate, and was read and accepted in concurrence under a suspension of the rule. The report was as follows :—

For Governor of the Commonwealth.

George D. Robinson of Chicopee	160,092
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell	150,228
Charles Almy of New Bedford	1,881
John F. Arnold of North Adams	53
All others	103

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Oliver Ames of Easton	161,399
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield	147,661
John Blackmer of Springfield	1,911
Nathaniel S. Cushing of Middleborough	1,091
George Dutton of Boston	58
All others	96

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	164,889
Charles Marsh of Springfield	144,704
Solomon F. Root of Douglas	1,929
Nicholas Furlong of Boston	1,345
A. B. Brown of Worcester	39
All others	44

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford	164,567
Charles H. Ingalls of North Adams	144,997
Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton	1,941
Hiram W. K. Eastman of Lawrence	1,333
Washington Wendell of Orange	61
All others	49

For Auditor of Accounts.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield	164,809
John Hopkins of Millbury	144,651
Jonathan Buck of Gloucester	2,034
Arad H. Wood of Lunenburg	1,356
George W. Kimball of Natick	44
All others	33

For Attorney-General.

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence	164,908
John W. Cummings of Fall River	144,530
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden	2,099
George Foster of Lynn	1,184
Charles A. Taber of Lynn	41
All others	129

And the following-named persons appear to be elected:—

Governor.—George D. Robinson of Chicopee.

Lieutenant-Governor.—Oliver Ames of Easton.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.—Henry B. Peirce of Abington.

Treasurer and Receiver-General.—Daniel A. Gleason of Medford.

Auditor.—Charles R. Ladd of Springfield.

Attorney-General.—Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence.

Votes for
councillors.

The report of the joint committee on the votes for Councillors was received from the Senate, and was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule. It appeared from said report that the following-named gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to wit:—

- District No. 1. Jonathan Bourne of New Bedford.
- No. 2. Nathaniel Wales of Stoughton.
- No. 3. Charles R. McLean of Boston.
- No. 4. Patrick Maguire of Boston.
- No. 5. Robert Tarr of Gloucester.
- No. 6. Charles S. Lilley of Lowell.
- No. 7. Eben A. Hall of Greenfield.
- No. 8. Zenas Crane, Jr., of Dalton.

Governor and
Lieutenant-
governor
qualified.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee be appointed, to be joined, to inform the Hon. George D. Robinson that he has been elected, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution, Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will be ready to attend upon him, in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution and a law of the United States to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit his convenience.

Also to inform the Hon. Oliver Ames that he has been duly elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth for the current political year, and that the Legislature will attend upon him, in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office, when agreeable to him.

Messrs. Livermore of Franklin, Steele of Essex, and Burt of Suffolk, having been appointed by the Senate, Messrs. Beard of Boston, Batchelder of Worcester, Weston of Newton, Stebbins of Chicopee, Paine of Waltham, Keyes of New Marlborough, Small of Provincetown, and Pattee of Quincy, were joined on the part of the House.

Mr. Beard, from the committee, afterwards reported that the committee had waited upon the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor elect, and that they had signified their acceptance of their respective offices, and their readiness to be qualified at the earliest convenience of the two branches.

The following order was adopted in concurrence :—

Ordered, That the two branches meet forthwith in convention, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect.

Joint Convention.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and, the two branches being in convention, a committee consisting of Messrs. Loring of Worcester, Trull of Suffolk and Thayer of Berkshire, of the Senate, and Messrs. Brackett of Boston, Howard of Springfield, Hardy of Arlington, Williams of Foxborough, Curry of Lynn, Kingsbury of Holliston, McLaughlin of Boston and Johnson of Raynham, of the House, was appointed to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and inform them that the two branches are now in joint convention, and are ready to attend to the administration of the oaths of office.

Mr. Loring, from the committee, afterwards reported that the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect would immediately attend upon the House.

The Governor and Lieutenant-Governor then came in, accompanied by various civil and military officers of the Commonwealth.

The oaths and affirmations of office were then, in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, administered to and subscribed by the Hon. George D. Robinson as Governor, and the Hon. Oliver Ames as Lieutenant-Governor, and proclamation thereof was made by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

His Excellency then delivered an address to the Senators and Representatives.

After which the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor withdrew, the convention was dissolved, and the Senate withdrew.

Councillors Qualified.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Messrs. Jonathan Bourne, Nathaniel Wales, Charles R. McLean, Patrick Maguire, Robert Tarr, Charles S. Lilley, Eben A. Hall and Zenas Crane, Jr., that they have been duly elected Councillors to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

A communication was subsequently received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, announcing that the several Councillors-elect had signified their acceptance of the office, and were ready to be qualified.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order was adopted in concurrence :—

Ordered, That the two branches meet forthwith in convention, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to such of the Councillors-elect as may have signified their acceptance of the office.

Joint Convention.

Joint conven-
tion.

The Senate then came in, its President took the chair, and, the two branches being in convention, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Randall of Bristol, Reed of Plymouth, and Baldwin of Essex, of the Senate, and Messrs. Ball of Worcester, Morse of Sharon, Gordon of New Bedford, Gimlich of Pittsfield, Forbes of Greenfield, Linnell of Orleans, Homans of Gloucester, and Prime of Boston, was appointed to wait upon the Councillors-elect, and inform them that the two Houses are in joint convention for the purpose of administering the oaths required by the Constitution to qualify them for office.

Soon afterwards the Councillors-elect, Jonathan Bourne, Nathaniel Wales, Charles R. McLean, Patrick Maguire, Robert Tarr, Charles S. Lilley, Eben A. Hall and Zenas Crane, Jr., came in; and in the presence of the two Houses, and before the President of the Senate, the oaths were taken and subscribed by them, and declaration was made accordingly.

The convention was then dissolved, and the Senate withdrew.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Huntoon of Lowell,—

Councillors
notified.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Messrs. Jonathan Bourne, Nathaniel Wales, Charles R. McLean, Patrick Maguire, Robert Tarr, Charles S. Lilley, Eben A. Hall and Zenas Crane, Jr., have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee on Rules consider what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's address. Disposition of Governor's address.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

At fifty minutes past two o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 4, 1884.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Rev. Daniel W. Waldron of Boston, having accepted the office of Chaplain, appeared, and prayer was offered by him.

Members Qualified.

Messrs. Butler of Boston, and Smith of Palmer, members-elect, being present and ready to be qualified, Mr. Ernst of Boston was appointed a committee who conducted them to the Council Chamber; and they having been qualified, report was made accordingly. Members qualified.

Papers from the Senate.

The report of the joint committee on Rules, on the order relative to the disposition of the Governor's Address, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule, and the several portions of the address were referred, as follows:— Disposition of the Governor's Address.

So much thereof as refers to the finances of the Commonwealth, to the committee on Finance.

So much as refers to the New York and New England Railroad, and railroads generally, to the joint standing committee on Railroads.

So much as refers to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, to the joint standing committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

So much as refers to claims against the United States, to the joint standing committee on Federal Relations.

So much as refers to Savings Banks, to the joint standing committee on Banks and Banking.

So much as refers to amendments to the Constitution and Elections, to the joint standing committee on Election Laws.

So much as refers to Civil Service Reform, to a joint special committee to be known as the committee on Public Service, and to consist of three members on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

So much as refers to the Militia, to the joint standing committee on Military Affairs.

So much as refers to Education, to the joint standing committee on Education.

So much as refers to Agriculture, to the joint standing committee on Agriculture.

So much as refers to Labor, to the joint standing committee on Labor.

So much as refers to State Aid, to the joint standing committee on Military Affairs.

So much as refers to the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, the Lunatic Hospitals, the Reform School, and Industrial School, to the joint standing committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

So much as refers to Prisons, to the joint standing committee on Prisons.

So much as refers to Divorce, to the committee on Probate and Chancery of both branches as a joint committee.

So much as refers to the Liquor Law, to the joint standing committee on Liquor Law.

So much as refers to the Courts, to the committees on the Judiciary of both branches as a joint committee.

So much as refers to Insolvency, to the committee on Probate and Chancery of both branches as a joint committee.

So much as refers to a Survey of the State, to the joint standing committee on Expenditures.

So much as refers to the Census, to a joint special committee to be known as the committee on the Census, and to consist of two members on the part of the Senate and five on the part of the House.

Recess Taken.

Recess taken.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, at twenty-five minutes past eleven o'clock A. M., the Speaker declared a recess until two o'clock P. M.

Committees Appointed.

Upon the re-assembling of the House at two o'clock the Speaker appointed the standing committees of the House as follows:—

House standing committees appointed.

Standing Committees of the House.

Judiciary. — Messrs. Brackett of Boston, ——— of ———, Howes of Cambridge, Pattee of Quincy, Hartwell of Fitchburg, White of Taunton, Osborne of East Bridge-water, Cummings of Boston, Kendrick of Springfield.

Probate and Chancery. — Messrs. Morse of Sharon, Kimball of Chelsea, Hewins of Medfield, Bent of Cambridge, Hoynes of Boston, Hardy of Arlington, Coffey of Boston, Adams of Attleborough, Creed of Boston.

Finance. — Messrs. Davenport of Fall River, Beard of Boston, Burr of Newton, Bancroft of Cambridge, Clark of Peabody, Douglas of Brockton, Chapin of Southbridge, Dresser of Boston, Saunders of Metheun.

County Estimates. — Messrs. Barstow of Mattapoissett, Danforth of Lawrence, Johnson of Raynham, Eaton of Auburn, Cobb of Billerica, Richards of Springfield, Francis of Randolph.

Elections. — Messrs. Hewins of Medfield, Keyes of New Marlborough, Oman of Pittsfield, Gray of Prescott, Elwell of Rockport, Burnham of Westminster, Ward of Boston.

Rules. — Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Brackett of Boston, Davenport of Fall River, O'Neil of Boston, Kingsley of Cambridge, Hartwell of Fitchburg, Dunham of Stockbridge.

Bills in the Third Reading. — Messrs. Kingsbury of Holliston, Williams of Foxborough, Creed of Boston.

Engrossed Bills. — Messrs. Nash of Abington, Chappelle of Boston, Cobb of Billerica.

Leave of Absence. — Messrs. Towne of Orange, ——— of ———, Allis of Whately.

Pay Roll. — Messrs. Linnell of Orleans, Devney of Boston, Gray of Prescott.

Joint Standing Committees.

Agriculture. — Messrs. Barrus of Hampshire, Root of Worcester, and Sessions of Hampden, *of the Senate;* Messrs. ——— of ———, Spooner of Boston, Egleston

Joint standing committees appointed.

of Westfield, Morse of Acushnet, Potter of Enfield, Brown of Scituate, Allis of Whately, and Webb of Peter-sham, *of the House*.

Banks and Banking.—Messrs. Thomas of Norfolk, Stevens of Bristol, and Parker of Essex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Cowdrey of Stoneham, Hardy of Arlington, Stebins of Chicopee, Davis of Boston, Dodge of Grafton, Stark of Hyde Park, Forbes of Greenfield, and Clark of Framingham, *of the House*.

Cities.—Messrs. Baldwin of Essex, Randall of Middlesex, and Burt of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Gove of Boston, Howard of Springfield, Snow of Boston, Butler of Boston, Littlefield of Lynn, Bent of Cambridge, Bailey of Somerville, and Stafford of Lawrence, *of the House*.

Claims.—Messrs. Cronin of Suffolk, Livermore of Franklin, and Woodworth of Hampden, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Weston of Newton, Melden of Lynn, Hunt of Rockland, Morrison of Boston, Richardson of Athol, Burr of Seekonk, Dwyer of Boston, and Donehue of Lowell, *of the House*.

Drainage.—Messrs. Mason of Middlesex and Campbell of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Kingsbury of Holliston, Hosley of Boston, P. J. Doherty of Boston, Blaney of Natick, Woods of Somerville, Salmon of Woburn, McFarland of Hopkinton, and Batchelder of Worcester, *of the House*.

Education.—Messrs. Root of Worcester, Thayer of Berkshire, and Burden of Bristol, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Willson of Salem, Randall of Boston, Coffin of Boston, Paton of Danvers, Wadlin of Reading, Clark of Medway, Wheeler of Bernardston, and Mooney of Worcester, *of the House*.

Election Laws.—Messrs. Galvin of Suffolk, Norris of the Cape District, and Andrew of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Barker of Worcester, Foley of Fall River, Rantoul of Salem, Coveney of Cambridge, Wentworth of Dedham, Pierce of Boston, Hatch of Marshfield, and Jones of Lynn, *of the House*.

Expenditures.—Messrs. Washburn of Worcester, Onslow Gilmore of Middlesex, and Whittier of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Davenport of Fall River, Beard of Boston, Burr of Newton, Bancroft of Cambridge, Clark of Peabody, Douglas of Brockton, Chapin of Southbridge, Dresser of Boston, and Saunders of Methuen.

Federal Relations. — Messrs. Stevens of Bristol and Carrier of Essex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Chappelle of Boston, Hallett of Nantucket, Gilbert of Southwick, Burnham of Revere, and Tarbox of Lynn, *of the House*.

Fisheries. — Messrs. Sparhawk of Essex, Bowley of Essex, and Woodworth of Hampden, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Small of Provincetown, Howes of Gloucester, Swift of New Bedford, Linnell of Orleans, Winter of Springfield, Keyes of New Marlborough, ——— of ———, and Kelly of Boston, *of the House*,

Harbors and Public Lands. — Messrs. Campbell of Suffolk, Galvin of Suffolk, and Stevens of Bristol, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Coveney of Cambridge, Gaffney of Gloucester, Dolan of Boston, Wentworth of Dedham, Davis of Tisbury, Butterfield of Chelsea, Crowell of Barnstable, and Almy of Dartmouth, *of the House*.

Hoosac Tunnel and Troy & Greenfield Railroad. — Messrs. Pillsbury of Suffolk, Thayer of Berkshire, and Sanderson of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Starbird of Lowell, Clark of Northampton, Darling of North Adams, Wallis of Fitchburg, Barry of Boston, Hazelton of Montague, and Connor of Worcester, *of the House*.

Insurance. — Messrs. Parker of Essex, Washburn of Worcester, and Reed of Plymouth, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Williams of Foxborough, Nash of Abington, Shaw of Chelmsford, Bucklin of Cheshire, Oakes of Westfield, Maguire of Boston, Winslow of Plainfield, and Butler of Lawrence, *of the House*.

Labor. — Messrs. Livermore of Franklin, Baldwin of Essex, and Whitin of Worcester, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Daggett of Attleborough, Wolcott of Boston, Tarone of Boston, Bent of Gardner, Smith of Palmer, Adams of Adams, Stratton of Milford, and O'Sullivan of Lawrence, *of the House*.

Library. — Messrs. McFarlin of Plymouth and Denny of Worcester, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Clark of Boston, Foley of Fall River, Francis of Randolph, and Madden of Boston, *of the House*.

Liquor Law. — Messrs. Randall of Middlesex, Root of Worcester, and Mason of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Toulmin of Leominster, Cross of Newburyport, Rice of Stow, Roads of Marblehead, Stone of Lunenburg, Coffey of Boston, Briggs of Lanesborough, and Blaney of Natick, *of the House*.

Manufactures. — Messrs. Whittier of Suffolk, Hodges of Norfolk, and Onslow Gilmore of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Harrub of Plympton, Martin of Fall River, Batcheller of North Brookfield, Gross of Lee, Bosworth of Taunton, Blyth of Wakefield, Judkins of Merrimac, and Killion of Boston, *of the House*.

Mercantile Affairs. — Messrs. Randall of Bristol, Norris of the Cape District, and Henry H. Gilmore of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Clark of Boston, Reynolds of Brockton, ——— of ———, Temple of Spencer, Hosmer of Concord, Atkins of Marblehead, Donovan of Boston, and Mead of Lowell, *of the House*.

Military Affairs. — Messrs. Woodworth of Hampden, Trull of Suffolk, and Loring of Worcester, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Snow of Boston, Collins of Salem, Curry of Lynn, Palmer of Groton, Smith of Ashfield, Gleason of Douglas, Cushing of Weymouth, and O'Gorman of Worcester, *of the House*.

Parishes and Religious Societies. — Messrs. Currier of Essex and Randall of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Willson of Salem, Weston of Newton, Toulmin of Leominster, Flint of Haverhill, and Devney of Boston, *of the House*.

Printing. — Messrs. Norris of the Cape District and Barrus of Hampshire, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Paton of Danvers, Hosley of Boston, Hunt of Rockland, Buckley of Marlborough, and Fossitt of Boston, *of the House*.

Prisons. — Messrs. Denny of Worcester, Reed of Plymouth, and Sparhawk of Essex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Howland of Plymouth, Whiting of Boston, Eaton of Quincy, Searrell of New Bedford, Clark of Somerville, Freeman of Chatham, Bradlee of Milton, and Roads of Marblehead, *of the House*.

Public Charitable Institutions. — Messrs. Onslow Gilmore of Middlesex, Burt of Suffolk, and Hodges of Norfolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Wolcott of Boston, Murphy of Boston, Willcomb of Ipswich, Warner of Northampton, Peck of Taunton, Paine of Waltham, Harvey of Westborough, and Milne of Fall River, *of the House*.

Public Health. — Messrs. Burden of Bristol, Hodges of Norfolk, and Campbell of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Bowker of Boston, Stow of Fall River, Hastings of Warren, Murdock of Leicester, Burditt of Clinton, Hazen of Shirley, Cutler of Brimfield, and Peakes of Georgetown, *of the House*.

Railroads. — Messrs. McFarlin of Plymouth, Baldwin of Essex, Livermore of Franklin, and Thomas of Norfolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Boardman of Boston, Ball of Worcester, Huntoon of Lowell, O'Neil of Boston, Chamberlain of Cambridge, Dunham of Stockbridge, Ernst of Boston, Sargent of Melrose, Gordon of New Bedford, Cross of Newburyport, and Carpenter of Springfield, *of the House*.

Roads and Bridges. — Messrs. Steele of Essex, Bowley of Essex, and Burden of Bristol, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Smith of Everett, Towne of Orange, Damon of Haverhill, Fassett of Great Barrington, Gifford of Falmouth, Daly of Boston, Bishop of Newburyport, and Whitcomb of Holbrook, *of the House*.

State House. — Messrs. Burt of Suffolk and Henry H. Gilmore of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Bailey of Somerville, Starbird of Lowell, Carleton of Middleton, Sanderson of Boston, and Reilly of Uxbridge, *of the House*.

Street Railways. — Messrs. Andrew of Suffolk, Currier of Essex, and Randall of Bristol, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Kingsley of Cambridge, Wright of Holyoke, Batchelder of Worcester, Rantoul of Salem, Wilbur of Boston, Cook of New Bedford, Crowley of Lowell, and Farrell of Boston, *of the House*.

Taxation. — Messrs. Joyner of Berkshire, Barrus of Hampshire, and Sessions of Hampden, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Beard of Boston, Morse of Sharon, Wells of Hatfield, Smith of Everett, Flagg of Boylston, Tufts of New Braintree, Danforth of Lawrence, and Prime of Boston, *of the House*.

Towns. — Messrs. Sessions of Hampden, Sanderson of Middlesex, and Steele of Essex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Kimball of Chelsea, Gimlich of Pittsfield, Baker of Brookline, Savery of Middleborough, Crowell of Dennis, O'Brien of Boston, Homans of Gloucester, and Dean of Holyoke, *of the House*.

Water Supply. — Messrs. Whitin of Worcester, Joyner of Berkshire, and Trull of Suffolk *of the Senate*; Messrs. Kingsley of Cambridge, Walker of Worcester, Foster of Medford, McLaughlin of Boston, Whitcomb of Watertown, Frisbee of North Andover, Bryant of Salem, and Reed of Milford, *of the House*.

Woman Suffrage. — Messrs. Burt of Suffolk and Bowley of Essex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Hartwell of Fitchburg, Wentworth of Dedham, Cummings of Boston, Coffin of Boston, and Weston of Newton, *of the House*.

Joint Special Committees.

Joint special committees.

Census. — Messrs. Parker of Essex and Whittier of Suffolk, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Paine of Waltham, Milne of Fall River, Wadlin of Reading, Hurlbut of Sudbury, and Damon of Haverhill, *of the House*.

Public Service. — Messrs. Thayer of Berkshire and Morrison of Middlesex, *of the Senate*; Messrs. Burdett of Hingham, Baker of Beverly, Barstow of Mattapoisett, Dunham of Stockbridge, Hewins of Medfield, Coffin of Boston, Cowdrey of Stoneham, and Kendrick of Springfield, *of the House*.

Monitors of the House.

The Monitors of the House were appointed as follows :

Monitors appointed.

First Division. — Bowker of Boston, Kingsley of Cambridge.

Second Division. — Towne of Orange, Randall of Boston.

Third Division. — Madden of Boston, Walker of Worcester.

Fourth Division. — Shaw of Chelmsford, Curry of Lynn.

Fifth Division. — Batchelder of Worcester, Buckley of Marlborough.

Sixth Division. — Wright of Holyoke, Williams of Foxborough.

Drawing of Seats.

Seats drawn.

Under the rule, the House then proceeded at once to the drawing of seats; Messrs. Brackett of Boston, Baker of Beverly, and Davenport of Fall River, being appointed a committee to supervise the same. Mr. Briggs of Lanesborough was allowed, on motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, to select his seat before the drawing began.

Hour of meetings.

On motion of Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, —
Voted, That when the House adjourns to-day it be to meet on Monday next, at two o'clock, P. M.

At fifteen minutes past three o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, January 7, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, petition of John Kenney, that he may be allowed State aid at the rate of four dollars per month. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. John Kenney.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of the proprietors of the meeting-house in Hollis Street for leave to change their corporate name. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Hollis Street meeting-house.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary for an appropriation of ten thousand dollars for the present year's expenditure. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

By Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, petition of S. N. Aldrich, president of the Lowell and Framingham Railroad Company, for authority for said company to issue bonds to pay and retire their present mortgage bonds. Lowell & Framingham R. R. Company.

By Mr. Homans of Gloucester, petition of the town of Essex for authority to aid the Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road in said town. Essex, — Eastern R. R. Co.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. O'Neil of Boston, petition of Joe V. Meigs for authority, with the consent of the local municipal authorities, to build, maintain and operate elevated railways within the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Street Railways. Meigs Elevated Railroad.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, petition of the mayor of Cambridge that the city of Cambridge be authorized to take land on the borders of Fresh Pond and for other authority in connection therewith. Cambridge.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition of the city of Newton for authority to issue additional water bonds. Newton water bonds.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, petition of H. M. Young and 68 others of Boston; and by Mr. Coffin of Boston, petition of Mary F. Adams and others, — severally, for a law Municipal suffrage for women.

enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Salary of clerk
of Holyoke
police court.

By Mr. Wright of Holyoke, petition of the clerk of the police court of Holyoke for an increase of salary. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

H. A. Baker,—
9th Plymouth
Rep. District.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, petition of Henry Augustus Baker of Rockland, for the seat as representative for the Ninth Plymouth District. Referred to the committee on Elections.

Reports, etc., Referred.

The following documents were received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and were severally referred as follows:—

Reports,—
Registration
report.

Forty-first annual report of the registration of births, marriages, and deaths in the Commonwealth, together with the returns of libels for divorce for the years 1879 to 1882 inclusive—

So much thereof as relates to the registry and return of births, marriages, and deaths, referred to the committee on Labor; and

So much as relates to the returns of libels for divorce, referred to the joint committee on Probate and Chaucery.

Health, lunacy
and charity.

Supplement of the fourth annual report of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity;

State primary
and reform
schools.

Fifth annual report of the trustees of the State Primary and Reform School;

Danvers Hos-
pital.

Sixth annual report of the trustees of the Danvers Lunatic Hospital;

Northampton
Lunatic Hos-
pital.

Twenty-eighth annual report of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton;

Taunton Lun-
atic Hospital.

Thirtieth annual report of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton;

State Work-
house.

Thirtieth annual report of the trustees of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater;

Perkins Institu-
tion and Massa-
chusetts School
for the Blind.

Fifty-second annual report of the trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind; and

Thirty-sixth annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded at South Boston; Severally to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded.

Fifteenth annual Report of the Railroad Commissioners, to the committee on Railroads. Railroad commissioners.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

Abstracts of the returns of the Registers of Deeds for the year ending Sept. 30, 1883; and Registers of deeds.

Abstracts of the returns of the Sheriffs, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1883. Returns of sheriffs.

Severally to the committee on the Judiciary.

Estimates of appropriations for the several departments for the year 1884; and Estimates of appropriations.

Aggregates of polls, property, taxes, etc. Aggregates of polls, etc.
Severally to the committee on Finance.

Copies and notices of petitions intended to be presented to the Legislature of 1884, were also received and were placed on file. Copies of petitions filed in secretary's department.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

On motion of Mr. Douglas of Brockton, a Bill to authorize the city of Brockton to make an additional water loan, introduced on leave in the House last year, and referred under the 12th joint rule to the next General Court, was taken from the files, and was, on further motion of the same gentlemen, referred to the committee on Water Supply, and sent up for concurrence. Brockton.

Laid on the Table.

The following documents were received and were severally laid on the table and ordered to be printed:— Reports, etc.

Report of the manager of the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy & Greenfield Railroad; Hoosac Tunnel and T. & G. R. R.

Report of the joint special committee of the Legislature of 1883 appointed to sit during the recess and investigate the charitable and penal institutions of the State; and a Report on the investigation of the charitable and penal institutions.

Communication from the Insurance Commissioner in regard to public matters connected with the Insurance Department. Insurance commissioner.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Willson of Salem,—

Hand tools in
public schools.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of legislation authorizing instruction in the elementary use of hand tools in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Gove of Boston,—

Municipal elec-
tion in wards 3,
12 and 16 of
Boston.

Ordered, That the committee on Cities be authorized to investigate the conduct of the municipal election held in wards 3, 12 and 16 of the city of Boston on Dec. 11, 1883, with power to summon witnesses and to examine the check lists used at said election, together with the ballots in the custody of the city clerk of said city, and to propose such legislation, if found necessary, as will secure to the citizens of Boston an honest election and a more perfect security of the ballots actually cast.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Aldermanic dis-
tricts in Boston.

Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of dividing the city of Boston into aldermanic districts, and also the expediency of increasing the number of aldermen for said city.

On motion of Mr. Butler of Lawrence,—

Weekly pay-
ments.

Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of legislation compelling corporations to pay their employes at least once in seven days.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Foster of Medford,—

Sale of fire-
arms, etc., to
minors.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation prohibiting the sale of fire-arms or ammunition or any deadly weapons to minors, with suitable penalties for the enforcement thereof.

On motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River,—

Appropriation
bills.

Ordered, That the committee on Finance have authority to report from time to time such appropriation bills as the exigencies of the public service may require, and to employ such clerical assistance as may be necessary.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Hour of meet-
ing at 2 o'clock,
P. M.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns to-day, it be to meet to-morrow at two o'clock P. M., and that hereafter that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill concerning elections in the State of Massachusetts, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Elections, —
Carey ballot-box.

The following papers were severally referred, in concurrence :—

Petition of Charles T. Crocker and 121 others of Fitchburg, for the establishment of a registry of deeds at Fitchburg. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Registry of deeds at Fitchburg.

Annual Report of the Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Adjutant-general's report.

Annual Report of the Commissioners on Contagious Diseases among Cattle. To the committee on Agriculture.

Contagious diseases among cattle.

At twenty minutes past two o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 8, 1884.

Met according to adjournment, at two o'clock P. M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Stafford of Lawrence, petition of Humphrey Desmond and others of Lawrence, for an amendment of the charter of said city relative to re-districting said city into wards. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Lawrence.

By Mr. Freeman of Chatham, petition of Hiram P. Harriman for compensation for services as acting Judge of Probate and Insolvency for Bristol County. Referred to the joint committee on Probate and Chancery.

Hiram P. Harriman.

By Mr. Adams of Attleborough, petition of Fire District Number One of Attleborough for authority to enlarge the powers of said district.

Fire District No. 1 of Attleborough.

Cambridge
water supply,—
Stony Brook,
Waltham.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, petition of the mayor of the city of Cambridge for authority for said city to take the waters of Stony Brook in Waltham for a water supply.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply.

Municipal
suffrage for
women.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of Mrs. E. C. Johnson and 154 others of Waltham; by Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, petition of A. C. Payson and 51 others of Cambridge; and by Mr. Hunt of Rockland, petition of Elizabeth W. Pool and 95 others of Rockland; by Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, petition of Anna M. Allen and 31 others of Cambridge; by Mr. Hallett of Nantucket, petition of Mary F. Greene and 90 others of Nantucket; by Mr. Reed of Upton, petition of Perlie Legge and 103 others of Upton; by Mr. Stratton of Milford, petition of Marie L. Bills and 100 others of Mendon; by Mr. Hatch of Marshfield, petition of Jane S. Howland and others; by Mr. Brown of Scituate, petition of Anna P. Stoddard and others; and by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of Alice L. Lanman and others,—severally, for a municipal suffrage for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Qualification of Members.

Members
qualified.

Messrs. Burton W. Potter of Worcester, and John L. Cilley of Salisbury, members-elect, being present and ready to be qualified, Mr. Barker of Worcester was appointed a committee, who conducted them to the Council Chamber to be qualified.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Roads of Marblehead,—

Corporal pun-
ishment in pub-
lic schools.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of legislation to forbid corporal punishment in the public schools of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

Dogs.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of so amending section 80 of chapter 102 of the Public Statutes as to provide that every owner and

keeper of a dog shall give to the town in which such owner or keeper resides, a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars with sufficient sureties for the payment of all damages caused by such dog.

On motion of Mr. Huntoon of Lowell, —

Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of legislation providing that aldermen of the city of Lowell shall be elected by aldermanic districts. Aldermanic districts in Lowell.

On motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River, —

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of legislation giving power to the selectmen of towns, to appoint tellers from each political party to receive, assort and count ballots; said tellers to be put under oath by the town clerk, said oath to be recorded; also such rules and instructions as may be necessary to carry out the same. Tellers in towns.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lynn, —

Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of such legislation as will prohibit the locking of factory doors during working hours. Factories.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Brookline, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the justice of the police court of Brookline. Salary of justice of Brookline police court.

On motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River, —

Ordered, That the committee on Public Health consider the expediency of a repeal of the vaccination laws, or an amendment of the compulsory provisions thereof, relieving those having conscientious convictions, or bad experience, from the pains and penalties thereof. Vaccination.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on State House consider the necessity, the cost and the time necessary to complete the construction of an elevator or elevators in the State House, and report thereon one week from the adoption of this order. Elevators in the State House.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on the Judiciary consider whether any modifications of chapter 223 of the Acts of 1883 are necessary or desirable to. Supreme Judicial Court.

render the same more efficient for the purposes for which it is designed ; and whether further legislation is necessary to relieve the pressure of business upon the Supreme Judicial Court, by transfer of jurisdiction, change of terms or otherwise.

The following order was adopted in concurrence : —

Twelfth Congressional District.

Whereas, By reason of the resignation of George D. Robinson of Chicopee, in congressional district number twelve, duly chosen and certified as one of the representatives of this Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, a vacancy exists in said representation ; and

Whereas, Precepts were issued by the Governor, on the second day of January instant, for a new election to be held on Thursday, the seventeenth day of January current, to fill the above-mentioned vacancy ; and

Whereas, Some doubt exists whether the strict requirements of statute law in such cases made and provided can be complied with before the seventeenth day of January current ;

Now, therefore, it is Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws inquire immediately whether any legislation is necessary to make lawful said election, or to remove any doubt existing with regard to the authority of the same.

Fitchburg registry of deeds.

The petition of Joseph Hagar and others in aid of the petition of Charles T. Crocker and others for the establishment of a registry of deeds at Fitchburg was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

A Bill relative to the employment of a second clerk in the Bureau of Statistics of Labor introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Expenditures.

Employers and employes.

A Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employes in their service taken from the Senate files of last year, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Labor.

Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

The Resolve, with article of amendment, providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the General Court, taken from the files last year, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year. Appropriation bill.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for the compensation and mileage of the members of the legislature, for the compensation of officers thereof and for other purposes. Ibid.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

At half-past two o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 9, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, petition of the North Attleborough Gas Light Company for authority to extend its pipes into, and sell gas to, the town of Wrentham. North Attleborough Gas Light Company. Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, petition of Moses B. Waitt of Boston for State aid. Moses B. Waitt. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, petition of The Chapel Congregational Church of Cambridge for leave to change its name to "The Wood Memorial Church." The Chapel Congregational Church of Cambridge. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of Nathaniel Burgess and others for a division of the town of Sandwich. Sandwich. Referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, petition of the selectmen of Watertown for authority to introduce water into said town for domestic and other purposes. Watertown water supply.

Middleborough
water supply.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of Matthew H. Cushing and others of Middleborough relative to a water supply for said town.

Wellesley water
bonds.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of Lyman K. Putney and others, selectmen of the town of Wellesley, for authority to issue additional water bonds.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply.

Municipal
suffrage for
women.

By Mr. Wright of Holyoke, petition of Hannah Wild for municipal suffrage for women. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Report Received.

Worcester
Lunatic Hos-
pital.

The fifty-first annual report of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester with the sixth annual report of the trustees of the Temporary Asylum for the Chronic Insane, was received and was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions and sent up for concurrence.

Members Qualified.

Members quali-
fied.

Mr. Barker of Worcester, who was appointed to conduct Messrs. Burton W. Potter of Worcester and John L. Ciley of Salisbury, members-elect, to the Council Chamber to be qualified, reported that he had attended to that duty, and that they were duly qualified.

Orders.

Noxious weeds,
etc., in high-
ways.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester, —

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of legislation requiring noxious weeds and plants growing within the limits of the highway to be cut down at proper times, and prohibiting the deposit and maintenance therein of stones, rubbish or any substance injurious to the public health or inconvenient to public travel.

Sheep, —
dogs.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of legislation to encourage sheep industry by providing for a speedy settlement for damages to sheep by dogs, and by requiring the owners of dogs to keep them under the same restraint as other domestic animals are kept.

On motion of Mr. Chappelle of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of amending the law relative to the election of school committee in the city of Boston, so as to provide for their election by districts. Boston school committee.

On motion of Mr. Curry of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of employing the labor of all convicts in the institutions of the State in the manufacture of school books for the common schools, and of prohibiting the employment of convict labor in any other branch of mechanical industry. Convict labor.

On motion of Mr. Linnell of Orleans,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Health consider what legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent the poisoning or pollution of any articles designed for or used as a beverage. Adulteration of beverages.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of such legislation as will exempt homesteads from taxation to the value of fifteen hundred dollars. Taxation,—homesteads.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the Auditor of Accounts be authorized to submit in print the usual summary of his annual report for the early use of the Legislature. Auditor's report.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of legislation limiting the time during which actions may be commenced against assignees of insolvent estates. Assignees of insolvent estates.

On motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so legislating that the provisions of chapter 98 of the Public Statutes relating to the observance of the Lord's Day shall not constitute a defence to any action for a tort or injury suffered by any person on said day. Injuries on the Lord's Day.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a special committee, consisting of the committees on the Judiciary of both Commissioners on revision of the Statutes.

branches, inquire whether any sums are due to the Commissioners for the revision of the Statutes for extra services rendered by them to the Commonwealth.

Ballots and ballot-boxes.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of regulating the kind of ballot-box and device for counting ballots to be used at elections.

Claims on the Troy and Greenfield R. R. and Hoosac Tunnel.

Ordered, In concurrence, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to inform the Legislature what action, if any, has been taken by the Executive under chapter 48 of the Resolves of 1883 concerning certain claims upon the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel.

Contagious diseases in schools.

A Bill to better protect school children from contagious diseases and promote the public health, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Health.

Payment of wages.

A Bill relative to payment of employees by manufacturing and other corporations, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Labor.

Applications for naturalization.

A Bill extending the jurisdiction of applications for naturalization, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Boston election officers.

The following petitions were referred in concurrence : —
Petition of the Common Council of the city of Boston for such a change in the method of appointing election officers as shall ensure the purity of the ballot. To the committee on Election Laws.

Liquor licenses in Boston.

Petition of the Common Council of the city of Boston for such changes in the laws as will transfer the powers of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city of Boston from the police commissioners to a board of license commissioners. To the committee on Liquor Law.

Isadora F. Lincoln.

Petition of Isadora F. Lincoln for an increase in the amount allowed her for State aid. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Old Colony Railroad.

Petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company for authority to purchase or take such land as may be necessary to construct and maintain a second track.

Petition of the Ocean Terminal Railroad Company for a revival of its charter, a ratification and confirmation of its organization and for an extension of time within which to complete its railroad. Ocean Terminal Railroad Co.

Petition of the Ocean Terminal Railroad, Dock and Elevator Company, the Mystic River Corporation, and the Ocean Terminal Railroad Company for an extension of the time within which they may exercise the powers and authorities granted to them by section 4, chapter 239, of the Acts of the year 1881. O. T. R. R., Dock and Elevator Co., Mystic River Corporation and O. T. R. R.

Severally to the committee on Railroads.

Petition of Samuel Camp and others for an act of incorporation as the Mansfield Pond Aqueduct Company, and for other purposes. To the committee on Water Supply. Mansfield Pond Aqueduct Co.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year ; and Orders of the day.

Making appropriations for the compensation and mileage of the members of the Legislature, for the compensation of officers thereof, and for other purposes ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

At fifteen minutes past two o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 10, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, petition of H. F. Barrows and others for an act of incorporation as the Manufacturers' Loan and Trust Company. Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Manufacturers' Loan and Trust Company.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, petition of Rufus R. Wade for compensation for injuries received while in the Rufus R. Wade.

discharge of his duties as Chief of the District Police. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Daniel F. Moran.

By Mr. Killion of Boston, petition of Daniel F. Moran, member of the 42d Massachusetts Regiment, for additional State aid. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

American Unitarian Association.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of the American Unitarian Association for leave to hold additional real and personal estate. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Inspector of provisions in Boston.

By Mr. Morrison of Boston, petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation relative to placing the appointment of the inspector of provisions of said city in the hands of the Board of Health. Referred to the committee on Public Health.

Freight rates on railroads.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of John Atwood and others for a repeal of the law to prevent discrimination in freight rates by railroad corporations. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

Sandwich.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of Davis Perry and 80 others for a division of the town of Sandwich. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Marblehead water supply.

By Mr. Atkins of Marblehead, petition of the town of Marblehead for authority to take land for the purpose of enlarging the source of the water supply of said town. Referred to the committee on Water Supply.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Morrison of Boston, remonstrance of Miss Emma F. Trask and 203 others; by Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, remonstrance of Mrs. John Winthrop and 65 others of Stockbridge; and by Mr. Gove of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. Charles Francis Adams and 28 others of Boston, — severally against woman suffrage.

Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Hosmer of Concord, petition of Julia R. Barrett and others; by Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Lewis Ford and others; and by Mr. Crowell of Dennis, petition of Mary Morgan and others, — severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Willson of Salem,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider Free text-books. the expediency of providing that towns shall furnish text-books free of charge to pupils in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary, Courts. in order to simplify and establish uniformity in the proceedings of the inferior courts of the Commonwealth, consider the expediency of abolishing all such courts as are now established, and in place thereof establishing a uniform system of courts, similar in the main to the present district courts, embracing the whole State; or the expediency of so changing the territorial jurisdiction of said district courts, as to accomplish the same object.

On motion of Mr. Paton of Danvers,—

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures con- Gas companies. sider the expediency of amending chapters 61 and 106 of the Public Statutes so far as they relate to gas companies.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs con- Compensation of certain military officers. sider the expediency of so amending section 130 of chapter 14 of the Public Statutes as to provide for an allowance of fifty dollars a year to be paid cadet corps and company commanders for the care and responsibility of State military property.

On motion of Mr. O'Gorman of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs con- Militia. sider the expediency of such legislation as will equalize the number of companies in the several infantry regiments in the State militia.

On motion of Mr. Howland of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable In- Reformatory for drunkards. stitutions consider the expediency of establishing an institution for the care, keeping, and reformation of persons arrested or convicted for drunkenness.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause Twelfth joint rule. the 12th joint rule to be published twice each in two daily newspapers published in Boston, and also in one daily

paper in each city and town in the Commonwealth where a daily paper is published.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Drunkenness.

On motion of Mr. Howland of Plymouth,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing or amending sections 25, 26, 27 and 28 of chapter 207 of the Public Statutes relating to drunkenness.

**Adjournment
over Saturdays.**

On motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River,—

Ordered, That hereafter, until otherwise ordered, when the House adjourns on Friday it be to meet on the following Monday, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Introduced on Leave.

**Secretary of the
Board of
Agriculture.**

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, a Bill relating to clerical assistance in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture. Read and referred to the committee on Agriculture and sent up for concurrence.

**Appeals from
probate courts.**

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, a Bill providing for the allowance of amendments of reasons of appeal in cases in probate courts. Read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Papers from the Senate.

**Recount of
votes in towns.**

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of amending chapter 7 of the Public Statutes so as to provide for recounting votes in towns.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence :—

**Blackstone Val-
ley Agricultural
Society.**

Petition of Moses Taft and others for an act of incorporation as the Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society. To the committee on Agriculture.

**Quincy
sewerage.**

Petition of John C. Randall and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of constructing a system of sewerage in the town of Quincy. To the committee on Drainage.

**Braintree water
supply.**

Petition of N. E. Hollis and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of supplying the town of Braintree with water for domestic and other purposes ; and

Petition of Randolph Knapp and others of North Attleborough for an amendment to an act to incorporate the North Attleborough Water Company.
 Severally to the committee on Water Supply.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Howland of Plymouth, the report of the joint special committee of the Legislature of 1883 appointed to sit during the recess and investigate the charitable and penal institutions of the State was taken from the table, and on his further motions the several portions thereof were referred, as follows:—

Report of committee to investigate the charitable and penal institutions.

So much thereof as relates to the method of keeping accounts in the various State institutions, to the committee on Finance.

So much thereof as relates to the charitable institutions, to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions; and

So much thereof as relates to the penal institutions, to the committee on Prisons.

Sent up for concurrence in the reference of the two portions last named.

Report of a Committee.

By Mr. Barker of Worcester, from the committee on Election Laws, on an order, a Bill in relation to a special election to fill a vacancy in the twelfth congressional district. Read and ordered to a second reading. On motion of Mr. Barker, the rules were suspended and the bill was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence, rule 15 having been suspended on further motion of the same gentleman.

Election in the Twelfth Congressional District.

Vacancies on Committees Filled.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Potter of Worcester to fill the vacancies on the committee on the Judiciary and the committee on Agriculture, and Mr. Cilley of Salisbury to fill the vacancy on the committee on the Fisheries.

Committees.

Orders of the Day.

Bills:

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year; and

Orders of the day.

Making appropriations for the compensation and mileage of the members of the Legislature, for the compensation of officers thereof, and other purposes ;

Were severally read a third time, and were passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At twenty minutes past two o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 11, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Fitchburg registry of deeds.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, petition of Hamilton Mayo and 37 others of Leominster for a registry of deeds at Fitchburg. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

George White.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of George White for compensation for services as acting Judge of Probate and Insolvency of Plymouth County. Referred to the joint committee on Probate and Chancery.

Alewife Brook, — Cambridge sewage.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of the selectmen of the town of Arlington for an act to prevent the pollution of Alewife Brook by sewage from the city of Cambridge.

Lynn.

By Mr. Littlefield of Lynn, petition of the mayor of Lynn for authority to borrow money to be expended in the construction of sewers for said city.

Severally referred to the committee on Drainage.

Trustees of the Florence Kindergarten.

By Mr. Clark of Northampton, petition of Arthur G. Hill and others of Northampton for an act of incorporation as the trustees of the Florence Kindergarten. Referred to the committee on Education.

Lynn police.

By Mr. Littlefield of Lynn, petition of the mayor of the city of Lynn for an amendment of the city charter relative to the tenure of office of the police of said city. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Fish weirs.

By Mr. Freeman of Chatham, petition of W. B. Kelley and others for legislation more clearly defining the rights

and responsibilities of owners of fish weirs. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of Dwight Foster and others for an act of incorporation as a real estate title insurance company. Referred to the committee on Insurance. Real estate title insurance company.

By Mr. Butterfield of Chelsea, petition of Eliza C. Reed for State aid. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Eliza C. Reed.

By Mr. Smith of Everett, petition of the Everett Spring Water Company for an act of incorporation. Everett Spring Water Com. pany.

By Mr. Blaney of Natick, petition of the water commissioners of the town of Natick for authority to issue additional water bonds. Natick water bonds.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of the board of water commissioners of the town of Waltham for authority to increase the water debt of said town. Waltham water debt.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, petition of A. G. Baldwin and others; by Mr. Howes of Gloucester, petition of Caroline Griffin and others; and by Mr. Jones of Lynn, petition of Sarah E. Geyer and others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all towns and municipal elections. Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. B. Thurlow and 180 others; and by Mr. Pierce of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. Kate Gannet Wells and 51 others,—severally, against any further extension of suffrage to women. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Attleborough,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the special justice of the first district court of Bristol, holding court at Attleborough. Salary of special justice of first district court of Bristol.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Chelmsford,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of legislation providing that all the school-books used in the public schools be prepared by the School-books.

Board of Education, printed by the State printers, and furnished to scholars through the superintendents of public schools at actual cost.

On motion of Mr. Hunt of Rockland,—

Ballots.

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of so amending existing laws as to require all ballots cast at any election to be indorsed with the name of the voter.

On motion of Mr. Roads of Marblehead,—

Fire escapes.

Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of an investigation into the relative merits of the various fire escapes now in use on factories, hotels and public buildings.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon,—

Mechanics' liens.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending or modifying the provisions of chapter 191 of the Public Statutes in relation to liens for materials furnished and actually used in the erection, alteration or repair of a building or structure upon real estate.

On motion of Mr. Hewins of Medfield,—

Committee on Elections authorized to send for persons and papers.

Ordered, That the committee on Elections have authority to send for persons and papers, and to employ a stenographer in cases of contested elections referred to them.

Papers from the Senate.

Committee on Prisons authorized to visit.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons be authorized to visit the prisons, jails and houses of correction at such times as they shall deem expedient.

Committee on Pub. Char. Inst. authorized to visit.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit such institutions at such time as they may deem expedient.

Forests.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of legislation whereby bounties may be paid by the Commonwealth for the encouragement of the planting, culture and preservation of forests.

Life insurance policies.

A Bill relating to the valuation of policies of life insurance (introduced on leave in the Senate) was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Insurance.

The House Bill in relation to a special election to fill a vacancy in the Twelfth Congressional District came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in which the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule. Election in the Twelfth Congressional District.

The following papers were referred in concurrence :—

Petition of Joseph Bennett and others for an increase of the salary of the Justice of the Municipal Court of the Brighton District in the city of Boston. To the joint committee on the Judiciary. Salary of Justice of the Brighton District Court in Boston.

Petition of Francis E. Burton for State aid. To the committee on Military Affairs. Francis E. Burton.

Petition of Eben Nye and others for a division of the town of Sandwich. To the committee on Towns. Sandwich.

List of pardons granted during the year 1883; and Sixth annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons on Reformatory Prison for Women. List of pardons. Reformatory Prison for Women.
Severally to the committee on Prisons.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill in relation to a special election to fill a vacancy in the Twelfth Congressional District (which originated in the House), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on the Abstracts of the returns of the Registers of Deeds; and Abstracts of the returns of Sheriffs. Registers of deeds. Sheriffs.
Severally read and accepted under a suspension of the rule.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in addition to "An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year." Appropriation bill.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the New York and New England Railroad, in part, a New York and New England Railroad.

Resolve for the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

At fifteen minutes past two o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, January 14, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Boston Special
Capital Co.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of William Claf-
lin and others for an act of incorporation as the Boston
Special Capital Company. Referred to the committee on
Banks and Banking.

Fitchburg Co-
operative Bank.

By Mr. Wallis of Fitchburg, petition of the Fitchburg
Co-operative Bank for the refunding of taxes improperly
paid into the State treasury. Referred to the committee
on Claims.

Fitchburg
registry.

By Mr. Stone of Lunenburg, petition of James Hil-
dreth and 25 others of Lunenburg for a registry of deeds
at Fitchburg. Referred to the joint committee on the
Judiciary.

New York and
New England
Railroad.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, petition of the New York
and New England Railroad Company for authority to issue
such of its second-mortgage bonds as remain unissued,
for the purpose of funding its present or future indebted-
ness, or to issue preferred stock, and for any other legis-
lation needful to enable said company to raise money for
the uses of the road. Referred to the committee on Rail-
roads.

Biennial elec-
tions and bien-
nial sessions.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of Robert M. Morse,
Jr., and 56 others; and by Mr. Williams of Foxborough,
petition of Z. A. Smith and others,—severally, in favor of
biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature.

Severally referred to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of Henrietta Joy and others; by Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, petition of Sarah W. Simonds and 706 others; and by Mr. Cobb of Billerica, petition of Sarah Millet and 105 others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Peakes of Georgetown, remonstrance of Cecilia P. Downie and others of Groveland against any further extension of the suffrage in women. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committees on Cities consider the expediency of legislation providing that no member of the city council of the city of Boston shall be eligible to any office the salary of which is payable out of the city treasury, during the term for which he is chosen. Boston city council.

On motion of Mr. Harvey of Westborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of legislation providing that school-books used in public schools below the high school grade be determined by the State Board of Education and furnished to school children by cities and towns, free of charge. School-books.

On motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of so amending the existing law relating to the hours of labor as shall effectually stop overwork in any manufacturing or mercantile establishment in the State. Hours of labor.

On motion of Mr. Freeman of Chatham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of amending sections 97 and 98 of chapter 91 of the Public Statutes, so as to more clearly define the rights of city and town authorities in granting permits for the planting and growing of oysters. Oysters.

On motion of Mr. Fossitt of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider and report upon the merits and practical workings of the United States ballot-box used by the city of Boston. United States ballot-box.

at the last State and municipal elections, and also consider the expediency of adopting said boxes throughout the Commonwealth, and that said committee have authority to send for persons and papers.

Adulteration of food, drugs and medicine.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Health consider the expediency of further legislation, and what changes are necessary in the existing laws, to prevent the adulteration of articles designed for food, drugs and medicine.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Fees in insolvency proceedings.

On motion of Mr. Weston of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of so amending chapter 157 of the Public Statutes, that there shall be no fees required from salaried officers in any insolvent proceedings.

Way Estate.

L. A. Bradbury,
— Way Estate.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting a copy of the recommendation of the Governor and Council, adopted Dec. 21, 1883, on the claim of Mrs. L. A. Bradbury, the late tenant of the Way Estate, for damages sustained by her on account of taking of said estate by the Commonwealth. Read, referred to the committee on Claims, and sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Treasurer.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, a Resolve authorizing the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue.

Read, and on motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended, and the resolve was read a second and a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Resignation of a Member.

George E. Batchelder, —
Fourth Worcester Rep. Dist.

A communication was received from Mr. George E. Batchelder, resigning his seat as a member from the Twenty-Fourth Worcester Representative District. It was read by the Speaker, and on motion of Mr. Ball of Worcester the resignation was accepted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the Speaker issue a precept giving notice that a vacancy exists in the Twenty-Fourth Worcester Representative District, and appointing a time for an election to fill said vacancy. Precept issued.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was laid over at the request of Mr. Williams of Foxborough:—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing for the use of the Legislature a sufficient number of copies of a book containing the names of the members, a statement of the several committees, and the Rules and Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, with the notes of the rulings of the presiding officers of the Massachusetts Legislature, prepared by the Hon. George G. Crocker. Memorandum books for members.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on the Judiciary consider what changes, if any, are necessary or desirable in the practice or procedure of the Supreme Judicial or Superior Courts. Practice in supreme judicial court and superior courts.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing one thousand additional copies of the message of His Excellency the Governor. Governor's Address.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of legislation requiring that every grand jury in the Commonwealth shall, as promptly as possible, report to the district attorney of its county the names of those persons accused and imprisoned against whom "no bill" is found, and that said district attorney shall at once notify the sheriff of his county, who shall forthwith order their discharge. Grand juries.

A Bill concerning the employment of clerks and other assistance in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (introduced on leave in the Senate), was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Expenditures. Clerks in the secretary's department.

The following petitions were severally referred in concurrence :—

Cape Cod Ship Canal.

Petition of the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company for alterations and additions to its charter. To the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Chelsea and Everett Street Railway Co.

Petition of Charles C. Hutchinson for an act to incorporate the Chelsea and Everett Street Railway Company. To the committee on Street Railways.

Report of Committee.

Distribution of the school fund.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Education, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to education, a Bill relating to the distribution of the school fund. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

Insurance.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, the communication from the Insurance Commissioner in regard to public matters connected with the insurance department, was taken from the table, and was, on his further motion, referred to the committee on Insurance and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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The Bill in addition to "An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year;" and the

Resolve for the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

At fifteen minutes past two o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 15, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Toulmin of Leominster, a member of the House.

Reports Referred.

The thirtieth annual report of the trustees of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury was received, referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions and sent up for concurrence. State Almshouse at Tewksbury.

The annual report of the Auditor of Accounts was received and referred to the committee on Finance. Report of Auditor of accounts.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Adams of Adams, petition of Edward Craig and others, that a judicial district be formed in Berkshire County, comprising the towns of Adams, Cheshire and Savoy, and for the establishment of a district court therein. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary. Judicial district in Berkshire Co.

By Mr. Clark of Medway, petition of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association for legislation relative to establishing a uniform standard fire hose-coupling for the cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Manufactures. Standard fire hose-coupling.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of the trustees of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge for authority to hold additional real and personal estate. Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge.

By Mr. Howes of Gloucester, petition of Isaac P. Morse and 27 others for incorporation of the Washington Cemetery in Gloucester. Washington Cemetery in Gloucester.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, petition of James C. Tucker and others that "Melville Avenue Station" and "Centre Street Station" on the line of the Old Colony Railroad be discontinued and a new station in place thereof be located at Mather Street in Dorchester. Referred to the committee on Railroads. Old Colony Railroad, — Mather Street Station.

By Mr. Wright of Holyoke, petition of the city of Holyoke for an additional water supply. Holyoke.

By Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, remonstrances of the selectmen of the town of Weston and 90 others; of Henry G. Russell and 84 others; and of Marcus M. Fiske and 66 others, — severally, against the granting of the petition of the city of Cambridge to take the waters of Stony Brook for a water supply. Cambridge water supply. — Stony Brook.

Holliston Water
Company.

By the same gentleman, petition of John D. Shippee and others for an act of incorporation as the Holliston Water Company.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply.

Municipal
suffrage for
women.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, petition of Clara M. Bisbee and 22 others; by Mr. Coffin of Boston, petition of Mrs. A. H. Winchell and 128 others; by Mr. Forbes of Greenfield, petition of Martha A. Anderson and 82 others; by Mr. Jones of Lynn, petition of Mrs. M. J. Whitney and 67 others; by Mr. Reed of Milford, petition of M. J. C. Russell and others; by Mr. Ward of Boston, petition of Mrs. H. W. Marsh and others; and by Mr. Beard of Boston, petition of Mrs. Freeman Bowker and 41 others, —severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Woman
suffrage.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, remonstrance of Miss Myra B. Child and 49 others at Falmouth; and by Mr. Pierce of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. Susan H. Swett and 96 others of Boston, —severally, against any further extension of suffrage to women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Frederick J.
Barnard.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, petition of Frederick J. Barnard for legislation confirming and making valid certain acts done by him as a notary public. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taken from the Files.

William G.
Clark.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, the petition of William G. Clark for legislation to protect him in the use of his recently invented steam traction engine, referred by the last Legislature to the next General Court, was taken from the files, and was referred to the committee on Manufactures, and sent up for concurrence.

Vacancy on a Committee Filled.

Committee on
Street Railways.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Peck of Taunton on the committee on Street Railways to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Batchelder of Worcester as a member of the House.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of so amending the sixth clause of section 20 of chapter 116 of the Public Statutes, that loans may be made by savings banks payable on demand, or for such specified time as may be deemed expedient.

Savings bank loans.

On motion of Mr. Buckley of Marlborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing that the text-books used in the public schools shall be the same throughout the State.

Text-books.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation increasing the salary of the district attorney for the Western district.

Salary of the District-attorney for the Western district.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lynn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of such legislation as will require, upon all goods or merchandise made by convict labor, a stamp or brand indicating the same.

Convict labor.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of increasing the amount that savings banks may invest in the capital stock of national banking institutions.

Savings bank investments.

A Bill to provide for the care and custody of the Commonwealth Building, on Mount Vernon Street, in the city of Boston, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the State House.

Commonwealth Building.

The following order,—

Ordered, That the committee on [A] Agriculture inquire into the expediency of further legislation to prevent the adulteration of milk,

Milk.

Was amended at [A] by striking out the word "Agriculture" and inserting instead the words "Public Health," and was adopted, in concurrence, as amended, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Memorandum
books for the
use of the
members.

The Senate order, laid over from yesterday, relative to printing for the use of the Legislature a sufficient number of copies of a book containing the names of the members, etc., was considered. Mr. Williams of Foxborough moved to amend by substituting therefor the following order, which was adopted and sent up for concurrence:—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of so amending the second paragraph of section 9 of chapter 4 of the Public Statutes, as to provide for printing the rules and joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives with notes of the rulings of the presiding officers of the Legislature.

The following papers were severally referred in concurrence:—

State Mutual
Life Assurance
Company of
Worcester.

Petition of the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester for an amendment of its charter. To the committee on Insurance.

Liquor licenses
in Boston.

Remonstrance of Rufus S. Frost and others against the petition of the Common Council of Boston for a change in the law respecting the manner of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in said city. To the committee on the Liquor Law.

Clinton Market
Company.

Petition of George B. Wilbur and others for an act of incorporation as the Clinton Market Company. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sunderland.

Petition of Joel Burt and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the town of Sunderland with water for domestic and other purposes.

Northborough
water bonds.

Petition of the Water Commissioners of the town of Northborough for authority for said town to issue additional water bonds.

Severally to the committee on Water Supply.

Troy and Green-
field Railroad
and Hoosac
Tunnel.

Message of the Governor containing the reply to a request for information as to what action, if any, had been taken by the Executive under chapter 48 of the Resolves of the year 1883, concerning certain claims upon the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel,—that it does not appear of record that any action has been taken by the Governor and Council on the subject-matter of said resolve. To the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Essex for authority to aid the Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road in said town. Essex, — Eastern Railroad Co.

By Mr. Paton of Danvers, from the committee on Printing, on an order, that the following order should be adopted:—

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the Legislature one thousand additional copies of the Governor's Address. Additional copies of the Governor's Address.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Bailey of Somerville, from the committee on the State House, on an order, a Resolve providing for the construction of elevators in the State House. Read, and referred to the committee on Finance. Elevators in the State House.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill in addition to "An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year," was read a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the Day.

The Resolve for the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company, was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, was referred to the committee on Finance, on motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River.

The Bill relating to the distribution of the school fund was read a second time and considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Willson of Salem, and Howland of Plymouth, were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

At three o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Laid on the Table.

Attorney-
General's
report.

The annual report of the Attorney-General was received, and was laid on the table.

Member Qualified.

Joshua H.
Millett qualified
as member.

Mr. Joshua H. Millett of Malden, member-elect, being present and ready to be qualified, Mr. Smith of Everett was appointed a committee who conducted him to the Council Chamber, and he, having been qualified, report was made accordingly.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Millett on the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Monitor Appointed.

Mr. Howland
appointed
monitor.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Howland of Plymouth as a monitor in the fifth division to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. George E. Batchelder as a member of the House.

Petitions Presented.

Biennial elec-
tions and bien-
nial sessions.

By Mr. Huntoon of Lowell, petition of F. D. Beede and others for biennial elections and sessions of the Legislature. Referred to the committee on Election Laws.

Fitchburg reg-
istry of deeds.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, petition of Walter O. Parker and 55 others of Ashburnham for a registry of deeds at Fitchburg. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Brockton Real
Estate and
Improvement
Company.

By Mr. Reynolds of Brockton, petition of Ira Cope-land and others for an act of incorporation as the Brockton Real Estate and Improvement Company. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Milford and
Woonsocket
Railroad Co., —
Hopkinton Rail-
Road.

By Mr. Ball of Worcester, petition of the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company for authority to purchase or hire the Hopkinton Railroad.

By the same gentleman, petition of George Draper and others for an act of incorporation as the Milford, Hopkinton and Ashland Railroad Company. Milford, Hopkinton and Ashland Railroad Company.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, remonstrance of Samuel Fessenden and 46 others of the town of Sandwich, against a division of said town. Referred to the committee on Towns. Sandwich.

By Mr. Baker of Brookline, petition of the town of Brookline for authority to issue its bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for the construction of its water works. Brookline.

By Mr. Stark of Hyde Park, petition of Waldo F. Ward and others of Hyde Park relative to a further water supply for said town. Hyde Park.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply.

By Mr. Whiting of Boston, remonstrance of Miss E. S. Parkman and 65 others; by Mr. Cobb of Billerica, remonstrance of Miss Alice B. Munroe and 89 others; and by Mr. Boardman of Boston, remonstrance of Miss Emma L. Andrews and 104 others,—severally, against any further extension of suffrage to women. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, petition of Priscilla B. F. Gilman and others; by Mr. Reilly of Uxbridge, petition of Clarissa D. White and others; by Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, petition of Mary P. C. Billings and others; by Mr. Chappelle of Boston, petition of Julia A. C. Smith and 48 others; and by Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, petition of Mrs. C. L. F. Cooper and 57 others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Municipal suffrage for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of further legislation regarding assessment life insurance companies. Assessment life insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of amending or changing the statute laws of the Commonwealth in reference to the sale of intoxicating liquor. Intoxicating liquor.

- Coal.** On motion of Mr. Chappelle of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of further legislation relative to the sale of coal by measure.
- Shipping.** On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon,—
Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider what action is necessary to promote the shipping interests of the State.
- Taxation of armories.** On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg,—
Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of providing by law that so much of the real estate of a military company or organization as is actually used as an armory by such company or organization shall be exempt from taxation.
 Severally sent up for concurrence.
- Snow and ice on sidewalks.** On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 18, chapter 52, of the Public Statutes, that cities and towns may be relieved of liability for injuries to person and damage to property caused by snow and ice on sidewalks.
- Chelsea board of aldermen, — county commissioners of Middlesex County.** On motion of the same gentleman,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 87 of the laws of 1872, or section 30, chapter 22, of the Public Statutes, so that the board of aldermen of the city of Chelsea may act in place of the county commissioners of Middlesex County as a board of appeal on complaints, under chapter 11 of the Public Statutes, of refusals of the assessors of said city of Chelsea to make abatements of taxes.
- Injuries on highways.** On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 19 of chapter 52 of the Public Statutes, and chapter 36 of the acts of the year 1882, concerning notices in cases of injuries received on highways.
- Papers from the Senate.*
- Equity, — debtors.** *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further defining the jurisdiction in equity under the process known as the “Bill to reach and apply” the property of a debtor.

Ordered. In concurrence, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of investigating the system of pilotage in force in this Commonwealth and the practices of the pilots under the same, with a view to a modification of the law relating to pilotage in the different harbors of the Commonwealth; and for this purpose said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers.

Pilotage.

Ordered. In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of providing for the employment of matrons in the police station-houses of the several cities of the Commonwealth.

Matrons in police station-houses.

A report of the committee on Labor asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject matter of the order relative to prohibiting the employment of convict labor in any branch of mechanical industry except the manufacture of text-books for the public schools, and recommending its reference to the committee on Prisons, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted in concurrence.

Convict labor.

A Bill relating to innholders', common victuallers', and liquor dealers' licenses, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Innholders, etc., licenses.

A Bill to establish the salary of the executive clerk of the Governor and Council, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Expenditures.

Salary of executive clerk of Governor and council.

A communication from the commissioners of Savings Banks, enclosing a draft of a bill in relation to loan and trust companies, as required by chapter 16 of the resolves of the year 1883, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Loan and trust companies.

A report of the committee on Water Supply, leave to withdraw, for want of legal notice, on the petition of Samuel Camp and others for an act of incorporation as the Mansfield Pond Aqueduct Company, and for other purposes, was recommitted, in concurrence, with instructions to hear the petitioners after giving such notice as the committee may deem necessary.

Mansfield Pond Aqueduct Co.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence :—

Salary of the
justice of the
Dorchester
district court.

Petition of Charles B. Fox and others for an increase of the salary of the Justice of the Municipal Court of the Dorchester District in the city of Boston. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Soldiers' Home.

Petition of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts for an appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars towards the maintenance of the Home for the current fiscal year. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Worcester, —
Norwich and
Worcester R. R.

Petition of the mayor and aldermen of Worcester for the discontinuance of certain tracks of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad in said city;

O. C. R. R. —
Mather Street
Station.

Petition of H. P. Kidder and others that the Old Colony Railroad Company may be authorized, under direction of the Railroad Commissioners, to discontinue its present station at Field's Corner, on the Shawmut and Milton branches of said railroad, and to unite in a single station, at some convenient location, its stations at Melville Avenue and Centre Street; and

Boston and
Lowell R. R.

Petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation for an act to authorize it to unite with the railroads leased or operated by it, and to purchase the stock, bonds and franchises of said railroads.

Severally to the committee on Railroads.

Waltham, —
Stony Brook.

Petition of the selectmen of Waltham for authority to take the waters of Stony Brook and its tributaries for an additional water supply for said town. To the committee on Water Supply.

Reports of Committees.

Corporal pun-
ishment in
public schools.

By Mr. Wadlin of Reading, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to forbidding corporal punishment in the public schools of the Commonwealth. [Messrs. Randall of Boston, and Paton of Danvers, dissenting.] Read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reformatory
prison for
women.

By Mr. Howland of Plymouth, from the committee on Prisons, on the report of the Commissioners of Prisons, in relation to the Reformatory Prison for Women, in part, a Resolve in favor of the Reformatory Prison for Women. Read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Essex for authority to aid the Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road in said town was accepted, in concurrence. Orders of the Day.

The order relative to printing one thousand additional copies of the Governor's address, reported by the committee on Printing, was considered, and, after debate, was rejected by a vote of 62 to 93, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill relating to the distribution of the school fund was read a third time, and, after debate, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At twenty minutes before four o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 17, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Williams of Foxborough, petition of George F. Williams and others in favor of biennial elections and biennial sessions of the legislature. Referred to the committee on Election Laws. Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

By Mr. Hunt of Rockland, petition of Mrs. E. A. Sylvester for compensation due her late husband for services rendered by him to Co. G., 18th Regt. Mass. Infantry. E. A. Sylvester.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, petition of William and Catherine McLaughlin for State aid. William and Catherine McLaughlin.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Joseph L. Greenwood and others for authority to remove remains, grave-stones and memorials from the burial-ground on Adams Street in North Abington. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Adams Street Burial-ground in North Abington.

Lynn Workmen's Aid Association. By Mr. Littlefield of Lynn, petition of the Lynn Workmen's Aid Association for legislation exempting the property of said association from taxation, and for other purposes. Referred to the committee on Taxation.

Sandwich. By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, remonstrance of Frederick S. Pope and 144 others against the division of the town of Sandwich. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Lancaster Water Co. By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition of George A. Parker and others for an act of incorporation as the Lancaster Water Company. Referred to the committee on Water Supply.

Municipal suffrage for women. By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, petition of M. J. Woodside and others; by Mr. Bowker of Boston, petition of Julia M. Baxter and others; by Mr. Hoynes of Boston, petition of Exa Nickerson and others; by Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of Caroline M. Dunn and others; by Mr. Webb of Petersham, petition by Mrs. F. L. Sargeant and 69 others; by Mr. Crowell of Dennis, petition of Hannah H. Paddock and others; by Mr. Stone of Lunenburg, petition of Elizabeth F. Haskell and others; and by Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, petition of E. L. W. Wilson and others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Industrial school for girls. By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, petition of the Industrial School for Girls for authority to hold additional real and personal estate. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Gove of Boston,—

Board of public works in Boston. *Ordered,* That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of providing for the establishment of a Board of Public Works in the city of Boston, and placing under the charge and management of said board any or all of the departments of said city.

On motion of Mr. Mooney of Worcester,—

Voting precincts in cities. *Ordered,* That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of legislation requiring the mayor and board of aldermen of cities to divide the wards of their cities into voting precincts where the voting lists of

such wards contain the names of 900 voters and to locate such precincts within the boundaries of the wards of which they are a part.

On motion of Mr. Hazelton of Montague,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of amending section 20, chapter 11 of the Public Statutes, so that buildings standing upon leased land owned by non-residents may be taxed to such owners in the city or town where the buildings are situated.

Taxation of buildings on leased land.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the vote whereby the Bill relating to the distribution of the school fund was yesterday passed to be engrossed by the House was reconsidered. The question recurring on the engrossment of the bill, the same gentleman moved certain amendments which were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Distribution of the school fund.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year ; and

Making appropriations for the compensation and mileage of the members of the Legislature, for the compensation of officers thereof, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bills enacted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. O'Gorman of Worcester, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Moses B. Waitt.

Moses B. Waitt.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mass. Char. Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill

Appropriation bill, — Tewksbury almshouse.

making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State almshouse at Tewksbury.

Appropriation bill,—charitable expenses.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for sundry charitable expenses.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Printing of report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the Legislature of 1883.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing twenty-five hundred extra copies of House Document No. 4 of the current year, (being the report of the joint special committee appointed to sit during the recess of the Legislature of 1883 to investigate certain matters relating to the various State charitable and penal institutions), without the appendix thereto, for the use of the Legislature.

Committee on agriculture authorized to visit.

The following order adopted by the Senate was laid over at the request of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston:—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture and others be authorized to visit the Agricultural College at such times as they may deem expedient.

Divorce.

A report of the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of so much of the Governor's Address as relates to divorce and recommending its reference to the joint committee on the Judiciary, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Relative to the employment of a second clerk in the Bureau of Statistics of Labor (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate); and

Railroad signals.

Concerning railroad signals (reported, in part, on the report of the Railroad Commissioners);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to forbidding corporal punishment in the public schools of the Commonwealth, was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

At half-past two o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 18, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

List of Incorporated Associations.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, transmitting a list of incorporated organizations, libraries, parishes, religious societies, benevolent associations, clubs, co-operative banks, etc., which have received certificates of incorporation during the years 1872 to 1883, inclusive. It was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

List of incorporated associations.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

On motion of Mr. Peakes of Georgetown, the petition of the selectmen of Groveland for legislation relieving said town from the decree of the county commissioners assessing it for the maintenance and repair of the new iron bridge and draw connecting said town with the city of Haverhill, was taken from the files of last year, and was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Groveland,—
Haverhill.

On motion of Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, the petition of Ezra C. Howard and others of Sandwich for legislation confirming the doings of the South Pocasset Cemetery Association, and granting to said association the control of the old burial-ground in said town, was taken from the files of last year and was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

South Pocasset
Cemetery
Association.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Murdock of Leicester, petitions of the Brockton Savings Bank; the Chicopee Savings Bank; the Braintree Savings Bank; the Winchester Savings Bank; the Whitinsville Savings Bank; the Amherst Savings Bank; the City Institution for Savings, Lowell; Webster Five Cent Savings Bank; Danvers Savings Bank; Seamen's Savings Bank; Warren Five Cent Savings Bank; Andover Savings Bank; Dedham Institution for Savings; Framingham Savings Bank; Northampton Institution for Savings; Nantucket Institution for Savings; and the

Savings banks,—
Boston & Lowell
R. R. bonds.

Crocker Institution for Savings, — severally, for legislation legalizing investments heretofore made by savings banks in the bonds of the Boston and Lowell Railroad corporation.

Severally referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

William
Williams.

By Mr. Clark of Somerville, petition of William Williams, for certain money paid into the State treasury by a public administrator.

Mt. Holyoke
Female
Seminary.

By Mr. Clark of Northampton, petition of the trustees of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary for the repayment of taxes, collected on certain personal property of said institution.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Mass. Homœo-
pathic Hospital.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital for authority to hold additional property. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Middleborough
water supply.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, remonstrance of Nathaniel S. Cushing and 443 others against legislation granting authority to introduce water into the town of Middleborough for domestic purposes, etc. Referred to the committee on Water Supply.

Municipal suf-
frage for women.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of Albert Clarke and others; by Mr. Tarbox of Lynn, petition of Mrs. Emily Shaw and 36 others; by Mr. Williams of Foxborough, petition of Josephine P. Holland and others; by Mr. Walker of Worcester, petition of Miss A. E. Willard and others; by Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of K. A. Mead and others; and by Mr. Barker of Worcester, petition of Geo. F. Hoar and others, — severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. O'Gorman of Worcester, —

Electrical wires.

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of such legislation as will compel, after a reasonable time, all individuals and corporations using or controlling electrical wires to cause such wires to be laid under ground.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of legislation requiring that in cases of application for the commitment of idiotic persons to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded, notice thereof be given to the authorities of cities or towns where such persons have their legal settlement.

Commitments of
Idiota, — Mass.
School for the
Feeble-minded.

On motion of Mr. Gove of Boston,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the second assistant clerk of the Superior Court for Suffolk County for civil business.

Salary of second
assistant clerk
of Superior
civil court for
Suffolk Co.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate order relative to authorizing the committee on Agriculture [A] and others, to visit the Agricultural College at such times as they may deem expedient, was amended at [A] by striking out the words “and others,” and was adopted, in concurrence, as amended, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Committee on
Agriculture.

A report of the committee on Water Supply, leave to withdraw, for want of legal notice, on the petition of Joel Burt and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the town of Sunderland with water for domestic and other purposes was recommitted, in concurrence, with instructions to hear the petitioners after giving such notice as the committee may deem necessary.

Sunderland
water supply.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the standing justice of the district court of Southern Berkshire; and

Salary of justice
of Southern
Berkshire dis-
trict court.
Insolvency.

To provide for composition with creditors in insolvency;

Severally introduced on leave in the Senate, were severally read and referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

The petition of the Charles River Street Railway Company for authority to issue mortgage bonds was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Street Railways.

Charles River
Street Railway
Company.

The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year came

Appropriation
bill.

down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Wolcott of Boston, the rules were suspended and the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted was reconsidered. The House then concurred in the Senate amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted. An engrossed Bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year (which originated in the House), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Assignees of insolvent estates.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to limiting the time for bringing actions against assignees of insolvent estates. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Public Health.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the supplement of the Fourth Annual Report of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, containing the report and papers on Public Health, and recommending its reference to the committee on Public Health, was read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Appropriation bill, — State Workhouse.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Workhouse.

Appropriation bill — Monson, primary school.

By Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, from the same committee, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Primary School at Monson.

Commonwealth's interest in N. Y. & N. E. R. R. bonds.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the same committee, that the Resolve for the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to take land for additional tracks. Old Colony
R. R.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the Reformatory Prison for Women ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading. Reformatory
Prison for
Women.

Orders of the Day.

Bills:

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State almshouse at Tewksbury; and Orders of the
Day.

Making appropriations for sundry charitable expenses, and

Concerning railroad signals;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the employment of a second clerk in the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was read a second time and considered. Mr. Pattee of Quincy moved to amend by substituting a new bill with the same title, containing provisions for the appointment of the clerk after a competitive examination of candidates. The amendment was rejected, the House refusing to order a vote by yeas and nays, and after debate the bill was ordered to a third reading.

At twenty minutes before four o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, January 21, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Pierce of Boston, remonstrance of William T. Adams and 67 others against the discontinuance of the station at Field's Corner on the Shawmut Branch of the Old Colony Railroad. Field's Corner
Station, — Old
Colony R. R.

"Melville Avenue Station,"—
Centre Street
Station,—Old
Colony R. R.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, petition of J. Henry Brooks and others that "Melville Avenue Station" and "Centre Street Station" on the line of the Old Colony Railroad be discontinued, and a new station in place thereof be located at Mather Street in Dorchester.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

Sandwich.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of John P. Knowlton, Reuben W. Law and others for a division of the town of Sandwich. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Municipal
suffrage for
women.

By Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, petition of Anne E. Damon and others; by Mr. Pierce of Boston, petition of Rachel A. Young and others; by Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of Susan E. B. Channing and others; by Mr. Foster of Medford, petition of Mary C. S. Hopkins and 60 others of Millbury; by Mr. Ball of Worcester, petition of Rebecca Barnard and others; and by Mr. Douglas of Brockton, petition of Helen Magill and others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Proprietors of
the Locks and
Canals on the
Connecticut
River,—Hol-
yoke Water
Power Com-
pany.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of the Proprietors of the Locks and Canals on the Connecticut River, and the Holyoke Water Power Company, for confirmation of a conveyance made by said first-named corporation to said last-named corporation, and for the dissolution of the first-named corporation.

United States
Hotel Company.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of the United States Hotel Company for authority to increase its capital stock.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington,—

Salary of first
assistant clerk of
Superior civil
court for Suffolk
County.

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the first assistant clerk of the Superior Court for Suffolk County for civil business.

Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of providing additional officers for attendance at the sessions of the Court of Probate and Insolvency in the county of Suffolk. Suffolk County probate court.

Resolve Passed.

An engrossed Resolve authorizing the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Walker of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the Everett Spring Water Company for an act of incorporation. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Everett Spring Water Co.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the American Unitarian Association to hold additional real and personal estate. Read, and ordered to a second reading. American Unitarian Association.

Taken from the Table.

On motions of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the report of the manager of the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad was taken from the table, and was referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and sent up for concurrence. Hoosac Tunnel and T. and G. R. R.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures examine the securities in the hands of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, and report on the condition of the same. Securities in State treasury.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of further legislation concerning savings banks and institutions for savings, and to report the same. Savings banks.

A Bill to secure the right of suffrage to male citizens exempted from taxation, and to amend section 1, chapter Qualifications of male voters.

6, and section 52, chapter 27, of the Public Statutes (introduced on leave in the Senate), was read and referred in concurrence to the committee on Election Laws.

The following order adopted by the Senate was laid over at the request of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston:—

Additional
copies of
Governor's
message.

Ordered. That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing eight hundred additional copies of the Governor's message for the use of the Legislature.

Committee lists.

A Bill in relation to the preparation of a list of committees of the General Court (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence:—

Tucker Manu-
facturing Co.

Petition of the Tucker Manufacturing Company for compensation for fuel furnished to the State Prison. To the committee on Claims.

Somerville
Wharf and
Improvement
Co.

Petition of Horatio G. Parker and others for the incorporation of the Somerville Wharf and Improvement Company. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
Day.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to limiting the time for bringing actions against assignees of insolvent estates was accepted.

Bills:

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Workhouse;

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Primary School at Monson; and

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to take land for additional tracks, (amended on motion of Mr. Boardman of Boston); and

Resolves:

In favor of the Reformatory Prison for Women; and

For the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ; and

Making appropriations for sundry charitable expenses ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Relative to the employment of a second clerk in the Bureau of Statistics of Labor ; and

Concerning railroad signals, (its title having been amended on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, so as to read, " Bill concerning the injury or destruction of railroad signals ; ")

Were severally read a third time, and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the last-named bill being sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

At thirty-five minutes passed three o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 22, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Report Referred.

The eighteenth annual report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.
Inland Fisheries was received, and referred to the committee on the Fisheries and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, petition of the Visitors of State Normal School at Worcester.
the State Normal School at Worcester for an appropriation for the purpose of grading and fencing the grounds of said school. Referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Wilbur of Boston, petition of the Charles Charles River Embankment Company.
River Embankment Company for an extension of time in which to deposit on its territory a part of the filling required by section 5, chapter 211 of the acts of the year 1881. Referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Salary of justice
of Holyoke
police court.

By Mr. Wright of Holyoke, petition of the justice of the police court of Holyoke for an increase of salary, Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Liquor licenses.

By Mr. Dean of Holyoke, petition of Moses Newton and others that no member of a licensing board provided for by chapter 100 of the Public Statutes, who is a manufacturer or dealer in intoxicating liquors, shall vote or otherwise act on an application for, or on the granting of, any license thereunder. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Timothy J.
Burns.

By Mr. Creed of Boston, petition of Timothy J. Burns for state aid. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Sandwich.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of William A. Nye and 31 others for a division of the town of Sandwich.

Ibid.

By the same gentleman, remonstrance of Philip H. Robinson and 56 others against the division of the town of Sandwich.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Municipal
suffrage for
women.

By Mr. Hunt of Rockland, petition of Charlotte M. Paine and others; by Mr. Boardman of Boston, petition of Amanda M. Lougee and others; by Mr. Melden of Lynn, petition of Arabella B. Elwett and others; by Mr. Blaney of Natick, petition of Matilda B. Tibbetts and others; by Mr. Dean of Holyoke, petition of Helen V. Nevins and others; by Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of Joanna E. Mills and others; by Mr. Richardson of Athol, petition of Emily Eaton and 61 others; by Mr. Millett of Malden, petition of Frances A. Hill and 24 others; and by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petitions of Fanny L. Rogers and 27 others, and of Mary C. Ames and 55 others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Woman
suffrage.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. John Lowell and 54 others; and by Mr. Chappelle of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. Amelia S. Burr and 94 others,—severally, against any further extension of suffrage to women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of instructing our senators, and requesting our representatives in Congress, to favor the repeal of the law relating to the manufacture of vinegar from whiskey that pays no internal revenue tax. Vinegar.

On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the district attorney for the Southeastern District. Salary of district attorney for the Southeastern district.

On motion of Mr. Weston of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of amending section 10 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, so as to provide that towns may grant money for erecting head-stones or other monuments to the memory of persons who, accredited to their respective quotas, served in the military or naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, the war of 1812, the Seminole war, and the Mexican war, and for keeping in repair and decorating such monuments and the graves of such persons. Towns,—memorials for certain soldiers and sailors.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Service consider the expediency of such legislation as will take the civil service of the Commonwealth and its cities from the reach of political traders, and make honesty and capacity rather than party influence the qualifications of holding and obtaining positions in that service. Civil service.

A Bill to further define the duties of the Attorney-General, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Attorney-general.

The order relative to printing eight hundred additional copies of the Governor's message for the use of the Legislature, laid over from yesterday, was rejected, and notice thereof sent to the Senate, the House refusing to so amend the order as to make the number 4,500, as moved by Mr. Bowker of Boston. Printing of Governor's message.

The following papers were severally referred, in concurrence :—

Blanchard,
Fuller & Co.

Petition of Blanchard, Fuller & Co. that certain money overpaid by them for convicts employed under contract at the State Prison may be refunded to them. To the committee on Claims.

Texas, Topolo-
bampo and
Pacific Railroad
and Telegraph
Company.

Petition of the Texas, Topolobampo and Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company for authority to change its name and to hold additional property. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Public docu-
ments.

A communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth recommending certain amendments to chapter 4 of the Public Statutes, concerning the printing and distribution of the public documents. To the committee on Printing.

Melville Avenue
and Centre
Street Stations,
Old Colony
Railroad.

Remonstrance of Charles V. Whitten and others against the discontinuance of the Melville Avenue and Centre Street stations, on the Shawmut Branch of the Old Colony Railroad. To the committee on Railroads.

The fifth annual report of the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity was referred, in concurrence, as follows :—

Metropolitan
Drainage
System.

So much thereof as refers to a metropolitan drainage system. To the committee on Drainage.

Public charita-
ble institutions
and insane
hospitals.

So much as refers to the public charitable institutions and insane hospitals. To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Public health.

So much as refers to the public health. To the committee on Public Health.

Water supply.

So much as refers to a water supply. To the committee on Water Supply.

Report of Committee.

Alewife brook,
— Cambridge.

By Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, from the committee on Drainage, leave to withdraw for want of legal notice, on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Arlington for an act to prevent the pollution of Alewife Brook by sewage from the city of Cambridge. Read, and under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Doherty of Boston, it was recommitted to the committee on Drainage, with

instructions to hear the petitioners after giving such notice as the committee may deem expedient, and sent up for concurrence.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on Monday passed to be engrossed the Bill making appropriations for sundry charitable expenses. The motion was lost.

Appropriation bill,—charitable expenses.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court, on a petition of the Everett Spring Water Company for an act of incorporation, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to authorize the American Unitarian Association to hold additional real and personal estate, was read a second time and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, was recommitted to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on motion of Mr. Willson of Salem.

Bills :

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Workhouse ;

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Primary School at Monson ; and

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to take land for additional tracks ; and the

Resolve in favor of the Reformatory Prison for Women ;

Were severally read a third time, and were passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve for the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company, was read a third time and, pending the question on engrossment, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Ernst of Boston, it was, on motion of Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, laid on the table.

At forty-seven minutes past three o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 23, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Taken from the Files.

Swampscott
beaches.

On motion of Mr. Atkins of Marblehead, the petition of David K. Phillips for an amendment to the act concerning beaches in the town of Swampscott was taken from the files of last year, and was referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Artemas
Raymond.

By Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, petition of Artemas Raymond for compensation for a horse killed at the recent encampment of Battery A, in the service of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Biennial elec-
tions and bien-
nial sessions.

By Mr. Bowker of Boston, remonstrance of L. M. Campbell and others; and by Mr. Clark of Peabody, remonstrance of Charles H. Fernald and others,—severally, against the passage of the resolve providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the General Court.

Severally referred to the committee on Election Laws.

Plymouth Co.
House of
Correction, —
Brockton.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of Gustavus G. Andrews and 92 others of Lakeville; by Mr. Douglas of Brockton, petition of Henry Copeland and 102 others of West Bridgewater, and of F. B. Washburn and 2,381 others of Brockton,—severally, that the new house of correction of Plymouth County may be located in the city of Brockton, and that said city may be made one of the shire towns of said county.

Severally referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Weekly pay-
ments of wages.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Jesse H. Jones and others for making the weekly payment of wages compulsory, in accordance with the recommendation of the Governor. Referred to the committee on Labor.

Charles L.
Lynch.

By Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, petition of Charles L. Lynch, to be reimbursed for commutation money wrongfully paid to exempt him from liability to military duty. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Gordon of New Bedford, petition of Jonathan Bourne and others for the repeal of the law concerning compulsory pilotage so far as the same relates to ports on Buzzard's Bay. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Pilotage.—Buzzard's Bay.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of F. A. Prescott and others for the abolition of the contract system of labor in the prisons of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Prisons. Prison labor.

By Mr. Smith of Everett, petition of George F. Foster and others, selectmen of Everett, for leave to raise money to increase the facilities for an additional water supply for said town. Referred to the committee on Water Supply. Everett water supply.

By Mr. Reynolds of Brockton, petition of Mrs. Milly Estes and 271 others; and by Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Ada C. Bowles and 73 others,—severally for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Municipal suffrage for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Roads of Marblehead,—

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of such legislation as shall abolish the poll tax as a prerequisite for suffrage. Poll tax qualification for voters.

On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 44, chapter 159 of the Public Statutes, relative to an attorney appearing as counsel in suits previously decided by him as a judge or trial justice, so as to make it applicable to criminal prosecutions. Judges as counsel.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of legislation increasing the salary of the Judge of Probate and Insolvency for the county of Worcester. Salary of Worcester County Probate Judge.

Fires in hotels, etc. On motion of Mr. Carpenter of Springfield,—
Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of amending chapter 251 of the acts of the year 1883, so as to secure better protection to persons in case of fire, by adopting different lights and gongs, or a different arrangement of the same, in hotels and boarding-houses.

State House. On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge,—
Ordered, That the committee on the State House consider the expediency of making such alterations in the State House that a passage-way can be had between the east and west wings on the second floor without going below or above as at present, and report as soon as practicable the cost of and the length of time required to do the same.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Fees in insolvency proceedings. On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending section 137 of chapter 157 of the Public Statutes, so as to reduce the fees required in proceedings in insolvency.

Committee meetings. The following order, offered by Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, was laid over until to-morrow :—

Ordered, That the committee on Rules consider whether, during the present condition of business before the House, committees may not profitably hold meetings in the afternoon after the adjournment of the House.

Intoxicating liquors.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Carpenter of Springfield, a Bill relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors. Read, referred to the committee on the Liquor Law, and sent up for concurrence.

National taxes.

Resolution Presented.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, a Resolution relative to the reduction of the national taxes and the abolition of all duties except for revenue. Read, referred to the committee on Federal Relations, and sent up for concurrence.

List of pardons.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary, on the message of His Excellency the Governor enclosing a list of pardons granted during the year

1883, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A report of the committee on Prisons asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject-matter of the order relative to the speedy discharge of prisoners of the Commonwealth against whom "no bill" has been found by the Grand Jury, and recommending its reference to the Senate Committee of the Judiciary, accepted by the Senate, came down for concurrence in so much as relates to the discharge of the committee on Prisons. The House concurred, and the report was returned to the Senate, endorsed accordingly.

Discharge of prisoners.

A Bill extending the right of litigants to bring or defend suits in courts of equity (introduced on leave in the Senate), was read, and referred in concurrence to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Equity.

The following papers were severally referred in concurrence:—

Petition of A. J. Waterman and others for an increase in the salaries of the Judge and Register of the Court of Probate and Insolvency for the county of Berkshire. To the joint committee on Probate and Chancery.

Salaries of judge and register of probate for Berkshire Co.

Remonstrance of Calvin Crowell and others against a division of the town of Sandwich. To the committee on Towns.

Sandwich.

Petition of Charles W. Sumner and others (taken from the Senate files of last year) that the city of Brockton may be established as a shire town in the county of Plymouth. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Brockton.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Rufus R. Wade. Read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Rufus R. Wade.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

At seventeen minutes past two o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 24, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Special Report of Auditor.*Special report
of auditor.

The special report of the Auditor of the expenditures in several branches of the public service in excess of appropriations therefor during the year 1883, was received and referred to the committee on Finance.

*Resolution Presented.*Lieutenant
Rhodes.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, a Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to Lieutenant Rhodes and others. Read, and, on motion of Mr. Davis of Tisbury, laid on the table.

*Petitions Presented.*Taxation of
horticultural
societies.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, petition of the Worcester County Horticultural Society for legislation exempting the property of horticultural societies from taxation. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

New Bedford
aldermen.

By Mr. Gordon of New Bedford, petition of the city council of the city of New Bedford for legislation providing that each alderman of said city may receive as compensation for services a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars per year. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Striped bass and
bluefish in
Edgartown.

By Mr. Davis of Tisbury, petition of William W. Ring and 190 others for the repeal of chapter 65 of the acts of the year 1882 relating to the protection of striped bass and bluefish in the waters of Edgartown. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Manchester—
Black Beach.

By Mr. Homans of Gloucester, petition of the selectmen of Manchester for authority to construct and maintain a bridge across tide-water at Black Beach in said town. Referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Intoxicating
liquors.

By Mr. Baker of Beverly, petition of the Massachusetts Woman's Christian Prohibitory League for legislation prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors. Referred to the committee on Liquor Laws.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, petition of Mrs. N. M. Thresher and 14 others; by Mr. Melden of Lynn, petition of Harriet C. Ireson and 258 others; by Mr. Randall of Boston, petition of Mrs. C. Blake and 28 others; by Mr. Beard of Boston, petition of Marie E. Zakrzewska and 48 others; by Mr. Tarbox of Lynn, petition of H. M. Hood and 90 others, and of Marion Stevens and 93 others; by Mr. O'Neil of Boston, petition of Elizabeth M. Copeland and 19 others; by Mr. Dwyer of Boston, petition of Lulie C. Osborne and 31 others; by Mr. Ward of Boston, petition of Alice B. Crosby and 58 others; by Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of Mary L. Draper and others; by Mr. Hunt of Rockland, petition of Sarah F. Meader and others; by Mr. Curry of Lynn, petition of Abby A. Bennett and others; by Mr. Spooner of Boston, petition of Bethia E. Curtis and 29 others; by Mr. Douglas of Brockton, petition of Julia A. Townsend and 7 others; by Mr. Blaney of Natick, petition of Elizabeth M. Lincoln and 15 others; and by Mr. Coffin of Boston, petition of Mary E. York and 33 others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

By Mr. Stratton of Milford, petition of Gustavus B. Williams and others relative to enabling women to vote for presidential electors, and in all town and municipal elections, and to have the same political rights as men have.

By Mr. Ward of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. William H. Sayward and 34 other women of Ward 20, Boston; and by Mr. Snow of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. Robert T. Swan and 46 others,—severally, against any further extension of suffrage to women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Cobb of Billerica, petition of James Bridge and others that the Commonwealth release its claim to certain property left by Elizabeth Bridge Gerry of Lexington. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Douglas of Brockton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of abolishing the State Normal Art School.

Attachment of
shares of
corporations.

On motion of Mr Osborne of East Bridgewater,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 71 of chapter 161 of the Public Statutes relative to attachment of shares in corporations, so as to render attachable the shares or interests of a stockholder in a corporation organized under the laws of any other State, and located or having a general office in this Commonwealth.

Service of pro-
cess on foreign
corporations.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that the provisions of section 202 of chapter 119 of the Public Statutes, relative to service of process on foreign insurance companies, shall apply to all foreign corporations located or having a general office in this Commonwealth.

Foreign
corporations,—
insolvent
corporations.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing that the provisions of sections 127 and 136 of chapter 157 of the Public Statutes, relative to insolvent corporations, shall apply to foreign corporations located or having a general office in this Commonwealth.

Survey and sale
of lumber,—
Milton.

On motion of Mr. Bradlee of Milton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of amending sections 1 and 6 of chapter 63 of the Public Statutes, relative to the survey and sale of lumber, so as to include the town of Milton within the district of the surveyor-general of lumber.

Blackstone
River.

On motion of Mr. Eaton of Auburn,—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply consider the expediency of legislation to prevent the pollution of the Blackstone River by the sewage of the city of Worcester.

Pollution of
streams.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply consider the expediency of legislation to prevent the pollution of the streams of the Commonwealth, by the introduction therein of sewage from municipal systems of sewerage, and from all other sources, and from the deposit therein of the refuse and waste of manufacturing processes.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committees on Agriculture, Education and Military Affairs, together with such Senators as wish to investigate the matter of free scholarships, be authorized to visit the Agricultural College at such time as they may deem expedient.

Visit to agricultural college.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of legislation authorizing, by license of the probate court, executors or administrators, upon the petition of parties interested, to sell the real estate of deceased persons for the purposes of distribution or division of the proceeds thereof among the heirs.

Executors and administrators, —sale of real estate of deceased persons.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider what further power or authority, if any, should be allowed executors and administrators by the probate courts in selling real estate by public auction.

1884.

The order laid over from yesterday relative to the committees holding meetings in the afternoon after the adjournment of the House, was withdrawn by Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, there being no objection.

Committee meetings.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the Bill to abolish the terms of the First District Court of Eastern Middlesex held at Wakefield, referred by the last Legislature to the next General Court was taken from the files, and was referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence.

First District Court of Eastern Middlesex held at Wakefield.

On motion of Mr. Randall of Boston, the petitions of O. Lappen and others, Walter Preston and others, and James H. Stark and others,—severally, that the Board of Health of the city of Boston be united with the State Board of Health, referred by the last Legislature to the next General Court, were taken from the files and referred to the committee on Public Health, and sent up for concurrence.

Boston Board of Health.

Papers from the Senate.

Evening schools.

Ordered. In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of so amending chapter 174 of the acts of 1883, entitled "An Act for the establishment and maintenance of evening schools," as to provide a penalty for non-compliance with the provisions of said act.

Salary of justice of Central Berkshire district court.

Ordered. In concurrence, that the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the justice of the district court of Central Berkshire.

Visit to agricultural college.

The Senate order relative to authorizing the committee on Agriculture and others to visit the Agricultural College at such times as they may deem expedient came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate concurred in the House amendment thereto, with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester, the House non-concurred, and the order was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Foreign fire insurance companies.

A Bill in relation to statements by foreign fire insurance companies (introduced on leave in the Senate), was read, and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Insurance.

Dalton Water Company.

A petition of Zenas Crane, Jr., for an act of incorporation as the Dalton Water Company, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply.

Woman suffrage.

A remonstrance of Mrs. Oramel Clark and 103 others of Barre against any further extension of suffrage to women, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill relative to the employment of a second clerk in the Bureau of Statistics of Labor (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Ballots.

By Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, from the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that ballots shall be endorsed with the

name of the voter. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to further define the duties of the Attorney-General, ought to pass with an amendment. Attorney-general.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve providing for the construction of elevators in the State House ought to pass. Elevators in the State House.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on Agriculture, on an order, a Bill relative to noxious weeds and rubbish in the highways, and to the digging up and carrying away of the soil therein. Noxious weeds in the highways.

By the same gentleman, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Resolve to confirm the acts done by Frederick J. Barnard as a notary public. Frederick J. Barnard.

By Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for printing and binding sundry public documents, and for other purposes. Appropriation bill,—public documents.

By Mr. Clark of Peabody, from the same committee, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for the salaries and expenses of the district police force. Appropriation bill,—District police.

By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, from the same committee, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for certain educational expenses. Appropriation bill,—educational expenses.

By Mr. Bryant of Salem, from the committee on Water Supply, on a bill taken from the files of last year, a Bill to authorize the city of Brockton to issue an additional water loan. Brockton.

By Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Wellesley to make an additional water loan. Wellesley.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Prisons, no legislation necessary, on the message of His Excellency the Governor, enclosing a list of pardons granted during the year 1883, was accepted in concurrence. Orders of the Day.

The Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

At thirty-four minutes passed two o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 25, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Report of Board of Education.

Board of
Education.

The annual report of the Board of Education was received, and was referred to the committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Holyoke.

By Mr. Wright of Holyoke, petition of the mayor of Holyoke for an additional polling-place in said city. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Biennial elec-
tions and bien-
nial sessions.

By Mr. Curry of Lynn, remonstrance of William Murray and 64 others against biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature. Referred to the committee on Election Laws.

Prison labor.

By Mr. Blaney of Natick, petition of J. B. Fairbanks and 49 others; and by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of Michael Lloyd and others,—severally, for the abolishment of the contract system of labor in the prisons of the Commonwealth.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Meigs Elevated
Railroad.

By Mr. O'Neil of Boston, petition of Charles J. Noyes and 27,100 others in favor of the petition of Joe V. Meigs relative to elevated railroads. Referred to the committee on Street Railways.

Middleborough
water supply.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of Moses Williams and others for a division of the town of Sandwich. Referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of N. D. Wilbur and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of Middleborough with water for domestic and other purposes. Referred to the committee on Water Supply. Middleborough
water supply.

By Mr. Hunt of Rockland, petition of Mary R. Jenkins and 11 others for municipal suffrage for women and the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. Women voting,
liquor business.

By Mr. Pierce of Boston, petition of Betsey Clapp and 62 others; by Mr. Whiting of Boston, petition of Fanny L. Rogers, and of Robert F. Wallcut and 36 others; by Mr. Burditt of Clinton, petition of Mrs. H. P. Draper and others; by Mr. Cobb of Billerica, petition of Lucinda Hosmer and 90 others; by Mr. Tufts of New Braintree, petition of Mrs. C. W. Brown and 73 others,—severally, for woman suffrage. Woman
suffrage.

By Mr. Toulmin of Leominster, petition of Jonathan Drake and 159 other; by Mr. Walker of Worcester, petition of F. M. Baker and 8 others, by Mr. Palmer of Groton, petition of Mrs. James Blake and 47 others; by Mr. Howes of Gloucester, petition of Alla F. Young and others; by Mr. Potter of Worcester, petition of Peter C. Bacon and 10 others, and of Hannah Adams and 19 others; by Mr. Warner of Northampton, petition of A. G. Hill and 105 others; by Mr. Whiting of Boston, petition of M. Granger and 44 others; by Mr. Davis of Boston, petition of Caroline C. Hayes and 36 others; by Mr. Weston of Newton, petition Mrs. J. S. Wright and 9 others; by Mr. Howes of Cambridge, petition of M. J. M. Pearson and 18 others; by Mr. Howland of Plymouth, petition of Zilpha H. Spooner and 27 others; by Mr. Hunt of Rockland, petition of Julia A. Holbrook and others, and of A. W. Winslow and 26 others; by Mr. Dodge of Grafton, petition of L. A. Churchill and 8 others; by Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, petition of Mary F. Q. French and 14 others; by Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of Mary Mann and 16 others; by Mr. Richardson of Athol, petition of Mrs. E. C. Hastings and 27 others; by Mr. Cobb of Billerica, petition of Lucinda Hosmer and 92 others; by Mr. Jones of Lynn, petition of Eliza W. LaCroix and 45 others; by Mr. Pierce of Boston, petition of Mary A. Carlton and 52 others; by Mr. Dresser of Boston, peti- ibid.

tion of Bessie S. Lockwood and 157 others; by Mr. Coffey of Boston, petition of Nancy C. Gilman and 49 others; and by Mr. Marden of Lowell, petition of Sarah F. Johnson and 62 others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Woman
suffrage.

By Mr. Rice of Stow, remonstrance of Mrs. Shattuck Hartwell and 35 others; by Mr. Homans of Gloucester, remonstrance of Mrs. Jennie Babcock and 123 others; by Mr. Burdett of Hingham, remonstrance of Mrs. J. H. Robbins and 105 others; by Mr. Baker of Brookline, remonstrance of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Head and 47 others; by Mr. Pierce of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. S. D. Warren and 31 others; by Mr. Davis of Boston, remonstrance of Ellen M. Wilde and 13 others; by Mr. Snow of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. O. Goodwin and 27 others; by Mr. Ward of Boston, remonstrance of Miss Phebe G. Adam and 117 others; by Mr. Wolcott of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. W. W. Newton and 24 others; by Mr. Boardman of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. John D. W. Williams and 31 others; and by Mr. Cummings of Boston, remonstrance of Marion W. Kingsbury and 11 others,—severally, against the extension of suffrage to women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Elizabeth
Bridge Gerry.

By Mr. Cobb of Billerica, petition of Ellen A. Stone and others for a release of the claim of the Commonwealth to the property of Elizabeth Bridge Gerry, late of Lexington, for the benefit of the poor of said town.

Women as
office-holders.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of S. E. Sewall and others, that women may have the right to hold any office to which they may be chosen or appointed.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Married women.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of Julia Ward Howe and others for further legislation in behalf of married women. Referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Orders.

Bonds of
executors, etc.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington, —
Ordered, That the joint committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of further legislation as to requiring sureties on the official bonds of executors,

administrators or trustees of the estates of deceased persons, and as to the power of removal of said officers by probate courts having jurisdiction thereof upon their neglect to render their accounts within the time required by law.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending section 4 of chapter 134, section 13 of chapter 140, and section 20 of chapter 141 of the Public Statutes, so that probate courts may have exclusive jurisdiction to grant licenses for the sale or mortgage of real estate by executors, administrators, guardians or trustees who may be appointed to that office by such courts.

Probate courts,
—sale of real
estate by execu-
tors, etc.

On motion of Mr. Burdett of Hingham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Health consider the expediency of legislation prohibiting bathing in ponds or streams used as sources of domestic water supply.

Bathing in
certain ponds.

On motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of repealing all laws which make any distinction or discrimination in the taxation of real property.

Taxation of
real property.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of repealing or amending the present law with regard to the taxation of personal property without the Commonwealth held in trust by an executor, administrator or trustee residing out of the Commonwealth.

Taxation of
personal
property.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation authorizing special administrators to pay the expenses of executors in proof of wills.

Executors'
expenses in
proof of

On motion of Mr. Weston of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the law concerning malicious mischief.

Malicious
mischief.

Collection of taxes. On motion of Mr. Howes of Gloucester,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending section 35 of chapter 12 of the Public Statutes so as to give power to the collector of taxes to pay all balances remaining in their hands as residue of tax sales into the city or town treasury.

Equitable liabilities against insolvent estates. On motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to provide for the proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates.

Religious freedom. On motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing all laws which, on account of differences of belief and action in matters of religion and conscience, militate, in any manner or degree against equality in the rights of persons.

Papers from the Senate.

Salary of sheriff of Dukes Co. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of regulating the salary of the Sheriff of Dukes County.

Voting precincts in towns. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of legislation providing for voting by precincts in towns in all national and State elections.

Salary of executive messenger. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the executive messenger so that the same shall be nine hundred dollars per year.

Compensation for clerks of legislative committees. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of providing a law which shall allow to each clerk of a committee of the Legislature, in payment for services, one hundred dollars for the session.

The following order, taken from the Senate files of last year, came down and the subject-matter thereof was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply:—

Sale, etc., of water by cities and towns, etc. *Ordered*, That the committee on Water Supply and Drainage consider the expediency of legislation authorizing cities, towns, water and aqueduct companies and fire districts to hold water for sale, and sell the same.

A Bill concerning the annual election sermon (introduced on leave in the Senate), was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service. Election sermon.

A report of the committee on Towns, leave to withdraw for want of proper notice, on the petition of Eben Nye and others for a division of the town of Sandwich, was recommitted, in concurrence, with instructions to hear the petitioners after such notice has been given as the committee may direct. Sandwich.

A Bill concerning shares held in trust, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Shares held in trust.

Bills :

Authorizing the Lowell and Framingham Railroad Company to issue bonds and for other purposes (reported on a petition) ; Lowell and Framingham. R. R. Co.

To establish the salary of the executive clerk of the Governor and Council ; Salary of executive clerk.

To provide for the care and custody of the Commonwealth Building on Mount Vernon Street in the city of Boston ; and Commonwealth Building.

Concerning the employment of clerks and other assistance in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth ; Clerks in secretary's department.

(Severally reported on bills introduced on leave in the Senate) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence :—

Petition of the Hingham Cordage Company for authority to hold additional property. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Hingham Cordage Co.

Petition of William Barnes and others of Methuen, in favor of abolishing the contract system of labor in prisons. To the committee on Prisons. Prison labor.

Petition of the West Springfield Aqueduct Company for an amendment of its charter, authorizing it to issue bonds. To the committee on Water Supply. West Springfield Aqueduct Company.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill concerning the injury or destruction of railroad signals (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

*Reports of Committees.*Compulsory
vaccination.

By Mr. Hastings of Warren, from the committee on Public Health, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to an amendment or repeal of the laws relating to compulsory vaccination. [Mr. Stow of Fall River dissenting, and submitting a bill as a substitute for the report.]

Text-books.

By Mr. Paton of Danvers, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that the text-books used in public schools shall be the same throughout the State.

Ibid.

By Mr. Randall of Boston, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that school books used in public schools shall be prepared by the Board of Education, printed by the State printers, and furnished to scholars at actual cost.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Florence Kin-
dergarten.

By Mr. Wadlin of Reading, from the committee on Education, leave to withdraw for want of legal notice, on the petition of Arthur G. Hill and others of Northampton, for an act of incorporation as the trustees of the Florence Kindergarten. Read, and under a suspension of the rule, recommitted, with instructions to hear the petitioners after giving such notice as the committee may deem necessary.

Sent up for concurrence.

United States
Hotel Company.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the United States Hotel Company to increase its capital stock.

Boston &
Lowell Railroad
Corporation.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor.

Northborough.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Northborough to make an additional water loan.

Newton.

By Mr. Walker of Worcester, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Newton to issue an additional water loan.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee Rufus R. Wade. on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Rufus R. Wade ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that ballots shall be endorsed with the name of the voter was accepted, and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Making appropriations for certain educational expenses ;

Making appropriations for the salaries and expenses of the district police force ;

Making appropriations for printing and binding sundry public documents, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the city of Brockton to issue an additional water loan ;

To authorize the town of Wellesley to make an additional water loan ; and the

Resolve to confirm the acts done by Frederick J. Barnard as a notary public ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to noxious weeds and rubbish in the highways, and to the digging up and carrying away of the soil therein, was read a second time and considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Hurlbut of Sudbury and Smith of Everett, were adopted, and after debate, the bill was refused a third reading.

The Bill to further define the duties of the Attorney-General was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, and pending the amendment recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, it was, on motion of Mr. P. J. Doherty of Boston, recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Resolve providing for the construction of elevators in the State House, was read a second time, and, after debate, was refused a third reading by a vote of 41 to 70.

The Resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, was read a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

At twenty minutes passed four o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, January 28, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

By Mr. Donovan of Boston, remonstrance of J. M. L. Babcock and others; and by Mr. Beard of Boston, remonstrance of Daniel G. Palmer and others,—severally, against biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature.

Severally referred to the committee on Election Laws.

Pickled fish.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, petition of William Page for legislation concerning inspection of pickled fish. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Highway bridge across Cape Cod Ship Canal.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of S. B. Phinney, David H. Baker and 200 others, for a highway bridge across the Cape Cod Ship Canal. Referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Weekly payments of wages.

By Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, petition of Frank T. Goodhue and 210 others for legislation concerning the weekly payments of wages. Referred to the committee on Labor.

Alcohol,—Intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Bent of Gardner, petition of William D. Capron for legislation placing alcohol on the same footing as are other intoxicating liquors when sold by druggists. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Union Congregational Society in North Brookfield.

By Mr. Batcheller of North Brookfield, petition of the Union Congregational Society in North Brookfield for an act to confirm the doings of said society. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Adulteration.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, petition of Charles E. Moody and Company and others for legislation concerning the adulteration of articles designed for food, drink or medicine. Referred to the committee on Public Health.

Sandwich.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of William R. Vining and others for a division of the town of Sandwich. Referred to the committee on Towns.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, remonstrance of Mrs. Clara T. Leonard and others, and of Frances B. Ranlet and others; and by Mr. Rantoul of Salem, remonstrance of Mrs. Charles Haddock and 563 others,—severally, against the further extension of suffrage to women. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Morse of Acushnet, petition of K. H. Eldridge and 38 others; by Mr. Harrub of Plympton, petition of Hattie M. Ford and 35 others; by Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of Mrs. Anna E. Brown and others; by Mr. Butler of Boston petition of Lucia T. Ames and 54 others; by Mr. Prime of Boston, petition of Nancy Field and others; and by Mr. Ball of Worcester, petition of Mary P. Jeffits and 22 others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, petition of Herbert M. Tibbetts and others for legislation giving to women the same political rights as are now enjoyed by men. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of S. G. Foster and others that women, citizens of lawful age, may vote for school committee on terms no more onerous than men have to fulfil. Women voting for school committee.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of allowing cities and towns to insure the property of their citizens or others against loss by fire. Insurance by cities and towns.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of further legislation to prevent insurance companies from combining to establish arbitrary restrictions and excessive rates. Insurance restrictions and rates.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea,—

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the clerk of the police court of the city of Chelsea. Salary of clerk of Chelsea Police Court.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The following order, offered by Mr. Weston of Newton, was laid over until to-morrow:—

Burning of
brush wood.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation prohibiting the setting of fires for the burning of brush or for any purpose, and providing suitable penalties or damages for injury so done to adjoining estates, and for making it a penal offence for any person, through wantonness or the careless use of fire-arms, to set fire to woods, or fields, whereby damage is done to the owners thereof.

Papers from the Senate.

Text-books.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of legislation to prevent frequent changes in text-books used in the public schools.

Rules of
evidence.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the necessity of legislation upon certain rules of evidence.

Visit to agricul-
tural college.

The order relative to authorizing the committee on Agriculture and others to visit the Agricultural College came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Barrus, Bowley and H. H. Gilmore being appointed the committee on its part. The House concurred, and Messrs. Potter of Worcester, P. J. Doherty of Boston, and Williams of Foxborough were appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Pollution of
Blackstone
River.

The order relative to preventing the pollution of the Blackstone River by the sewage of the city of Worcester came down with the endorsement that the Senate concurred in the adoption thereof, with an amendment striking out the words "Water Supply" and inserting in place thereof the word "Drainage."

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge the House concurred in the Senate amendment, and the order was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Pollution of
streams.

The order relative to the prevention of the pollution of the streams of the Commonwealth by the introduction therein of sewage from municipal systems of sewerage, came down with the endorsement that the Senate concurred in the adoption thereof with an amendment striking out the words "Water Supply," and inserting in place thereof the word "Drainage."

On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the House concurred in the Senate amendment.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence :—

Petition of Walter Shanly for reimbursement for losses incurred in the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel. To the committee on Claims. Walter Shanly.

Petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for authority to locate and construct a branch railroad in Cambridge. To the committee on Railroads. Fitchburg R. R.

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relating to actions for injuries received on the Lord's Day. [Messrs. Hartwell of Fitchburg and Kendrick of Springfield dissenting.] Injuries received on the Lord's Day.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Industrial School for Girls to hold additional real and personal estate. Industrial school for girls.

By Mr. Reynolds of Brockton, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital to hold additional property. Mass. Homœopathic Hospital.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, that the Bill (recommitted) to authorize the American Unitarian Association to hold additional real and personal estate ought to pass. American Unitarian Association.

Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

Motions to Reconsider.

Mr. Davis of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on Friday, January 25, rejected the Resolve providing for the construction of elevators in the State House, and, on further motion of the same gentleman, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table. Elevators in the State House.

Mr. Potter of Worcester, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House on Friday rejected the Bill relative to noxious weeds and rubbish in the highways, and to the digging up and carrying away of the soil therein. Noxious weeds in highways.

The motion prevailed, and pending the recurring question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was, on motion of the same gentleman, recommitted to the committee on Agriculture.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Public Health, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to an amendment or repeal of the laws relating to compulsory vaccination was considered. Mr. Stow of Fall River moved to amend by substituting a Bill relating to inoculation and vaccination. The amendment was rejected, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate :—

On an order relative to providing that the text-books used in public schools shall be the same throughout the State ; and

On an order relative to providing that school-books used in public schools shall be prepared by the Board of Education, printed by the State printers, and furnished to scholars at actual cost ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its stock therefor, was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Boardman of Boston, recommitted to the committee on Railroads.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Northborough to make an additional water loan ;

To authorize the city of Newton to issue an additional water loan ;

Authorizing the United States Hotel Company to increase its capital stock ;

To provide for the care and custody of the Commonwealth Building on Mount Vernon Street in the city of Boston ;

To establish the salary of the executive clerk of the Governor and Council ;

Concerning the employment of clerks and other assistance in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and

Authorizing the Lowell and Framingham Railroad Company to issue bonds and for other purposes; and a

Resolve in favor of Rufus R. Wade;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Making appropriations for certain educational expenses;

Making appropriations for the salaries and expenses of the district police force;

Making appropriations for printing and binding sundry public documents, and for other purposes;

To authorize the city of Brockton to make an additional water loan (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

To authorize the town of Wellesley to make an additional water loan; and the

Resolve to confirm the acts done by Frederick J. Barnard as a notary public;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Speaker announced that Mr. Brackett of Boston, would occupy the Chair to-morrow, and

At thirty-seven minutes passed three o'clock, the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 29, 1884.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Brackett of Boston in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Wright of Holyoke, petition of the mayor of Holyoke for legislation relative to a new division of said city into wards. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Marie H. Sargent.

By Mr. Millett of Malden, petition of Marie H. Sargent for a continuance of the annuity granted her by the legislature in 1879. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Scientific temperance instruction

By Mr. Reed of Milford, petition of S. A. Gardner and others for legislation relative to scientific temperance instruction in public schools. Referred to the committee on Education.

Menemsha Pond.

By Mr. Davis of Tisbury, petition of A. H. Cooper and other citizens of Gay Head for the improvement of the entrance to Menemsha Pond. Referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Plymouth Co. House of Correction, — Brockton.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of Albert T. Savery and others, that the new house of correction of Plymouth County may be located at Brockton, and that said city may be made one of the shire towns of said county. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Valentine Bradshaw.

By Mr. Creed of Boston, petition of Valentine Bradshaw for State aid. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Weekly payments of wages.

By Mr. Bishop of Newburyport, petition of William Page and others for weekly payments of wages. Referred to the committee on Labor.

Prison labor.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, petition of A. F. Copeland and 82 others in favor of legislation abolishing the contract system of labor in the prisons of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Sandwich.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, remonstrance of Isaiah Fish and others against any division of the town of Sandwich. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Abington.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Webster S. Wales and others for permission to construct water works and introduce water into the town of Abington.

Malden.

By Mr. Millett of Malden, petition of Lorin L. Fuller, mayor of Malden, for legislation authorizing the city of Malden to issue additional water bonds.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply.

Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Bryant of Salem, petition of Mrs. W. H. Rogers and others; by Mr. Potter of Worcester, petition of Fannie W. Wilson and others; by Mr. Daggett of Attle-

borough, petition of Ruth A. Shepard and 24 others; and by Mr. Farrell of Boston, petition of Mrs. Eliza Ricker and others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

By Mr. Rantoul of Salem, remonstrance of Mrs. O. A. Woodbury and 49 others against any further extension of suffrage to women. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, petition of S. J. Wilkinson and others for legislation relative to allowing women to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor. Women voting on granting liquor licenses.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Millett of Malden, petition of Lorin L. Fuller, mayor of Malden, for an amendment of the city charter relative to the power of the city council to widen and alter highways within the limits of said city. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Malden charter.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Chappelle of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Federal Relations consider the expediency of allowing from the treasury of the Commonwealth some pecuniary testimonial to those members of the tribe of Gay Head Indians who so bravely assisted in rescuing the victims of the disaster to the steamer City of Columbus. Gay Head Indians,—City of Columbus disaster.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of additional legislation on the subject of “Fidelity Insurance.” Fidelity insurance.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of legislation allowing the formation of fidelity insurance companies. Ibid.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Everett,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Service consider the expediency of so amending section 15 of chapter 2 of the Public Statutes, that instead of the mileage as therein provided each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be paid the cash actually paid out Mileage of members,—free passes.

by him for his car fares in travelling on the railroads during the session of the Legislature between his residence and the capitol; and of preventing railroads from granting and members from receiving free passes over the railroads between the residence of each and the capitol.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge,—

Drunkenness.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 26 of chapter 207 of the Public Statutes as to provide that proof of intoxication shall be *prima facie* evidence of drunkenness by the voluntary use of intoxicating liquor, under the provisions of this section.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—

Judgments
against foreign
corporations.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to compel foreign corporations to provide some security for the payment of judgments recovered against them in this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon,—

Probate records
in Suffolk Co.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending section 44 of chapter 156 of the Public Statutes, relating to recording probate proceedings in Suffolk County, by increasing the appropriation therefor.

Burning of
brushwood.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Weston of Newton, and laid over, relative to preventing the setting of fires for the burning of brush was withdrawn by that gentleman, there being no objection.

Papers from the Senate.

Taunton Lunatic
Hospital.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of extending the brick walls through the roofs at the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton for the better protection against fire.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence :—

Robert Mullen.

Petition of W. L. Curtis and others that compensation may be made to Robert Mullen of Richmond, for injuries received while employed in the Hoosac Tunnel. To the committee on Claims.

Petition of N. G. White and 107 others of Lawrence in favor of the passage of the Resolve providing for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature. To the committee on Election Laws. Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

Petition of John M. Seeley and others for an investigation of alleged wrongful discrimination by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in freight charges for carrying coal, and for legislation to prevent the same and like acts of discrimination. To the committee on Railroads. Freight charges on the Boston & Albany R. R.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads are hereby authorized and instructed to hear the petitioners in the matter of the petition of John M. Seeley and others for an investigation of alleged wrongful discrimination by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in freight charges for carrying coal and for other purposes, after giving such notice to said Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and all others interested, as the committee may deem reasonable and necessary. Ibid.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Gove of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendment at [A], striking out the words "Water Supply" and inserting in place thereof the word "Drainage" in the following order:—

Ordered, That the committee on [A] Water Supply consider the expediency of legislation to prevent the pollution of the streams of the Commonwealth, by the introduction therein of sewage from the municipal systems of sewerage, and from all other sources, and from the deposit therein of the refuse and waste of manufacturing processes. Pollution of streams.

On motion of the same gentleman the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Small of Provincetown, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill to authorize and regulate the construction of fish-weirs and other like structures in tide waters. Fish weirs.

By Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, from the committee on Labor, on an order, a Bill prohibiting the locking of factory doors during working hours. Locking factory doors.

Fire-hose
coupling.

By Mr. Harrub of Plympton, from the committee on Manufactures, on a petition, a Bill to establish a standard uniform fire-hose coupling.

Proprietors of
the meeting-
house in Hollis
Street, Boston.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of The Proprietors of the Meeting-House in Hollis Street in the town of Boston.

Chapel Congre-
gational Church
in Cambridge-
port.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the Chapel Congregational Church in Cambridgeport.

Charles River
Street Railway
Company.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, from the committee on Street Railways, on a petition, a Bill in relation to the Charles River Street Railway Company.

Meigs Elevated
Railway.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on several petitions, a Bill to incorporate the Meigs Elevated Railway Company. [Messrs. Andrew, and Randall of Bristol, of the Senate, and Messrs. Rantoul of Salem, Wilbur of Boston and Cook of New Bedford, of the House, dissenting.]

Natick.

By Mr. Foster of Medford, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Natick to issue additional water bonds.

Watertown.

By Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to supply the town of Watertown with water.

Middleborough.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to supply the town of Middleborough with pure water.

Appropriation
bill.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in further addition to "An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government the present year."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Committee lists.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill in relation to the preparation of a list of committees of the General Court ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the Bill relating to actions for injuries received on the Lord's Day was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading it was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, to be placed first in the orders of the day.

Injuries received on the Lord's Day.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, the Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to Lieutenant Rhodes and others was taken from the table, amended, on further motion of the same gentleman, by substituting therefor a "Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to people of Gay Head, to the officers and men of the United States revenue cutter Samuel Dexter, and to others," and was adopted, as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

City of Columbus disaster.

On motion of Mr. Dwyer of Boston, the motion of Mr. Davis of Boston to reconsider the vote by which the House on Friday, January 25, rejected the Resolve providing for the construction of elevators in the State House was taken from the table and, after debate, was rejected. Notice of the rejection of the resolve was sent to the Senate.

Elevators in the State House.

*Orders of the Day.***Bills :**

To authorize the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital to hold additional property ; and

To authorize the Industrial School for Girls to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the American Unitarian Association to hold additional real and personal estate was further considered and was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Northborough to make an additional water loan ;

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Authorize the city of Newton to issue an additional water loan ; and

Authorizing the United States Hotel Company to increase its capital stock ; and the

Resolve in favor of Rufus R. Wade ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To provide for the care and custody of the Commonwealth Building on Mount Vernon Street in the city of Boston ;

To establish the salary of the executive clerk of the Governor and Council ;

Concerning the employment of clerks and other assistance in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth ; and

Authorizing the Lowell and Framingham Railroad Company to issue bonds and for other purposes, (its title having been amended on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, so as to read " Bill to authorize the Lowell and Framingham Railroad Company to issue new bonds, and to mortgage its property to the Old Colony Railroad Company)" ;

Were severally read a third time, and were passed to be engrossed in concurrence, the bill last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

At thirteen minutes past three o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 30, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Woburn public
Library.

By Mr. Salmon of Woburn, petition of the selectmen of Woburn for an act to incorporate the public library of said town. Referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of Harvey N. Shepard and others in favor of biennial elections and biennial sessions of the legislature. Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, remonstrance of R. E. Caswell and 45 others; and by Mr. Jones of Lynn, remonstrance of H. N. Willson and 43 others,—severally, against biennial elections and biennial sessions of the legislature. Ibid.

Severally referred to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, petition of Jennie L. Tosney and 47 others, for legislation relative to a different apportionment of hours of labor in mercantile establishments. Referred to the committee on Labor. Hours of labor in mercantile establishments.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, petition of Frederick B. Kellogg for State aid. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Frederick B. Kellogg.

By Mr. Salmon of Woburn, petition of Parker L. Converse of Woburn for legislation concerning public cemeteries in said town. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Woburn cemeteries.

By Mr. Coffin of Boston, petition of R. N. Blanchard and others for legislation allowing women to vote on questions relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Women voting on the liquor question.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, remonstrance of Mrs. R. T. Paine, Jr., and 117 others; by Mr. Rantoul of Salem, remonstrances of Mrs. John B. Tileston and 70 others; of Mrs. Francis Peabody and 11 others; and of Mrs. G. S. Osborne and others; by Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, remonstrance of Mrs. Winslow Warren and 28 others; by Mr. Walker of Worcester, remonstrance of Mrs. N. M. Goodale and 12 others; by Mr. Cummings of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. L. M. Kemp and 35 others; by Mr. Wolcott of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. W. S. Lincoln and 11 others,—severally, against the imposition of any further political duties upon women. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Potter of Enfield, petition of the selectmen of the town of Belchertown for legislation relative to carrying out the provisions of the Calvin Bridgeman legacy made to said town. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Calvin Bridgeman legacy,—Belchertown.

Orders.

- Milk cans.** On motion of Mr. Hewins of Medfield,—
Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of further legislation to prevent the wrongful conversion and misuse of milk cans.
- Mayors.** On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of legislation providing that the mayor of a city may be a member of any committee of either branch of the city council to which he may be appointed by such body by express vote.
- Chelsea assessors.** On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea,—
Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of extending the time for which assessors elected by the city council of the city of Chelsea may serve.
- Salary of Probate Judge of Dukes County.** On motion of Mr. Davis of Tisbury,—
Ordered, That the joint committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the Judge of Probate and Insolvency of the county of Dukes County.
- Salary of register of Probate for Hampden County.** On motion of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield,—
Ordered, That the joint committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the Register of Probate and Insolvency for Hampden County.
- Telegraph, etc., wires.** On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon,—
Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of legislation to control or prevent the placing of telegraph, telephone and electric light wires, by individuals or corporations, upon dwelling houses and other private buildings without the consent of the owners.
- Military records.** On motion of Mr. Snow of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs inquire as to the cause of the delay in publishing the record of volunteer officers, sailors and marines, authorized by chapter fifteen of the resolves of the year 1875, and of chapter 8 of the resolves of the year 1880, and report measures which may insure an early completion of work.
 Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending chapter 127 of the Public Statutes so as to authorize females sixteen years of age and upwards, and males eighteen years of age and upwards, not otherwise disabled, to make their last wills and testaments in the same manner as persons of full age. Wills of minors.

The following order offered by Mr. P. J. Doherty of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Boardman of Boston :—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads make an investigation into the affairs of the New York and New England Railroad Company and the appointment of a receiver thereof, with power to send for persons and papers and report what legislation is necessary thereon. Investigating the New York & New England Railroad.

Bill Enacted and Resolve Passed.

An engrossed Bill in addition to “An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year” (which originated in the House), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted. Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the Reformatory Prison for Women (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Laid on the Table.

The annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver-General; Treasurer's report.

The annual report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner; and the Tax Commissioner's report.

Annual report of the Gas Inspector; Gas Inspector's report.
Were severally received, and were laid on the table.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads inquire whether further legislation is necessary or expedient with reference to compelling the attendance of witnesses before the Board of Railroad Commissioners. Witnesses before the railroad commissioners.

A report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the order allowing the committee on Agriculture to visit the Agricultural College, recommending the adoption of the following order :— Visit to the Agricultural College.

Ordered, That the committees on Agriculture, Education, and Military Affairs, together with such senators as wish to investigate the matter of free scholarships, be authorized to visit the Agricultural College at such time as they may deem expedient,

Accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Sessions of probate courts.

A Bill relating to sessions of probate courts which occur on legal holidays, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The following papers were severally referred, in concurrence:—

Salary of clerk of the Boston Municipal Criminal Court.

Petition of John C. Leighton, Clerk of the Municipal Court (criminal) of the city of Boston, for an increase of salary. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Dressed poultry.

Petitions of D. A. Dunbar and others, and John F. Lincoln and 703 others, for the repeal of chapter 230 of the acts of 1883, concerning the sale of dressed poultry; and

Report of trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Annual report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College;

Severally to the committee on Agriculture.

Bridge across Cape Cod Ship Canal.

Petition of Charles P. Horton and others for a bridge over the Cape Cod Ship Canal. To the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Reports of Committees.

Electrical wires.

By Mr. Donovan of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling individuals and corporations using or controlling electrical wires to cause such wires to be laid under ground.

Injuries received on highways, — notice.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to notice in cases of injuries received on highways.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Forestry.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on Agriculture, on an order, and so much of the Governor's address as relates to agriculture and forestry, in part, a Bill to encourage forestry.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Education, on an order, a Bill relating to instruction in the elementary use of hand-tools in public schools. Hand-tools in public schools.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to confirm a deed from the Proprietors of the Locks and Canals on Connecticut River to the Holyoke Water Power Company, and to dissolve the first-named corporation. Proprietors of Locks & Canals on Connecticut River, — Holyoke Water Power Company.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on the statement of the Auditor of the expenditures in several branches of the public service in excess of appropriations therefor during the year 1883, a Bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1883. Appropriation bill.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, from the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of George White. George White.

By Mr. Adams of Attleborough, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Hiram P. Hariman. Hiram P. Hariman.

Severally read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, the Bill relating to telephone companies and to regulate the use and rental of telephones was taken from the files of last year and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence. Telephone companies and tele-phones.

Message from the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate requesting the return to that branch of the order relative to the pollution of streams of the Commonwealth by the introduction therein of sewage from the municipal systems of sewerage. Pollution of streams.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in the Senate amendment thereto was taken from the table and was adopted, and the order was returned to the Senate, Mr. Bowker being appointed a committee to attend to that duty.

Orders of the Day.

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Bills:

To change the name of the Chapel Congregational Church in Cambridgeport;

Prohibiting the locking of factory doors during working hours;

To supply the town of Middleborough with pure water;

To change the name of The Proprietors of the Meeting-house in Hollis Street in the town of Boston;

In relation to the preparation of a list of committees of the General Court;

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the Industrial School for Girls to hold additional real and personal estate, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to actions for injuries received on the Lord's Day was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. At the request of Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question, and, the roll being called, the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 112 yeas to 69 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Carlton, O. Loring
Almy, Edward C.	Carpenter, Frank E.
Atkins, Isaac	Chappelle, Julius C.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Clark, Elijah C.
Bancroft, William A.	Clark, John
Barker, Forrest E.	Coffee, John A.
Beard, Alanson W.	Collins, Edward
Bent, George C.	Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Bent, Roderic L.	Creed, Michael J.
Blaney, Alexander	Cross, Henry M.
Blyth, Robert	Crowell, Joshua
Bowker, Horace L.	Crowell, Zenas E.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Curry, Patrick S.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Cushing, George A.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Cutler, Lucius A.
Brown, Charles E.	Damon, Calvin
Buckley, Michael J.	Danforth, Henry P.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Davis, Everett A.
Butler, Richard T.	Davis, Samuel G.
Butterfield, Simeon	Devney, Patrick F.

Messrs. Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Donovan, James
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Eaton, William N.
 Elwell, George
 Ernst, George A. O.
 Farrell, John R.
 Fassett Alfred S.
 Forbes, William A.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Francis, Henry H.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gimlich, Jacob
 Gleason, George A.
 Gross, William H.
 Hallett, John W.
 Hardy, John H.
 Harrub, Fred M.
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howes, Erastus
 Hoynes, Edward F.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Jones, Frank W.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Killion, Michael J.
 Kingsbury, Willis A.
 Littlefield, George W.
 Madden, John J.
 Maguire, John J.
 McLaughlin, John A.
 Mead, John J.
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Morse, Bushrod

Messrs. Nash, George M.
 Oakes, Charles N.
 O'Brien, Francis
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 Osborne, William H.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Paton, Andrew H.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Pierce, John
 Prime, Oliver.
 Randall, Charles L.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Reilly, Michael, 2d.
 Rice, Augustus
 Richardson, C. Fred.
 Roads, Samuel, Jr.
 Salmon, Thomas
 Small, Edward E.
 Spooner, William H.
 Stafford, John H.
 Stark, Henry C.
 Stebbins, Erastus
 Stow, T. Dwight
 Stratton, James F.
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Tarone, James
 Temple, Joseph W.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Ward, John E.
 Warner, John F.
 Wheeler, Orswell A.
 Whitcomb, Charles B.
 Willson, Edmund B.
 Winter, Frank E.
 Wolcott, Roger.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.
 Allis, Silas W.
 Baker, Benjamin F.
 Baker, John I.
 Batcheller, Aldin
 Bosworth, Benjamin S.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Bucklin, Daniel F.
 Burdett, Joseph O.
 Burditt, Alfred A.
 Burnham, Albert S.

Messrs. Burr, Charles C.
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Clark, Aaron F.
 Clark, Charles N.
 Clark, Sewall J.
 Cobb, George R.
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Cowdrey, George
 Cummings, Prentiss.
 Davenport, James F.
 Egleston, Eber A.

Messrs. Flagg, Levi L.	Messrs. Melden, William R.
Flint, Charles H.	Murdock, John M.
Foster, Joshua T.	Oman, Thomas A.
Freeman, Clarend'n A.	Palmer, Moses P.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Potter, Lyman D.
Gilbert, Edwin	Sanderson, George A.
Gove, Jesse M.	Saunders, Franklin
Gray, Chester H.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Hartwell, Harris C.	Smith, Frederick H.
Harvey, Edwin B.	Snow, Edmund F.
Hastings, Joseph W.	Starbird, Charles D.
Hatch, Luther P.	Stone, Stillman
Hazleton, Charles W.	Towne, Charles A.
Hazen, Herman S.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Hewins, James	Webb, Elisha
Hosley, Henry E.	Wells, Daniel W.
Howard, Nathaniel	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Howes, Lewis W.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Judkins, John B.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Kendrick, Edmund P.	Willcomb, Frederic
Keyes, Lorrin P.	Williams, Fred H.
Kimball, D. Frank	Winslow, James A.
Kingsley, Chester W.	Woods, John M.
Linnell, Solomon, 2d.	

Yeas, 112; nays, 69.

At twenty minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 31, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Taxation of
horticultural
societies.

By Mr. Spooner of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society that the property of the several horticultural societies in the State may be exempt from taxation. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Hours of labor
in mercantile
establishments.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, petition of the Business Men's Association of Springfield for legislation re-

ative to a different apportionment of hours of labor in mercantile establishments. Referred to the committee on Labor.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, petition of Daniel Dorchester and others, that the question of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be submitted to the people. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Intoxicating
Liquors.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of James Mackintosh and others for incorporation as the Needham Cemetery Association. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Needham
Cemetery Asso-
ciation.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of William Murray and others for the abolishment of the contract system of labor in the prisons of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Prisons. Prison labor.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, petition of Matilda F. Minot and 30 others; by Mr. Stark of Hyde Park, petition of Elizabeth H. Webster and others; by Mr. Salmon of Woburn, petition of Miss E. B. Plympton and others; by Mr. Burnham of Revere, petition of Mary H. Floyd and 8 others; by Mr. Blaney of Natick, petition of Ellie A. Hill and 41 others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Municipal suf-
frage for
women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Rantoul of Salem, petition of Nathan T. Clark and others for an extension of the charter of the Salem Charitable Mechanic Association. Salem Charit-
able Mechanic
Association.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of the town of Falmouth for authority to purchase the Lawrence Academy in said town. Lawrence
Academy.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider Dogs. the expediency of legislation allowing persons injured by dogs to recover damages out of the dog fund, and requiring a dog license to be recorded in the city or town where the dog is kept.

Teaching of morals in public schools.

On motion of Mr. Wadlin of Reading,—
Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of further legislation respecting the teaching of morals in the public schools.

Watchmen in hotels, etc.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge,—
Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of amending section 1 of chapter 251 of the acts of the year 1883, relative to the employment of watchmen in hotels and boarding-houses, by inserting before the word "rooms," in lines 2 and 8, the word "sleeping."

Liquor license.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of amending the license law so far as relates to granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors to persons who are not residents of the town or city where the license is applied for.

New York and New England Railroad.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Doherty of Boston, and laid over, relative to instructing the committee on Railroads to make an investigation into the affairs of the New York and New England Railroad Company was amended on motion of Mr. Doherty by inserting the words "be authorized" after the words "committee on Railroads," and was adopted, under a suspension of joint rule 11, moved by that gentleman, and was sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Distribution of the school fund.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of a general State tax not exceeding two mills per dollar on the State valuation, to be levied for the benefit of the public schools of the Commonwealth, and to be distributed among the several cities and towns in proportion to the number of children of school age in actual attendance at the public schools, or to be distributed by the Board of Education as the wants of the schools require.

Poll tax qualification for voting.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of so amending article 3 of the Constitution that any citizen otherwise qualified may vote without the previous payment of any poll or other tax.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance inquire into the expediency of a law authorizing any insurance company to make by-laws dividing its directors into classes so that one class shall go out of office at the expiration of each year. Directors of insurance companies.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing 3,000 extra copies of the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, one-half of which number shall be distributed among the members of the Legislature, and the remainder for the use of the College. Extra copies of report of trustees of the agricultural college.

A Bill to extend the limitation of time for the payment of State aid to invalid pensioners and their dependent relatives (reported on so much of the Governor's address as relates to State aid to indigent soldiers) ; and a State aid.

Resolve in favor of George A. Stearns and Sarah N. Richardson ; George A. Stearns and Sarah N. Richardson.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence, —

Petitions of Charles A. Gleason and others, and Jesse Allen and others, — severally, for additional legislation for the protection of sheep. To the committee on Agriculture. Protection of sheep.

Petition of the mayor of the city of Boston for such legislation as will tend to insure the safety of the public against accidents from steam engines and boilers in buildings. To the committee on Manufactures. Steam boilers.

Petition of Edwin W. Gay and others for an act of incorporation as the Newton Associates. To the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Newton associates.

Petition of Byron Weston and others that the fire district of Dalton may be authorized to construct a water works, to take a water supply, and to issue bonds. To the committee on Water Supply. Dalton Fire District.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to take land for additional tracks ; Bills enacted.

Making appropriations for sundry charitable expenses ;
and

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the
State Almshouse at Tewksbury ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent
to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Taxation of
homesteads.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Tax-
ation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the
exemption of homesteads from taxation to the value of
fifteen hundred dollars. Read and placed in the orders
of the day for to-morrow.

Coal.

By Mr. Millett of Malden, from the committee on
Mercantile Affairs, on an order, a Bill relating to the sale
of coal by measure. Read and ordered to a second
reading.

Mount Holyoke
Female Semi-
nary.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, from the committee on
Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Mount
Holyoke Female Seminary. Read and referred, under the
rule, to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The Bill to supply the town of Watertown with water
was read a second time, and, pending the question on
ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr.
Kimball of Chelsea, referred to the committee on the
Judiciary with instructions to consider whether the word
"two-thirds" should be substituted in line 2 of section
9 instead of the word "majority."

The Bill to authorize and regulate the construction of
fish-weirs and other like structures in tide waters was read
a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a
third reading, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr.
Freeman of Chatham.

The Bill to establish a standard uniform fire-hose coup-
ling was read a second time, and, pending the question on
ordering to a third reading, it was recommitted to the
committee on Manufactures, on motion of Mr. Kendrick
of Springfield, with instructions to give notice of a public
hearing, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

In further addition to " An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government the present year " ;

To authorize the town of Natick to issue additional water bonds ; and

To confirm a deed from the Proprietors of the Locks and Canals on Connecticut River to the Holyoke Water Power Company, and to dissolve the first-named corporation ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to incorporate the Meigs Elevated Railway Company was read a second time and considered. A motion by Mr. Rantoul of Salem that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next, and that it be placed first in the orders of the day for that day, was rejected. A motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Street Railways, with instructions to notify the municipalities of Cambridge and Boston, was also rejected. The bill was then ordered to a third reading without debate.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to notice in cases of injuries received on highways, was accepted.

Bills :

To change the name of The Proprietors of the Meeting-house in Hollis Street in the town of Boston ; and

To change the name of the Chapel Congregational Church in Cambridgeport ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the Charles River Street Railway Company was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Ernst of Boston, the House

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 1, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Damon of Haverhill, a member of the House.

County Estimates.

County estimates.

The estimates of the several counties for taxes the present year were received and referred to the committee on County Estimates.

Petitions Presented.

Protection of game,—
Cockeast or Davol's Pond and Richmond's Pond.

By Mr. Almy of Dartmouth, petition of Albert D. Manchester and others for legislation relative to the protection of game in Cockeast or Davol's Pond and Richmond's Pond, near Westport River. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Coffin of Boston, petition of C. E. Phinney and others, that our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to urge the passage of a resolution relative to an amendment to the Constitution concerning woman suffrage. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Pilotage.
Buzzard's Bay.

By Mr. Swift of New Bedford, remonstrance of Henry J. Allen and others against any change in the pilot laws so far as the same relate to ports on Buzzard's Bay.

Hovey and Crandon Publishing Co.

By Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, petition of the Hovey and Crandon Publishing Company for a change of its corporate name.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Prison labor.

By Mr. Clark of Peabody, petition of Charles H. Fernald and others; and by Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, petition of Charles E. G. Lambrich and others,—severally, for the abolishment of the contract system of labor in the prisons of the Commonwealth.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Clinton.

By Mr. Burditt of Clinton, petition of the water commissioners of Clinton for authority to issue additional water bonds. Referred to the committee on Water Supply.

By Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, petition of Sarah N. Bancroft and 27 others; by Mr. Blyth of Wakefield, petition of Mrs. C. A. Winship and 81 others; by Mr. Harvey of Westborough, petition of Sophia A. Forbes and 52 others; by Mr. Gove of Boston, petition of Sarah J. Low and 23 others; by Mr. Hallett of Nantucket, petition of H. M. Macy and 65 others; by Mr. Littlefield of Lynn, petition of P. McKennon and 6 others; by Mr. Weston of Newton, petition of Miss M. P. Hall and 7 others; by Mr. Dolan of Boston, petition of Mrs. S. F. Peterson and 9 others; by Mr. Hunt of Rockland, petition of Mrs. C. H. Crawford and 32 others; by Mr. Morrison of Boston, petition of Frances H. Turner and 160 others; and by Mr. Barry of Boston, petition of Mary L. Banks and 18 others,—severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Municipal suffrage for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Moses N. Arnold that certain acts done by him as justice of the peace may be made valid. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Moses N. Arnold.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Stebbins of Chicopee,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of further legislation concerning the custody and deposit of the books and papers of insolvent savings banks.

Insolvent savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Cross of Newburyport,—

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of legislation providing for a special State tax, to be known as the registration tax.

Registration tax.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Tisbury,—

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors and Public Lands be authorized to visit Menemsha Pond at such times as they may deem expedient.

Committee on harbors and public lands authorized to visit.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending section 157 of chapter 119 of the Public Statutes, so as to reduce the compensation paid the Commonwealth by insurance companies for the valuation of their policies.

Insurance companies.

Fences in towns. On motion of Mr. Briggs of Lanesborough,—
Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of legislation giving authority to selectmen of towns to remove certain fences in their towns that certain lots may be crossed by the citizens during times of snow blockades, after the payment of the actual damage done thereby.

Report of State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity. On motion of Mr. P. J. Doherty of Boston,—
Ordered, That the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, on or before the fifteenth day of February, current, make the report required by chapter 263 of the Acts of the year 1883.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Advertising committee hearings. On motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on Rules consider the expediency of legislation looking to a uniform system of advertising notices of hearings before committees of the Legislature.

Papers from the Senate.

Agriculture. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of further legislation for the protection and encouragement of agriculture.

Taxation. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that so much of the Governor's address as relates to taxation be referred to the committee on Taxation.

The following order was read and laid aside as being obnoxious to joint rule 11, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate:—

Cape Cod Ship Canal Company. *Ordered*, That the committee on Harbors and Public Lands inquire whether any further legislation is necessary or expedient with reference to the charter and organization of the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company, the location, construction and maintenance of its course and the contracts therefor, or for the better protection of persons and property affected thereby.

Pollution of streams. The order relative to legislation to prevent the pollution of the streams of the Commonwealth by the introduction therein of sewage from municipal systems of sewerage, and from all other sources, and from the deposit therein of the refuse and waste of manufacturing processes, came down with an amendment striking out the words "committee on Drainage" and inserting instead

the words "committee on Public Health." After debate the House concurred in the amendment, and the order was returned to the Senate, endorsed accordingly.

Bills :

To repeal the Public Statutes relating to the annual election sermon ; and Annual election sermon.

For the speedy discharge of prisoners not indicted by the grand jury ; Discharge of prisoners.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The following petitions were referred, in concurrence :—

Petition of John E. Russell and others for legislation for the growth and preservation of forest trees. To the committee on Agriculture. Forest trees.

Petition of Wendell Phillips and others that a certain part of the Overseers of the Poor in towns and cities, and of the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, and the several Boards of Trustees of the State Lunatic Hospitals shall be women, and that the female ward of every lunatic hospital shall be under the superintendence of a female physician. To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Appointment of women on Boards of Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, and Boards of Trustees of lunatic hospitals.

Petition of the constables of the Municipal Court of the city of Boston for an increase of salary. To the joint committee on the Judiciary. Salaries of constables of Boston Municipal Court.

Taken from the Table.

On motions of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the annual report of the Attorney-General was taken from the table, and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Attorney-general's report.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Coffin of Boston, from the committee on Education, on two House orders and a Senate order, a Bill in relation to text books in the public schools. Text-books.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, that the Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the Boston & Lowell Railroad.

property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor, ought to pass in a new draft with the title, "Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor."

Savings banks.

By Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to savings banks and institutions for savings, a Bill to limit the liability to savings banks and institutions for savings which may be incurred by any one person.

Appropriation bill, — State Reform and Industrial Schools.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Reform School for Boys and the State Industrial School for Girls.

Appropriation bill, — Militia.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the same committee, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for compensation and mileage of officers and men of the Volunteer Militia and for other expenses of the military department.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Expenses of executors in proof of wills.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order relative to authorizing special administrators to pay the expenses of executors in the proof of wills, and recommending a reference of the subject to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Read, and accepted.

Discharged from the Orders.

Electrical wires.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling individuals and corporations using or controlling electrical wires to cause such wires to be laid under ground, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommended to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill in relation to the Charles River Street Railway Company was further considered, the main question being on ordering to a third reading. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Ernst of Boston was rejected, and, after debate, the bill was ordered to a third reading. Orders of the day.

Bills :

To authorize the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital to hold additional real and personal estate (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

To authorize the American Unitarian Association to hold additional real and personal estate ;

(Severally amended on motions of Mr. Baker of Beverly) ;

Prohibiting the locking of factory doors during working hours ;

To authorize the town of Natick to issue additional water bonds (its title having been amended, on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, so as to read "Bill to authorize the town of Natick to issue new water bonds for the purpose of renewing bonds which are coming due") ; and

To confirm a deed from The Proprietors of the Locks and Canals on Connecticut River to the Holyoke Water Power Company, and to dissolve the first-named corporation (amended, on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, by inserting a new section to be numbered section 3) ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the order allowing the committee on Agriculture to visit the Agricultural College, recommending the adoption of an order, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to encourage forestry was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, was referred to the committee on Taxation, on motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the exemption of

homesteads from taxation to the value of fifteen hundred dollars, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the sale of coal by measure was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to instruction in the elementary use of hand-tools in public schools was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, the House,

At twenty minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, February 4, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reports Received.

Report of Harbor and Land Commissioners.

The annual report of the Harbor and Land Commissioners was received, referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, and sent up for concurrence.

Report of Savings Bank Commissioners.

The annual report of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the accounts of county officers was received and referred to the committee on County Estimates.

Member Qualified.

Emerson Warner qualified as a member.

Mr. Emerson Warner of Worcester, member-elect for the 24th Worcester representative district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. George E. Batchelder, being present and ready to be qualified, Mr. Barker of Worcester was appointed a committee, who conducted him to the Council Chamber, and he having been duly qualified, report was made accordingly.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Warner on the committee on Drainage.

Petitions Presented.

Plymouth County House of Correction, — Brockton.

By Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, remonstrance of Noah Hammond and 131 others of Mattapoisett; by Mr. Howland of Plymouth, remonstrance of William H. Nelson and 627 others of Plymouth; by Mr. Brown of Scituate,

remonstrance of A. J. Waterman and 80 others of Scituate ; by Mr. Hatch of Marshfield, remonstrance of Ephraim B. Thompson and 19 others of Halifax, of H. M. Dunham and others of Marshfield, and of Wm. H. H. Bryant and 29 others of Pembroke ; and by Mr. Savery of Middleborough, remonstrance of James Cole and 18 others of Middleborough, — severally, against the establishment of the city of Brockton as one of the shire towns of Plymouth County and the erection of the county buildings in said city.

Severally referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Creed of Boston, petition of the Court Little John No. 6 Independent Order of Foresters for a change of name. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Court Little John No. 6 Independent Order of Foresters.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, petition of E. Edson and others for legislation authorizing the town of East Bridgewater to pay certain bounties to soldiers who served on the quota of said town in the late war. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

East Bridgewater bounties.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, remonstrance of Ebenezer B. Nye and others against the division of the town of Sandwich. Referred to the committee on Towns.

Sandwich.

By Mr. Chappelle of Boston, petition of Harriet Hayden and others, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Municipal suffrage for women.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of L. Weissbein and others for an act permitting legal notices given by public officers, boards and commissioners to be advertised in newspapers printed in the German language, in addition to papers in which said notices are now authorized or required by law to be advertised. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Advertisements of legal notices in German newspapers.

By Mr. Burditt of Clinton, remonstrance of W. E. Parkhurst and others against the establishment of a registry of deeds at Fitchburg. Placed on file.

Fitchburg registry of deeds.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Buckley of Marlborough : —

Liquor licenses.
School-houses.

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of repealing or amending chapter 220 of the acts of the year 1882 relative to prohibiting the granting of licenses of intoxicating liquors on premises within a certain distance of public schools. Sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Secret voting.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of amending section 12, chapter 7, of the Public Statutes so as to make secret voting compulsory.

State election day a legal holiday.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of providing by law that the day of the State election shall be a legal holiday.

Bonds of agents of foreign insurance companies.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of further legislation in regard to the bonds of agents of foreign insurance companies.

Essex county jail.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of authorizing or requiring the County Commissioners of Essex County to rebuild the jail at Salem, or to build a new prison in said county.

Reports :

Liquor licenses in Boston.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Boston for a change in the law respecting the method of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in said city ; and

Groveland, Haverhill.

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Groveland for legislation relieving said town from the decree of the County Commissioners assessing it for the maintenance and repair of the new iron bridge and draw connecting said town with the city of Haverhill ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Fitchburg registry of deeds.

A Bill to divide the county of Worcester into two districts for the registry of deeds (reported on several petitions) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

The House Bill relating to the distribution of the school fund came down, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Distribution of the school fund.

The petition of Noah Porter, President of Wellesley College, and others, that said college be authorized to hold additional real and personal estate, came down referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. The House non-concurred in the reference, and the petition was referred to the committee on Education and sent up for concurrence.

Wellesley College.

The petition of Pauline A. Durant, President of the Boston Young Women's Christian Association, and others, that said association may be authorized to hold additional real and personal estate, came down, referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. The House non-concurred in the reference, and the petition was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, and was sent up for concurrence.

Boston Young Women's Christian Association.

The petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company for further legislation to fully subject the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company to such general laws relating to railroad corporations as can be applied to it and to put it under the supervision of the Board of Railroad Commissioners and the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners in the location, construction and maintenance of its canal, and to better protect persons and property affected by such location, construction and maintenance, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Cape Cod Ship Canal Company.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence :—

Whereas, Massachusetts is saddened to-day by the death of her disinterested philanthropist and matchless orator, Wendell Phillips; therefore,

Death of Wendell Phillips.

Ordered, That a special committee, consisting five of the Senate and such as the House may join, be appointed, with instructions to consider and report what measures may be expedient and proper for the Legislature to adopt as an expression of the people's grateful appreciation of

the eminent virtues and noble, unselfish life-work of the deceased, and their deep sorrow at this irreparable loss to the Commonwealth and to the world.

Messrs. Joyner, Loring, Pillsbury, Galvin and Andrew being appointed the committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Brackett of Boston, Bowker of Boston, Walker of Worcester, Warner of Northampton, Murphy of Boston, Chappelle of Boston, White of Taunton, Paine of Waltham and Hewins of Medfield were appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Bills Enacted.

- Bills enacted.** Engrossed bills :
- Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Workhouse ; and
 - Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the Primary School at Monson ;
(Which severally originated in the House) ;
 - To provide for the care and custody of the Commonwealth Building on Mount Vernon Street in the city of Boston ;
 - Concerning the employment of clerks and other assistance in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth ;
 - To establish the salary of the executive clerk of the Governor and Council ; and
 - Authorizing the Lowell and Framingham Railroad Company to issue new bonds, and to mortgage its property to the Old Colony Railroad Company ;
(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;
 - Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Inhabitants of Gay Head. By Mr. Hallett of Nantucket, from the committee on Federal Relations, on an order, a Resolve in favor of certain inhabitants of the town of Gay Head. Read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

William G. Clark. By Mr. Harrub of Plympton, from the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William G. Clark for legislation to protect him in his recently invented steam traction engine. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Flint of Haverhill, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, for want of legal notice, on the petition of James Mackintosh and others for incorporation as the Needham Cemetery Association. Read, and under a suspension of the rule, moved by Mr. Hewins of Medfield, it was recommitted to the committee with instructions to hear the petitioners, after giving such notice as the committee may deem necessary.

Needham Cemetery Association.

Sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Davis of Tisbury, from the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, on a petition, a Bill in addition to "An Act to incorporate the Charles River Embankment Company."

Charles River Embankment Company.

By Mr. McLaughlin of Boston, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Brookline to issue additional water bonds.

Brookline.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to supply the town of Middleborough with pure water was read a third time, and pending the question on engrossment, was recommitted to the committee on Water Supply, on motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge.

Orders of the day.

The Bill relating to instruction in the elementary use of hand-tools in public schools, was further considered and, after debate, was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three ; and

Making appropriations for compensation and mileage of officers and men of the volunteer militia and for other expenses of the military department ;

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

At twenty minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 5, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Terms of Superior Court in Plymouth County. Bridgewater as a shire town.

By Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, petition of Noah Hammond and 74 others of Mattapoisett, and of Judah Hathaway and others of Rochester, of Frederick P. Vose and 39 others of Marion, and of Alden Besse and 49 others of Wareham; by Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, petitions of Melvin L. Webber and 285 others, and of Allan B. Shaw and 31 others,—severally, that the terms of the Superior Court for Plymouth County be fixed by law, and that Bridgewater be made a half-shire town of said county, if any is established.

Salary of assistant clerk of Supreme Judicial Court.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, petition of Henry A. Clapp, assistant clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Suffolk, for an increase of salary.

Plymouth County House of Correction, Brockton.

By Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, petition of Benj. F. Gibbs and others that the city of Brockton may be created one of the shire towns of Plymouth County, and that the new house of correction may be located in said city.

Ibid.

By Mr. Hunt of Rockland, remonstrance of I. G. Stetson and 215 others of Hanover; by Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, remonstrance of A. J. Hadley and 53 others of Marion, of Galen Humphrey and 90 others of Wareham, and of Rufus Savery and 10 others of Rochester; by Mr. Burdett of Hingham, remonstrance of Joseph Jacobs, Jr., and others of Hingham, and of Lewis P. Loring and others of Hull; by Mr. Brown of Scituate, remonstrance of William H. Litchfield and 59 others, and of Henry A. Seaverns and 97 others of Scituate,—severally, against the establishing of the city of Brockton as one of the shire towns of Plymouth County and the erection of the county buildings in said city.

Severally referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Weekly payments of wages.

By Mr. Blyth of Wakefield, petition of M. Low and others, and of George H. Teague and 497 others,—severally, for weekly payment of wages.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor.

By Mr. Stone of Lunenburg, petition of Joseph H. Thompson and 171 others for an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law. Intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, petition of Jane Parks for a further extension of State aid. Jane Parks.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, petition of A. E. Perkins and others for legislation relative to the defraying, by the Commonwealth, of the expenses of the burial of certain soldiers and sailors. Burial expenses of soldiers and sailors.

By Mr. Coffin of Boston, petition of C. B. Baldwin and others, for legislation relative to the erection of suitable monuments on the battlefield of Gettysburg, commemorative of the part taken by Massachusetts soldiers. Gettysburg memorial.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Starbird of Lowell, petition of James G. Buttrick and others for an act of incorporation as the Highland Congregational Church with power to hold real and personal estate. Highland Congregational Church.

By Mr. Dean of Holyoke, petition of the Mittineague Congregational Society of West Springfield for a change of name. Mittineague Congregational Society of West Springfield.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of Orrin C. Hubbard and others for the abolishing of the contract system of labor in the prisons of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Prisons. Prison labor.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, petition of Van R. Swift and others for a revision of the laws relating to taxation. Referred to the committee on Taxation. Revision of taxation laws.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of George A. Swift and others for a division of the town of Sandwich. Referred to the committee on Towns. Sandwich.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of Albert Alden and others relative to a water supply for the Middleborough Fire District. Referred to the committee on Water Supply. Middleborough Fire district.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of Mary D. Nowell and 22 others; by Mr. Kelly of Boston, petition Municipal suffrage for women.

of Judith Windsor and 54 others; and by Mr. Jones of Lynn, petition of Sarah G. Todd and 44 others,—severally for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, remonstrance of Mrs. Eliza F. Talbot and 258 others against any further extension of suffrage to women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Attempts to corrupt females.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of Henry Chase, agent of the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice, for the passage of an act to punish attempts to corrupt females.

Exclusion of spectators from court rooms.

By the same gentleman, petition of Henry Chase, agent of the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice, for the passage of an act to authorize the exclusion of spectators from court rooms in certain cases.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Fitchburg registry of deeds.

By Mr. Burnham of Westminster, remonstrance of H. G. Whitney and others, against including the town of Westminster in the proposed district for the establishment of a Registry of Deeds at Fitchburg. Placed on file.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Crowell of Dennis,—

Cranberry measures.

Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of amending the provisions of section 20, chapter 60 of the Public Statutes in regard to a standard measure of cranberries.

On motion of Mr. White of Taunton,—

Public and private burial places.

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of additional legislation concerning public and private burial places and lots therein.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lynn,—

Factories.

Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of such legislation as will require a loose pulley and shifting belt on the main shaft of each room in a factory.

On motion of Mr. Wright of Holyoke,—

Liquor licenses.

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of so amending the law relating to

the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors as to provide for the exercise of such a license in a place other than that for which said license was granted, in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Damon of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of legislation providing that corporations shall be made taxable for their stock in trade in excess of of their capital.

Taxation of corporate stock.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stafford of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation relative to providing against the loss of life upon ponds and streams from which ice is taken.

Protection of life on ice ponds.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of legislation providing that the word "costs" in section 35 of chapter 156 of the Public Statutes may be construed to include such expenses as the court in its discretion may award.

Costs in probate proceedings.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Williams of Foxborough, from the committee on Insurance, on an order, a Bill relating to the payment by insurance companies for the valuation of their policies.

Insurance companies.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge, and to take land around Fresh Pond to preserve the purity of the water.

Cambridge water supply.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill authorizing special administrators to pay the expenses of executors in the proof of wills.

Expenses of executors in proof of wills.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Prison, the Reformatory Prison for Women, and for expenses in connection therewith.

Appropriation bill.
State prison and women's prison.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill respecting the liability of

Highway damages.
Snow and ice.

cities and towns owing to defects in the highway caused by snow or ice.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

George H.
Hunt
9th Plymouth
Representative
District.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, from the committee on Elections, on a petition, a Resolution concerning the seat held by George H. Hunt, as representative from the Ninth Plymouth District. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. [See House Doc. No. 78.]

Eliza C. Reed.

By Mr. Curry of Lynn, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Eliza C. Reed for State aid. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Taken from the Table.

Fish weirs.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Tisbury, the Bill to authorize and regulate the construction of fish weirs and other like structures in tide waters was taken from the table, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, pending the question on ordering it to a third reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Married women.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the necessity of legislation to afford to married women a remedy for the recovery of moneys in certain cases in which no remedy is supposed to exist.

Committee on
Towns author-
ized to visit.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Towns be authorized to visit such places as they may deem expedient in the investigation of matters referred to them.

Salary of engi-
neer of state
prison.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the engineer of the State Prison at Concord.

The following order,—

Adulteration of
milk.

Ordered, That the committee on [A] Agriculture inquire into the expediency of further legislation to prevent the adulteration of milk,

Came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendment at "A," striking out the word "Agriculture" and inserting in place thereof the words "Public Health." On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston it was laid on the table.

A Bill to provide for the appointment of trustees by churches in certain cases (introduced on leave in the Senate), was read, and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Church trustees.

The report of the committee on Printing on an order, that the following order should be adopted:—

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the Legislature twenty-five hundred extra copies of House Document Number 4 of the current year (without the Appendix), it being the report of the Joint Special Committee of the Legislature of 1883, authorized to sit during the recess; Extra copies of report of the Joint Special Committee of the legislature of 1883.

Accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Joint Committee appointed on the 4th inst., to consider what action the Legislature shall take relating to the death of Wendell Phillips, be instructed to attend the funeral of Mr. Phillips on the 6th inst. Wendell Phillips.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Manufactures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William G. Clark for legislation to protect him in his recently invented steam traction engine, was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

Reports:

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Boston for a change in the law respecting the method of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in said city; and

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Groveland for legislation relieving said town from the decree of the county commissioners assessing it for the maintenance and repair of the new iron bridge and draw connecting said town with the city of Haverhill;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

In addition to "An Act to incorporate the Charles River Embankment Company;" and

To authorize the town of Brookline to issue additional water bonds;

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in further addition to "An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the Government the present year," was read a third time, and considered. Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich moved to amend in section 1, line 13, the clause relating to the appropriation for stationery for the Senate, by striking out the word "nine" and inserting instead the word "five;" also in section 1, line 17, the clause relating to the appropriation for stationery for the House, by striking out the word "sixteen" and inserting instead the word "eight." Both amendments were adopted. Subsequently Mr. Beard of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House adopted the first amendment relating to the Senate stationery, which motion was lost by a vote of 73 to 96. After further debate, the bill was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The House concurred in the Senate amendment to the Bill relating to the distribution of the school fund, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

The Bill making appropriations for compensation and mileage of officers and men of the Volunteer Militia and for other expenses of the military department, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the preparation of a list of committees of the General Court, was read a third time, and considered. The "Bill in relation to the memorandum books for the use of members and officers of the General Court," recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading as a substitute, was substituted therefor, and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to actions for injuries received on the Lord's Day was read a third time and considered. On the question on engrossment the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Howland of Plymouth, and the roll being called the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, by a vote of 118 yeas to 96 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Elwell, George
Almy, Edward C.	Ernst, George A. O.
Atkins, Isaac	Farrell, John R.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Foley, Patrick E.
Bancroft, William A.	Forbes, William A.
Barker, Forrest E.	Fossitt, Edward J.
Barry, Patrick T.	Francis, Henry H.
Barstow, Henry.	Gaffney, Frank H.
Beard, Alanson W.	Gimlich, Jacob
Bent, George C.	Gleason, George A.
Bent, Roderic L.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Blyth, Robert	Gross, William H.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Hallett, John W.
Bowker, Horace L.	Hardy, John H.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Harrub, Fred M.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Homans, William A., Jr.
Buckley, Michael J.	Hosmer Henry J.
Butler, Richard T.	Howes, Erastus
Carpenter, Frank E.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Chapin, Francis L.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Clark, Elijah C.	Jones, Frank W.
Clark, John	Kelly, Daniel F.
Coffey, John A.	Killion, Michael J.
Collins, Edward	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Connor, James	Littlefield, George W.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Madden, John J.
Creed, Michael J.	Maguire, John J.
Cross, Henry M.	Martin, Charles B.
Crowell, Joshua	McLaughlin, John A.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Mead, John J.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Millett, Joshua H.
Curry, Patrick S.	Morse, Bushrod
Cushing George A.	Murphy, John R.
Daly, William, Jr.	Nash, George M.
Danforth, Henry P.	Oakes, Charles N.
Davis, Everett A.	O'Gorman, John J.
Davis, Samuel G.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Dean, Wilbert T.	Osborne, William H.
Devney, Patrick F.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Doherty, Philip J.	Paine, Robert T., Jr.
Donehue, John T.	Paton, Andrew H.
Donovan, James	Pattee, William G. A.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Dunham, Henry J.	Peck, Herbert L.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Prime, Oliver
Eaton, William N.	Rantoul, Robert S.

Messrs. Reilly, Michael, 2d	Messrs. Stow, T. Dwight
Reynolds, Enos H.	Swift, Augustus
Richardson, C. F.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Roads, Samuel, Jr.	Tarone, James
Searell, William A.	Walker, Aaron G.
Small, Edward E.	Ward, John E.
Smith, George E.	Warner, Emerson
Spooner, William H.	Warner, John F.
Stafford, John H.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Starbird, Charles D.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Stark, Henry C.	Winter, Frank E.
Stebbins, Erastus	Wolcott, Roger.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Flagg, Levi L.
Allis, Silas W.	Flint, Charles H.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Foster, Joshua T.
Baker, John I.	Freeman, C. A.
Batcheller, Aldin	Frisbee, Frank W.
Bishop, George P.	Gifford, Meltiah
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Gilbert, Edwin
Brown, Charles E.	Gove, Jesse M.
Bryant, Timothy	Gray, Chester H.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Hartwell, Harris C.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Burnham, Albert S.	Hatch, Luther P.
Burr, Charles C.	Hazelton, Charles W.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Hazen, Herman S.
Butterfield, Simeon	Hewins, James
Carlton, O. Loring	Hosley, Henry E.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Howard, Nathaniel
Cilley, John L.	Howes, Lewis W.
Clark, Aaron F.	Howland, Charles H.
Clark, George L.	Hunt, George H.
Clark, Sewall J.	Judkins, John B.
Cobb, George R.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Coffin, Charles C.	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Cook, Thomas W.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Cowdrey, George	Linnell, Solomon, 2d.
Cummings, Prentiss	McFarland, Cromwell
Cutler, Lucius A.	Melden, William R.
Daggett, Handel N.	Milne, John C.
Davenport, James F.	Morrison, Peter
Dodge, Joseph A.	Morse, George P.
Douglas, William L.	Murdock, John N.
Eaton, Thomas S.	Palmer, Moses P.
Egleston, Eber A.	Pierce, John
Fassett, Alfred S.	Reed, Daniel

Messrs. Richards, Charles W.	Messrs. Wallis, Benjamin F.
Sanderson, George A.	Webb, Elisha
Saunders, Franklin	Wells, Daniel W.
Savery, Albert T.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Shaw, Elisha H.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Smith, Frederick H.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Smith, Oren B.	Whiting, Albert T.
Snow, Edmund F.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Stone, Stillman	Willcomb, Frederic
Temple, Joseph W.	Williams, Fred H.
Toulmin, William B.	Winslow, James A.
Towne, Charles A.	Woods, John M.
Wadlin, Horace G.	Wright, John H.

Yeas, 118 ; Nays, 96.

On this question, Mr. Potter of Worcester, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, was paired with Mr. Ball of Worcester.

The Bill to incorporate the Meigs Elevated Railway Company was read a third time, and considered. Mr. Beard of Boston, moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be placed first in the orders of the day, which motion was rejected. The same gentleman moved an amendment, and also moved that the bill be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. The motion to refer was lost by a vote of 60 to 83. Pending the question on engrossment, and pending the amendment moved by Mr. Beard, the House

At five minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 6, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Davenport of Fall River, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House, yesterday, passed to be engrossed the Bill in further addition to "An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government the present year," and, on his further motion, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Appropriation bill.

*Bills Enacted.***Engrossed bills :**

Bills enacted.

To authorize the city of Brockton to effect an additional water loan ; and

To authorize the town of Wellesley to effect an additional water loan ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Petitions Presented.

Wellesley College.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, remonstrance of the selectmen of Wellesley against the petition of Noah Porter and others for legislation concerning Wellesley College.

Scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, petition of R. P. Harrington and others for scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

Soldiers and sailors, — poll-tax.

By Mr. Huntoon of Lowell, petition of Lester A. Hulse that certain soldiers and sailors may be exempt from the payment of a poll-tax. Referred to the committee on Election Laws.

Seining in Nantucket ponds.

By Mr. Hallett of Nantucket, petition of Charles E. Snow and others for legislation concerning seining in the large ponds on the island of Nantucket.

Fishing in Taunton Great River, and Nemasket River.

By Mr. White of Taunton, petition of Herbert A. Dean and others for legislation concerning the fisheries in the Taunton Great River and Nemasket River.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Cape Cod Canal Company.

By Mr. Almy of Dartmouth, petitions of A. F. Swift and 180 others ; and of I. T. Jones and 242 others, — severally, that the Cape Cod Canal Company may be required to maintain a suitable ferry at Monument, instead of a bridge, as is now provided by law.

Menemsha Pond.

By Mr. Davis of Tisbury, petition of J. C. Vedder and others for the improvement of the entrance to Menemsha Pond.

Severally referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Superior Court in Plymouth County, — Bridgewater.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of Everett Robinson and others that the terms of the Superior Court

of Plymouth County may be fixed by law, and relative to establishing Bridgewater as a shire town of said county. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Huntoon of Lowell, petition of Lester A. Hulse relative to legislation granting State aid to the widows and mothers of deceased soldiers or sailors. State aid.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, petition of Arthur D. Ordway and others in aid of the petition of Fred. B. Kellogg for State aid. Fred B. Kellogg.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, petition of Samuel Flower and others for legislation relative to creating a Board of Trustees to take possession of a cemetery in the town of Agawam. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Cemetery in Agawam.

By Mr. Carpenter of Springfield, petition of C. L. Goodhue and others that the County Commissioners of Hampden County be authorized to erect a new jail and house of correction in Springfield. Referred to the committee on Prisons. Hampden County jail.

By Mr. White of Taunton, petition of Samuel A. Dean and others for legislation regulating the width of the tires of wheels of heavily loaded wagons. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Broad-rimmed wheels.

By Mr. Huntoon of Lowell, petition of Lester A. Hulse that shares and stocks of corporations be assessed upon selling value instead of the par value. Assessment of corporate stock.

By Mr. Flagg of Bolyston, petition of Joseph F. Knowlton and others for the repeal of the act relieving property from double taxation in certain cases. Double taxation.

By Mr. Sanderson of Boston, petition of John J. Eagan and others, and by Mr. Towne of Orange, petition of W. H. Gale and others, —severally, for a revision of the laws relating to taxation. Taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Davis of Tisbury, petition of William A. Davis and others for legislation relative to enabling the town of Cottage City to pay certain expenses incurred in procuring the act of incorporation of said town. Referred to the committee on Towns. Cottage City.

By Mr. Martin of Fall River, petition of Rhoda H. Darling and others; by Mr. Cummings of Boston, peti- Municipal suffrage for women.

tion of Mrs. Drusilla Smith and 22 others ; by Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of S. Harris Austin and others ; and by Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of Sarah Shaw Russell and 14 others, — severally, for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Women voting
on the liquor
question.

By Mr. Howland of Plymouth, petition of W. J. Yates and 83 others ; by Mr. Hastings of Warren, petition of Craig Stewart and others ; by Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of Leonard Greene and others ; by Mr. Temple of Spencer, petition of G. E. Manley and others ; by Mr. Brown of Scituate, petition of George W. Crocker and others ; by Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, petition of G. W. Hunt and others ; by Mr. Barstow of Mattapoissett, petition of A. H. Fuller and others ; by Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of C. E. Sanderson and others ; by Mr. Foster of Medford, petition of Gilbert C. Osgood and others ; by Mr. Adams of Attleborough, petitions of S. Moulton and others, and of J. A. L. Rich and others ; by Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of James E. Latimer and others ; by Mr. Hatch of Marshfield, petition of David Brown and others ; by Mr. Harrub of Plympton, petition of William S. McFarlin and others ; by Mr. Allis of Whately, petition of F. L. Wing and others ; by Mr. Murdock of Leicester, petition of Rev. Samuel May and others ; by Mr. Clark of Medway, petition of Joseph T. Hutchinson and others ; by Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of H. B. Cross and others ; by Mr. Martin of Fall River, petition of William J. Waring and others ; by Mr. Barstow of Mattapoissett, petition of Ezra W. Taft and others ; by Mr. Douglas of Brockton, petition of Rev. A. W. Kingsley and others ; by Mr. Cook of New Bedford, petition of S. Wright Butler and others ; by Mr. Foster of Medford, petition of James Bird and others ; by Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, petition of R. W. Coffin and others ; by Mr. Winslow of Plainfield, petition of R. T. Wilton and others ; and by Mr. Salmon of Woburn, petition of C. A. McDonald and others, — severally, that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. White of Taunton, petition of Gustavus T. Fisher and others for legislation to exempt G. A. R. posts from the provisions of the law relating to lotteries. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Lotteries.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Baker, of Beverly,—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth be requested to forward a statement showing the result of the returns made under section 5, chapter 100 of the Public Statutes, relating to the vote upon granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the several cities and towns, together with a statement of the number of licenses of each class issued, the amount received for the same by classes, and the number revoked. Returns of votes, etc., on the liquor question.

On motion of Mr. Wolcott of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions is hereby authorized to obtain plans, specifications and estimates, either for new construction or alterations at Westborough, Charlestown or elsewhere, the entire amount to be so expended not to exceed one thousand dollars. Committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Reformatory prison.

On motion of Mr. Damon of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of legislation providing that when it shall appear at a man's decease that his estate has not paid his full share of taxes in his lifetime, the city or town of his residence shall have a valid claim upon his estate for what he would have paid had he been honest in rendering in his taxable property. Taxes.

On motion of Mr. Chapin of Southbridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of so changing the law, that the registering of voters shall be done by a Board of Registration, consisting of two members from each of the two leading political parties. Registration of voters.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of legislation to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquor in buildings used for tenement houses. Sale of intoxicating liquor in tenement houses.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly,—

Conditional sales of personal property. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation concerning conditional sales of personal property.

On motion of Mr. Farrell of Boston,—

Water meters. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation regulating the use of water meters by cities and towns, and for the protection of the rights of consumers of water as well as those of the cities and towns adopting water meters.

Introduced on Leave.

Exhibition of deformities.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, a Bill to prohibit the exhibition of deformities for hire. Read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Grants of money by towns.

To authorize towns to grant and vote money for certain purposes (reported on an order); and

Clinton Market Company.

To incorporate the Clinton Market Company (reported on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Administrators.

A Bill to exempt administrators from giving sureties on bonds in certain cases, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Secretary of Board of Agriculture.

A Bill to increase the allowance to the secretary of the Board of Agriculture for lectures and extra clerical service, reported on a bill introduced on leave in the House, and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

New York and New England Railroad Company.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House order relative to investigating the affairs of the New York and New England Railroad Company and the appointment of a receiver thereof.

Pilotage.

A petition of the Boston Marine Insurance Company and 13 others, the marine underwriters of Boston, for a reduction in the rates of pilotage into the port of Boston was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

A petition of H. N. Warren and others, for a revision of the laws relating to taxation was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.

Taxation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cutler of Brimfield, from the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation relative to placing the appointment of the inspector of provisions of said city in the hands of the Board of Health. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Inspector of provisions in Boston.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, asking to be discharged from further consideration of so much of the annual report of the Railroad Commissioners as relates to the Cape Cod Canal, and recommending its reference to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands. Read, accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Cape Cod Canal.

By Mr. Collins of Salem, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of John Kenney.

John Kenney.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, from the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of William and Catherine McLaughlin.

William and Catherine McLaughlin.

By Mr. Peck of Taunton, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on an order, and the annual report of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton, a Resolve in favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.

Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

Severally read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the West Springfield Aqueduct Company to issue bonds.

West Springfield Aqueduct Company.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Braintree Water Company.

Braintree Water Company.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Resolutions on the Death of Wendell Phillips.

Mr. Baker of Beverly, from the joint committee appointed to consider what action should be taken by the Legislature concerning the death of Wendell Phillips and

Wendell Phillips.

to attend the funeral, reported that the committee had attended the funeral of Mr. Phillips, and reported the following resolutions on the death of Wendell Phillips:—

Resolved, That Massachusetts mourns in profound grief the death of Wendell Phillips, but she thanks God with unspeakable joy for the mighty life which now passes away from earth.

Indomitable champion of every sufferer, uncompromising foe of every oppressor, this fearless son of Massachusetts has, for half a century, roused the people of this State and nation into indignant wrath at the great national wrongs which our generation inherited from the past.

Especially may the colored race rejoice that it pleased God to raise up in their behalf this inspired advocate of their inalienable rights,—this terrible denunciator of their wrongs,—this sincere sympathizer with their sufferings,—this brave, true, stalwart friend.

Their rights vindicated before the world, and now established beyond question and enjoyed in peace, their wrongs wiped out, their sufferings soothed and healed, their race set free, enfranchised, educated, elevated:—long will the colored race remember,—how can they ever forget,—their debt of gratitude to Wendell Phillips, to whom was due, as much as to any man on earth, this revolution in their lot.

Almost equally may the white race rejoice that they have been saved in no small degree by Wendell Phillips from the shame of the longer perpetration of this infamous outrage upon their colored brethren; rejoice that they were aroused by him, and a few others helping, from the lethargy with which they viewed these wrongs,—and now load the name and fame of Wendell Phillips with imperishable honor, striving to make amends for the social ostracism, and the obloquy, and the hatred, and the threats, and the assaults, even to the endangering of his life, which for a time, in the heyday of his life and when those who stood by his side were few, he endured without flinching in his fearless advocacy of the anti-slavery cause.

Wendell Phillips came to this greatest movement of our time and country superbly equipped by nature and by culture with great powers.

His intense earnestness carried conviction home to his hearers, his tenderness touched their hearts with irresistible

ble sympathy, his pathos moved them to tears, his vehemence carried them on with contagious fire, his commanding presence filled them with respect, his simplicity and directness and almost absence of manner, left them in doubt whether art were perfect or wholly absent.

Exquisite in his culture, overflowing in wealth of diction, confining the causes which he advocated to those where his heart was full, so that he rarely spoke except by inspiration, Wendell Phillips has long stood foremost among the orators whom we have been privileged to hear. Gifted by nature with a voice of exquisite smoothness, sweetness, flexibility and grace, and yet of wonderful power, when roused in some great cause, the whole man grew instinct with the fire and force of impassioned oratory; and he swept his audience almost at his will, yet always without apparent effort, through the varying emotions which he sought to stir.

Not to the needs of his own country alone could Wendell Phillips limit his sympathy. The whole world had no wrong which did not set his soul on fire, to hate it always, and to abate it if he could.

Irishmen found in Wendell Phillips a brilliant advocate of the rights of their country, and listened to his terrific invective against their oppressors with keen approbation, surpassed only by their delight at his vivid characterization of their great compatriot.

Russian oppression roused the wrath of Wendell Phillips so that his sympathy with their sufferings knew no bounds.

What other reformer of our time has been led by his hatred of injustice to rise equally with Wendell Phillips to the height of the prayer, blended with imprecation, of the Roman poet:—

“Fiat justitia ruat cælum.”

The terrible evils of intoxication led no man to be a stronger advocate of prohibition than Wendell Phillips.

The rights and interests of the working classes found in him a devoted friend.

Generous sympathy with distress easily moved him to pour out his means in unseen ways to the humblest applicants, and yet so silently that no records remain on earth save in the hearts who love him.

Strong faith and deep piety marked his walk through

life. His fellow-citizens have always respected him for every domestic virtue, and for a grandly stoical simplicity of life.

Full of the generous spirit of self-sacrifice, seeking no public honor, devoting his life and his great powers to the cause of the oppressed even to his own great loss, standing firm against any and all injustice like the rugged hills of his native State, volcanic in his outbursts of wrath against oppression, Wendell Phillips stands as the strongest type of the fearless, uncompromising, intolerant New England reformer.

After remarks by Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Brackett of Boston, Boardman of Boston, Bowker of Boston, Paine of Waltham, Coffin of Boston, Morse of Sharon, Randall of Boston, Dwyer of Boston, Chappelle of Boston, Coffey of Boston and Woods of Somerville, the resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Without taking up the orders of the day the House,
At four o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 7, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Sheep, — dogs. By Mr. Burdett of Hingham, petition of Starkes Whiton and others for legislation relative to the protection of sheep and other animals from dogs. Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Springfield charter. By Mr. Carpenter of Springfield, petition of the mayor of Springfield, for an amendment of the city charter relative to the term of office of members of the board of aldermen of said city. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Mary Going. By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of Mary Going for compensation for damages suffered by the taking of the Way estate by the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, remonstrance of Josiah G. Abbott and 21 others, against the legislation asked for by the trustees of Wellesley College. Referred to the committee on Education.

Wellesley College.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, petition of the county commissioners of Essex County for an increase of salary.

Salaries:—
County commissioners of Essex County.

By the same gentleman, petition of the county commissioners of Middlesex County for an increase of salary.

County commissioners of Middlesex County.

By the same gentleman, petition of the county commissioners of Plymouth County for an increase of salary.

County commissioners of Plymouth County.

By the same gentleman, petition of the county commissioners of Franklin County for an increase of salary.

County commissioners of Franklin County.

By the same gentleman, petition of the county commissioners of Bristol County for an increase of salary.

County commissioners of Bristol County.

By the same gentleman, petition of the county commissioners of Worcester County for an increase of salary.

County commissioners of Worcester County.

By the same gentleman, petition of the county commissioners of Hampshire County for an increase of salary.

County commissioners of Hampshire County.

Severally referred to the committee on Expenditures.

By Mr. Hunt of Rockland, remonstrance of E. B. Studley and others of Rockland; by Mr. Harrub of Plympton, remonstrance of John S. Loring and 90 others of Duxbury; and by Mr. Nash of Abington, remonstrances of E. P. Reed and others,—severally, against the establishment of the city of Brockton as a half-shire town of Plymouth County, and the erection of the county buildings in said city.

Shire town in Plymouth County, Brockton.

By Mr. White of Taunton, petition of Thomas B. Eaton, clerk of the Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex, for an increase of salary.

Salary of clerk of 2d District Court of Eastern Middlesex.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, petition of Joshua E. Crane and 384 others; and by Mr. Harrub of Plympton, petition of William Savery and 163 others,—severally, that the terms of the Superior Court for Plymouth County be fixed by law, and that Bridgewater be made a half-shire town of said county, if any is to be established.

Superior Court in Plymouth County,—Bridgewater.

Severally referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dean of Holyoke, petition of Jonathan Topham and 189 others, and of W. N. Dickinson and 165 others, and by Mr. Clark of Northampton, petition of S.

Liquor licenses.

E. Bridgeman and others.—severally, for legislation to prohibit persons interested directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors from voting or otherwise acting on any application for, or on the granting of, any license for the sale of such liquors.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

First Congrega-
tional Parish of
Hamilton.

Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, petition of the First Congregational Parish of Hamilton for an act of dissolution, and that its real and personal property may be transferred to the First Congregational Society of Hamilton. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Women voting
on the liquor
question.

By **Mr. Dodge of Grafton,** petition of **Mrs. Abigail Wheeler and others**; by **Mr. Hardy of Arlington,** petition of **Mary R. Ward and others**; by **Mr. Carpenter of Springfield,** petition of **Mrs. A. J. Pease and others**; by **Mr. Wentworth of Dedham,** petition of **M. C. Burgess and others**; by **Mr. Paton of Danvers,** petition of **Mrs. Sarah Oakes and others**; by **Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston,** petition of **Mrs. F. F. Fiske and others**; by **Mr. Burr of Newton,** petition of **Jennie F. Bashford and others**; by **Mr. Morse of Sharon,** petition of **Mrs. S. E. Bacon and others**; by **Mr. Paine of Waltham,** petition of **Sarah J. Luce and others**; by **Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett,** petition of **Mrs. C. F. Edgerton and others**; by **Mr. Elwell of Rockport,** petition of **Caroline W. Babson and others**; by **Mr. Carleton of Middleton,** petition of **Mrs. Mary Bosworth and others**; by **Mr. Forbes of Greenfield,** petition of **Mrs. R. B. Newton and others**; by **Mr. Davis of Tisbury,** petition of **Mrs. A. E. A. Livesey and others**; by **Mr. Foster of Medford,** petition of **Elizabeth L. Cummings and others**; by **Mr. Potter of Enfield,** petition of **Abbie J. Wright and others**; by **Mr. Palmer of Groton,** petition of **Lucy A. Boynton and others,** and **Mrs. Emma P. Shumway and others**; by **Mr. Butterfield of Chelsea,** petition of **Mary W. Coles and others**; by **Mr. Clark of Medway,** petition of **Susan F. Bell and others**; by **Mr. Toulmin of Leominster,** petition of **Mrs. F. W. Whitney and others**; by **Mr. Williams of Foxborough,** petition of **Mrs. A. E. King and others**; by **Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge,** petition of **Mrs. W. E. Pevear and others**; by **Mr. Reynolds of Brockton,** petition of **Mrs. A. T. Jones and others**; and by **Mr. Hastings of Warren,** petition

of Mary Ann Blair and others, — severally, for legislation enabling women to vote on all questions that may be submitted to the people relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, petition of W. G. Schoppe and others; by Mr. Stark of Hyde Park, petition of Frank B. Rich and 131 others; by Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, petition of Charles Hyde and others; by Mr. Blaney of Natick, petition of Mrs. J. M. Diehl and others; by Mr. Richardson of Athol, petition of George W. Meacham and others; by Mr. Hosmer of Concord, petition of Dana B. Clark and 106 others; by Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of William G. Fernald and others; and by Mr. Randall of Boston, petition of J. A. Hathaway and others, — severally, that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors.

Women voting on the liquor question.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Gleason of Douglas, remonstrance of George P. Ladd and others of Spencer and Douglas; and by Mr. Burditt of Clinton, remonstrances of F. Walter Goss and others of Clinton, Sterling and Lancaster, — severally, against the establishing of a registry of deeds at Fitchburg.

Fitchburg registry of deeds.

Severally placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Cook of New Bedford, —

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of repealing or so amending section 166 of chapter 119 of the Public Statutes relative to foreign life insurance companies, that they may be compelled to afford like rights and protection to citizens of this Commonwealth, as to forfeiture of policies for non-payment of premiums, that home companies are compelled to extend, and to prevent an absolute loss to policy-holders, by poverty or accident, unable to pay foreign premiums.

Foreign life insurance companies.

Sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hunt of Rockland, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Mrs. L. A.

L. A. Bradbury. — Way estate.

Bradbury, the late tenant of the Way estate, for damages sustained by her on account of the taking of said estate by the Commonwealth.

Blanchard,
Fuller & Co.

By Mr. Burr of Seekonk, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Blanchard, Fuller and Company, that certain money overpaid by them for convicts employed under contract at the State Prison may be refunded to them.

Tucker Manu-
facturing Co.

By Mr. Melden of Lynn, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Tucker Manufacturing Company for compensation for fuel furnished to the State Prison.

Fred B. Kel-
logg.

By Mr. Gleason of Douglas, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Fred. B. Kellogg for State aid.

Timothy J.
Burns.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Timothy J. Burns for State aid.

Field's Corner
Station,—Old
Colony Rail-
road.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on so much of the petition of Henry P. Kidder and others concerning passenger stations on the line of the Old Colony Railroad, as relates to discontinuing the station at Field's Corner.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Artemas Ray-
mond.

By Mr. Morrison of Boston, from the committee on Claims, asking, to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Artemas Raymond for compensation for a horse killed at the recent encampment of Battery A, in the service of the Commonwealth, and recommending its reference to the committee on Military Affairs. Read, accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Massachusetts
Title Insurance
Company.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, from the committee on Insurance, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Title Insurance Company.

Melville and
Centre Street
Stations on the
Old Colony
Railroad.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, from the committee on Railroads, on petitions, a Bill to provide for the abandonment of the Melville Station, and the relocation of the "Centre Street" Station on the Old Colony Railroad.

Severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Hiram P. Harri-
man.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Hiram P. Harri- man ought to pass.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of George White ought to pass. George White.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Bill to extend the limitation of time for the payment of State aid to invalid pensioners and their dependent relatives, ought to pass. State aid.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of George A. Stearns and Sarah N. Richardson, ought to pass. George A. Stearns, — Sarah N. Richardson.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures inquire into the adequacy of the salary now paid to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and whether any legislation is necessary or desirable relating thereto. Salary of Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the Judge of the Probate Court of the county of Suffolk. Salary of Judge of Probate and Insolvency for Suffolk County.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance inquire whether any legislation is necessary to compel fire insurance companies to fix, by appraisal or otherwise, the value of property before the issuance of policies, and to make such valuations conclusive upon the company issuing such policies in case of loss; or whether any legislation is necessary to prevent fire insurance companies from disputing in case of total loss, that the property covered is not of the value for which it was insured; or whether any legislation is necessary to facilitate the adjustment of losses and relieve persons insured from the consequences of informalities in notice and proofs. Fire insurance.

The following order adopted by the Senate was laid aside as being obnoxious to Joint Rule 11, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate: — Waring Hat Company.

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons inquire into the legality of the contract with the Waring Hat Company for the employment of convict labor in the State Prison at Concord, and to report what further legislation is necessary thereon.

Water Supply.

A report of the committee on Water Supply, inexpedient to legislate, on so much of the report of the report of the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity as refers to water supply, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolves :

Daniel F. Moran, — Francis E. Burton.

Granting State aid to Daniel F. Moran and Francis E. Burton ; and

Fitchburg Co-operative Bank.

In favor of the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank ; (Severally reported on petitions) ; and a

Reformatory Prison for Women.

Bill in relation to the salaries and duties of certain officers of the Reformatory Prison for women (reported on the report of the Commissioners of Prisons) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Abolished school districts.

A Bill to enable cities and towns to prosecute or defend actions in the name of or against abolished school districts, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence :—

Draw of Lagoon Pond Bridge between Cottage City and Tisbury.

Petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County, that authority be granted to close the draw in Lagoon Pond Bridge, between Cottage City and Tisbury, for a certain portion of the year. To the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

New England Assurance Association.

Petition of Julius L. Clarke and others for incorporation as the New England Assurance Association. To the committee on Insurance.

Orange Water Works.

Petition of William L. Grout and others for incorporation as the Orange Water Works and for other purposes. To the committee on Water Supply.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Hewins of Medfield, the Resolution concerning the seat held by George H. Hunt as representative from the Ninth Plymouth District was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was adopted, as follows :—

George H. Hunt, — Ninth Plymouth Representative District.

Resolved, That the seat now held by George H. Hunt, as representative from the Ninth Plymouth District is hereby declared vacant.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, the annual report of the Gas Inspector was taken from the table and was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence. Report of gas inspector.

*Orders of the Day.***Bills :**

To limit the liability to savings banks and institutions for savings which may be incurred by any one person ; Orders of the day.

Relating to the payment by insurance companies for the valuation of their policies ;

To authorize the West Springfield Aqueduct Company to issue bonds ;

To incorporate the Braintree Water Company ; and

To authorize towns to grant and vote money for certain purposes ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relating to the sale of coal by measure ; and

To authorize the town of Brookline to issue additional water bonds ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Eliza C. Reed for State aid was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Meigs Elevated Railway Company was further considered the main question being on engrossment. Mr. Weston, of Newton, moved certain amendments, and also moved that the bill be referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary. On this latter motion the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Beard of Boston, and, the roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 59 yeas and 102 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.
Batcheller, Aldin
Beard, Alanson W.
Boardman, H. J.
Brackett, John Q. A.

Messrs. Brown, Charles E.
Bucklin, Daniel F.
Burdett, Joseph O.
Burditt, Alfred A.
Burr, Charles C.

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Messrs. Clark, Charles N.
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Collins, Edward
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Daggett, Handel N.
 Damon, Calvin
 Danforth, Henry P.
 Darling, Moses B.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dodge, Joseph A.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Dunham, Henry J.
 Ernst, Geo. A. O.
 Hallett, John W.
 Harvey, Edwin B.
 Hastings, J. W.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hewins, James
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Kendrick, E. P.
 Morrison, Peter
 Murdock, John N.

Messrs. Nash, George M.
 O'Gorman, John J.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Pierce, John
 Potter, Lyman D.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Rice, Augustus
 Saunders, Franklin
 Small, Edward E.
 Snow, Edmund F.
 Spooner, W. H.
 Stafford John H.
 Stone, Stillman
 Towne, Charles A.
 Tufts, George K.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wentworth, A. B.
 Weston, T., Jr.
 Whitcomb, F. E.
 White, Lloyd E.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Williams, Fred H.
 Winslow, James A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.
 Allis, Silas W.
 Atkins, Isaac
 Bailey, Joseph W.
 Baker, John I.
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Bent, George C.
 Bent, Roderic L.
 Bishop, George P.
 Blaney, Alexander
 Blyth, Robert
 Bosworth, B. S.
 Bowker, Horace L.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Buckley, Michael J.
 Burnham, Albert S.
 Burnham, Edwin L.
 Burr, Nathaniel M.
 Butler, Richard T.
 Butler, Thomas C.
 Butterfield, Simeon
 Carlton, O. Loring

Messrs. Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Cilley, John L.
 Clark, Aaron F.
 Clark, John
 Cobb, George R.
 Connor, James
 Cowdrey, George
 Creed, Michael J.
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowell, Zenas E.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Daly, William, Jr.
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Donovan, James
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Eaton, Thomas S.
 Egleston, Eber A.
 Elwell, George
 Farrell, John R.

Messrs. Fassett, Alfred S.	Messrs. Mooney, John F. H.
Flagg, Levi L.	Morse, Bushrod
Flint, Charles H.	Murphy, John R.
Forbes, William A.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Fossitt, Edward J.	O'Sullivan, E. F.
Foster, Joshua T.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Peck, Herbert L.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Prime, Oliver
Gifford, Meltiah	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Gilbert, Edwin	Richards, C. W.
Gleason, George A.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Gross, William H.	Salmon, Thomas
Hardy, John H.	Sanderson, G. A.
Harrub, Fred M.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Hazelton, C. W.	Smith Frederick H.
Howard, Nathaniel	Smith, George E.
Howes, Erastus	Stark, Henry C.
Hoynes, Edward F.	Stebbins, Erastus
Huntoon, Geo. L.	Stow, T. Dwight
Kelly, Daniel F.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Killion, Michael J.	Tarone, James
Kingsley, C. W.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Littlefield, G. W.	Wallis, Benj. F.
Madden, John J.	Ward, John E.
Maguire, John J.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
McLaughlin, J. A.	Whitcomb, Chas. B.
Mead, John J.	Winter, Frank E.
Melden, William R.	Woods, John M.
Millett, Joshua H.	Wright, John H.

Yeas, 59 ; nays, 102.

On this question Messrs. Gordon of New Bedford, Freeman of Nantucket, Davis of Tisbury, Bradlee of Milton, Wolcott of Boston, and Swift of New Bedford, who, it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Randall of Boston, Pattee of Quincy, Coveney of Cambridge, Cushing of Weymouth, Howes of Cambridge and Hatch of Marshfield.

After further debate, the House at a quarter before five o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 8, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reconsideration.

Coal.

Mr. Chappelle of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill relating to the sale of coal by measure. The motion prevailed, and pending the recurring question on engrossment, Mr. Chappelle moved an amendment, which was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Taken from the Table.

List of incorporated organizations, etc.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth with the list of incorporated organizations, libraries, parishes, religious societies, benevolent associations, clubs, co-operative banks, etc., which have received certificates of incorporation during the years 1872 to 1883, inclusive, was taken from the table and was, on his further motion, placed on file.

Petitions Presented.

Salary of county treasurer of Hampden County.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, petition of Leonard Clark and others for an increase of salary of the county treasurer of Hampden County. Referred to the committee on Expenditures.

Brockton as a half-shire town of Plymouth County.

By Mr. Harrub of Plympton, remonstrance of Joseph S. Beal and 117 others against the establishing of the city of Brockton as a half-shire town of Plymouth County, and the erection of the county buildings in said city. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Bent of Gardner, petition of John H. Mansfield and others; and by Mr. Wadlin of Reading, petition of Frank S. Adams and 200 others, severally, that an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be submitted to the people.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Bridget Slattery.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, petition of Bridget Slattery for State aid.

By Mr. Coffin of Boston, petition of T. J. Hastings and others for legislation relative to erecting monuments on the battlefield of Gettysburg commemorative of the part taken there by the soldiers of Massachusetts. Gettysburg memorials.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of John K. Day and others for the abolishment of the contract system of labor in the prisons of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Prisons. Convict labor.

Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, petition of J. M. Batchelder and others, for a revision of the system of taxation in Massachusetts. Taxation.

By Mr. Francis of Randolph, petition of John B. Thayer and others; by Mr. Darling of North Adams, petition of F. P. Brown and others, — severally, for the repeal of the law relieving property from double taxation in certain cases. Double taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, petition of the selectmen of Ipswich that said town be authorized to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of celebrating the 250th anniversary of its incorporation. Referred to the committee on Towns. Ipswich.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. Charles E. Grinnell and 67 others; by Mr. Baker of Brookline, remonstrance of Mrs. H. S. Burdett and 26 others; and by Mr. Francis of Randolph, remonstrance of Mrs. E. P. Stetson and 47 others, — severally, against the further extension of suffrage to women. Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, remonstrance of Martin B. Inches and others against the construction of an elevated railroad in the city of Boston. Mega elevated railroad.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, petition of Edward Bacon and 93 others of the town of Westminster for a registry of deeds at Fitchburg. Fitchburg registry of deeds.

Severally placed on file.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, —

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of further legislation in regard to the exchange Securities in hands of the State treasurer.

or withdrawal of securities deposited with the treasurer under the provisions of chapter 119, section 156 of the Public Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Adams,—

District court of Northern Berkshire at Adams.

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to establish daily sessions of the district court of Northern Berkshire at Adams, for the transaction of criminal business, to be holden by a special justice of said court; to establish a salary of said special justice; and also to establish an additional day or days in each month for civil business.

On motion of Mr. Hazen of Shirley,—

Salary of justice of 1st district court of Northern Middlesex.

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the standing justice of the first district court of Northern Middlesex.

On motion of Mr. Harvey of Westborough,—

Salary of justice of 1st district court of Eastern Worcester.

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the standing justice of the first district court of Eastern Worcester.

On motion of Mr. Tarone of Boston,—

Qualifications of steam engineers.

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures consider the expediency of establishing a board of examiners to pass upon the qualification of steam engineers employed in manufacturing establishments.

On motion of Mr. Dwyer of Boston,—

Safety frogs on railroads.

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of legislation compelling the railroads of the Commonwealth to place safety frogs on all places in their road-beds where a frog is required.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

State House.

Ordered, That the committee on State House consider the expediency of legislation to protect the State House from the ravages of the white ant.

On motion of Mr. Damon of Haverhill,—

Poll-tax.

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of so amending chapter 11, section 12 of the Public Statutes that in the fifth line, after the word "place," shall be added the words, "within this Commonwealth," and further, the words, "but no claim for

residence in any other State or country shall exempt such person from the payment of a poll-tax in the city or town where he is residing on the first day of May."

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Dodge of Grafton,—

Ordered, That the Speaker issue a precept for an election to fill the vacancy in the Ninth Plymouth Representative District. Precept issued.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider what legislation is necessary to make the contents of the record files, papers and documents in the State Department more accessible for examination and inspection, in what way reference to the same may be facilitated, and also the proper mode of indexing them. Records, etc., in the State department.

On motion of Mr. Hewins of Medfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of printing the names of persons changed by the General Court and the probate court, with an index to said names. Names of persons changed.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation providing for the settlement of titles to real estate derived through sales under power of sale mortgages, in cases where the validity of such sales is brought in question. Real estate titles,—power of sale mortgages.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation relative to requiring conditional sales of personal property to be recorded in the clerk's office of the city or town in which the property is situated. Recording conditional sales of personal property.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of amending the truant laws of the Commonwealth. Truant laws.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of amending the laws relating to evening public schools. Evening public schools.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the Bill relating to the valuation of policies of life insurance, introduced on leave in the Senate. Life insurance policies.

Memorandum
books for mem-
bers.

The House Bill in relation to the memorandum books for the use of members and officers of the General Court came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the rules were suspended and the House non-concurred in the amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate indorsed accordingly.

Bills :

Marblehead
water supply.

To authorize the town of Marblehead to take additional land for increasing the water supply of the town ;

Trustees of the
Episcopal Theo-
logical School
at Cambridge.

To authorize the trustees of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Fire District
Number One of
North Attlebo-
rough.

To ratify and confirm the proceedings of Fire District Number One of North Attleborough ;

Severally reported on petitions and severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Militia.

A Bill relating to the compensation of certain officers in the volunteer militia (reported on an order) ; and a

State Prison.

Resolve in favor of the State Prison at Concord (reported, in part, on the report of the Commissioners of Prisons) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence : —

Frances A.
Hanscom.

Petition of Frances A. Hanscom for State aid. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Convict labor.

Petition of Michael Rinn and 94 others of Lawrence in favor of abolishing the contract system of labor in prisons. To the committee on Prisons.

Westfield River
bridge at Ches-
terfield.

Petition of W. I. Rice and others of Chesterfield ; F. H. Dawes and others of Cummington ; and Eugene H. Stevens and others of Worthington,—severally, that the Commissioners of Hampshire County may have jurisdiction under section 62, chapter 49 of the Public Statutes, relative to the rebuilding of a bridge across the Westfield River at Chesterfield.

Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Lynn & Boston
Horse Railroad.

Petition of James P. Prince for the better regulation of fares on the Lynn and Boston Horse Railroad. To the committee on Street Railways.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Mooney of Worcester, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the abolishment of the State Normal Art School. State Normal Art School.

By Mr. Starbird of Lowell, from the committee on State House, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to making a passage-way between the east and west wings of the State House, on the second floor. State House.

By Mr. Bucklin of Cheshire, from the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to preventing insurance companies from combining to establish arbitrary rules and restrictions. Rules of insurance companies.

By Mr. Shaw of Chelmsford, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing cities and towns to insure property. Insurance by cities and towns.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to including the town of Milton within the district of the surveyor-general of lumber. Milton.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Mrs. E. A. Sylvester for compensation due her late husband for services rendered by him to Company G, Eighteenth Regiment Massachusetts Infantry. E. A. Sylvester.

By Mr. Stone of Lunenburg, from the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Massachusetts Woman's Christian Prohibitory League for legislation prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors, and to provide necessary means to secure its enforcement. Intoxicating liquors.

Severally read, and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Curry of Lynn, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Valentine Bradshaw. Read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance. Valentine Bradshaw.

By Mr. Bryant of Salem, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to enable the town of Everett to raise money to extend its water pipes. Everett.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, from the same committee, on a petition and a bill (recommitted), a Bill to Middleborough water supply.

supply the town of Middleborough with water, or to authorize the Middleborough fire district to furnish a water supply.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Bills enacted, —
resolves passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the city of Newton to effect an additional water loan ;

Making appropriations for the salaries and expenses of the District Police Force ; and

To authorize the town of Northborough to effect an additional water loan ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

To confirm the acts done by Frederick J. Barnard as a notary public ; and

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The Bill to authorize the West Springfield Aqueduct Company to issue bonds, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Meigs Elevated Railway Company was further considered, the main question being on its engrossment. On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the House voted that debate be closed at half-past three o'clock, P. M., on Monday, unless a vote should be sooner reached, a motion of Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, that debate be closed at half-past three o'clock on Tuesday, having been rejected. After debate, pending the amendments moved by Messrs Beard of Boston and Weston of Newton, and pending the question on engrossment, the House

At twenty minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, February 11, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Murdock of Leicester, petition of the selectmen of the town of Holden for reimbursement for money paid for support of State paupers. Referred to the committee on Claims. Holden.

By Mr. Jones of Lynn, petition of Edwin D. Lovett and others for the abolishment of the poll-tax as a prerequisite for suffrage. Referred to the committee on Election Laws. Poll-tax qualification.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, petition of Amos Noyes for legislation relative to a change in the laws concerning civil procedure in courts of law. Civil procedure in courts of law.

By Mr. Brown of Scituate, remonstrance of Harvey D. Northey and others against the establishment of the city of Brockton as a half-shire town of Plymouth County and the erection of the county buildings in said city. Plymouth County.
Brockton.

Severally referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of C. B. Noyes and others, and of Michael Griffin and others,—severally, for a law making weekly payments of wages compulsory. Weekly payments of wages.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor.

By Mr. Adams of Attleborough, petition of John Whitehill and others; by Mr. Foster of Medford, petition of Gilbert C. Osgood and 147 others; by Mr. Winslow of Plainfield, petition of J. W. Crane and 100 others; by Mr. Blaney of Natick, petition of Amos P. Cheney and others; by Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petitions of A. G. Jewett and others; and of W. S. Hawkes and 156 others; by Mr. Palmer of Groton, petition of John Ames and others; by Mr. Buckley of Marlborough, petition of C. L. Fay and others; by Mr. Davenport of Fall River, petition of W. B. Shove and others; by Mr. Hatch of Marshfield, petition of Elijah Ames and 72 others; and by Mr. Harub of Plympton, petition of William S. McFarlin and others,—severally, that an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage may be submitted to the people. Intoxicating liquors.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Pilotage.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, petition of Geo. C. Lord and others, for the repeal or an amendment of the laws relating to pilotage. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Lucy T. Langmaid.

By Mr. Wilson of Salem, petition of Mrs. Lucy T. Langmaid, widow of Geo. W. Langmaid, for State aid; and petition of William Cogswell and others in aid of the same.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

E. V. Martin.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, petition of J. Garceau and others, that an inquiry may be made into the legality of the imprisonment of Emilie Victoria Martin at the pauper receptacle for the insane at Tewksbury. Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Boston & Albany Railroad,—Newton.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition of William C. Strong and others that the Boston and Albany Railroad may be allowed to take land for and extend a branch of its road in Newton. Referred to the committee on Railroads with instructions to hear the petitioners after giving such notice as the committee may deem expedient.

New England Spiritualist Camp-Meeting Association at Montague.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for legislation relative to the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualist Camp-Meeting Association at Montague.

Trustees of the Smith Charities.

By Mr. Forbes of Greenfield, petition of Dwight W. Palmer and others for legislation relative to the taxation of the funds held or controlled by the corporation known as the Trustees of the Smith Charities.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

Cornelius Sweetser,—Wakefield.

By Mr. Blyth of Wakefield, petition of the town of Wakefield to legalize its action on accepting the bequest of Cornelius Sweetser and in raising money for the purchase and improvement of a public park.

Cottage City.

By Mr. Davis of Tisbury, remonstrance of S. L. Norton and others against the granting of the petition relative to enabling the town of Cottage City to pay certain expenses incurred in procuring its act of incorporation.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Nahant water supply.

By Mr. Melden of Lynn, petition of the town of Nahant that the city of Lynn may be authorized to supply said town with water. Referred to the committee on Water Supply.

By Mr. Woods of Somerville, petition of Amelia H. Wood and 76 others for a law enabling women to vote on all questions relating to the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors. Women voting on the liquor question.

By Mr. Cushing of Weymouth, petition of Edward Blanchard and 14 others; by Mr. Morse of Sharon, petition of Fred Capen and 58 others of Stoughton; by Mr. Elwell of Rockport, petition of Marcus S. Somes and others; by Mr. Eaton of Quincy, petition of D. M. Wilson and others; and by Mr. Adams of Attleborough, petition of C. H. Wood and 64 others,—severally, that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors. Ibid.

By Mr. Damon of Haverhill, petition of E. A. Harlow and others; by Mr. Whiting of Boston, petition of Cora Scott Pond and 69 others; by Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of C. A. Folsom and 6 others; and by Mr. Butler of Boston, petition of Annie Randall and others,—severally, for legislation enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Municipal suffrage for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of Ezekiel G. Ward for legislation whereby his homestead, deeded to his wife, may revert to his use and benefit. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Ezekiel G. Ward.

By Mr. Forbes of Greenfield, petition of the county commissioners of Franklin County, for authority to borrow money for the purpose of enlarging and repairing the county jail and house of correction. Referred to the committee on County Estimates. Franklin County jail.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, petition of Stephen Wood and 81 others of Ashburnham, in aid of a petition for a registry of deeds at Fitchburg. Fitchburg registry of deeds.

By Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, petition of Arthur M. Backus and others; by Mr. Hosmer of Concord, petition of Dana B. Clark and 150 others; by Mr. Temple of Spencer, petition of G. E. Manley and others; by Mr. Murdock of Leicester, petition of Rev. Samuel May and others; by Mr. Cook of New Bedford, petition of Rev. S. Wright Butler and others; by Mr. Chapin of South-

bridge, petition of Silvanus Hayward and others; and by Mr. Stow of Fall River, petition of William J. Waring and others,—severally, for the enactment of a stringent prohibitory liquor law.

Severally placed on file.

Orders.

Salem charter. On motion of Mr. Collins of Salem, —
Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of so amending the charter of the city of Salem as to provide for a more permanent tenure of office of the members of the police force of said city.

Precinct officers at elections. On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, —
Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of providing that no person who is a candidate for an elective office shall be allowed to serve as a precinct officer at such election; and that the nomination of any person already appointed to be a precinct officer shall make his appointment voidable, at the discretion of the appointing power.

Tow-boats. On motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston, —
Ordered, That the committee on Harbors and Public Lands consider the expediency of so amending section 26 of chapter 69 of the Public Statutes as to provide that every tow-boat having a vessel in tow shall, if within the harbor, leave the vessel in such place as the rules and regulations of the harbor master require.

Actions of tort, — Supreme Judicial Court. On motion of Mr. Howes of Cambridge, —
Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider what jurisdiction, if any, the Supreme Judicial Court should have in actions of tort, and what changes in the law should be made to confer such jurisdiction; also, whether the number of judges of said court should be increased, and if so, by how many, and how many must concur to settle finally questions of law.

Salary of Plymouth County sheriff. On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, —
Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the sheriff of Plymouth County.

Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts. On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, —
Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation regulating practice in the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of legislation authorizing the formation of co-operative associations by persons employed by manufacturing corporations for the purpose of accumulating the savings of their members and investing the same in the capital stock of the corporations by which such persons are employed.

Co-operative associations.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham, —

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of prohibiting the free distribution of soup by cities and towns.

Distribution of soup.

On motion of Mr. Saunders of Methuen, —

Ordered, That the committee on Public Health consider the expediency of providing for the appointment of inspectors of articles of food, whose duty it shall be to enforce the laws against the adulteration of food, the number to be at least one for each county, the same to be appointed by the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, or otherwise, and appropriate sufficient money to carry the same into effect.

Inspectors of food, etc.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation is necessary concerning the names of streets.

Names of streets.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to authorize and secure reasonable provision for the deserving employees of railroads and other corporations in case of accident, sickness and old age, by voluntary contribution by both said employees and corporations.

Railroad employees.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation to protect persons who deal with pawn-brokers.

Pawn-brokers.

On motion of Mr. Dwyer of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation prohibiting the owner, trustee or lessee of any estate used for purposes of prostitution.

Owners, etc., of houses of ill-fame prevented from holding office.

tion, from holding any office of public trust or honor in the Commonwealth or in any of the cities or towns therein.

Gift enterprises — gambling. On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, —
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation, if any, is required to prevent gambling or the disposing of goods by gifts, guesses or presents, and the propriety of holding the owner or lessees of the premises where the same is carried on, responsible for the same.

Marriage. On motion of Mr. Bishop of Newburyport, —
Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of legislation by which the marriage relations shall be null and void, so far as the innocent party is concerned, by seven years or more of continuous desertion, after which the party deserted may marry again with as much liberty as though no previous marriage had been contracted.

Descent of personal estate of husband. On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester, —
Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of legislation providing for the distribution of the personal estate of a husband dying intestate and without issue.

Accounts of joint assignees in insolvency. On motion of the same gentleman, —
Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of a law allowing insolvent courts to allow the accounts of two or more joint assignees upon the oath of one of them.

Separate estate of married women. On motion of Mr. Cross of Newburyport, —
Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending section 6 of chapter 147 of the Public Statutes, affecting the power of married women to dispose of their separate estates, both real and personal, by will.

Hampden County jail. On motion of Mr. Wright of Holyoke, —
Ordered, That the committee on County Estimates consider the expediency of authorizing or requiring the county commissioners of Hampden County to rebuild the jail and house of correction, or to construct a new jail and house of correction in said county.

Bills Enacted and Resolve Passed.

Engrossed bills :

Making appropriations for printing and binding sundry public documents and for other purposes ; Bills enacted, — resolve passed.
Relating to the distribution of the school fund ;
To change the name of “ The Proprietors of the Meeting-house in Hollis Street in the town of Boston ” ;
To change the name of the Chapel Congregational Church in Cambridge ; and
Making appropriations for certain educational expenses ;
(Which severally originated in the House) ;
Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Rufus R. Wade (which originated in the House), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of repealing or amending section 166 of chapter 119 of the Public Statutes, relative to foreign life insurance companies, so they may be compelled to afford the rights and protection to citizens of this Commonwealth, as to forfeiture of policies for non-payment of premiums, that home companies are compelled to extend, and to prevent an absolute loss to policy-holders by poverty or accident unable to pay foreign premiums. Foreign life insurance companies.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of amending the fourth clause of section 9 of chapter 100 of the Public Statutes, by adding thereto the following : “ Or to a person who has been supported in whole or in part, as a pauper, during any part of the twelve months next preceding the date of the license, or by some language of like import, so that it shall not be lawful to sell intoxicating liquors in this Commonwealth to any person supported in whole or in part by public charity.” Liquor law.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Rules of the Senate and the committee on Rules of the House consider what amendments of the rules are necessary to promote the convenient and orderly despatch of business in the two branches. Joint rules.

Reports :

Clerks of legislative committees.

Of the committee on Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing by law that each clerk of a committee of the Legislature shall receive one hundred dollars for the session in payment for his services in that capacity ; and

Bonds of agents of foreign insurance companies.

Of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to further legislation in regard to the bonds of agents of foreign insurance companies ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Securities in the hands of the State treasurer.

The report of the committee on Expenditures on the securities in the hands of the treasurer and receiver-general, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester.

A Bill to authorize the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester to purchase and hold additional real estate (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Pine Grove Cemetery Association.

The petition of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association for an act of incorporation, and for authority to take additional land for cemetery purposes, taken from the Senate files of last year, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Prison labor.

Petition of T. J. Wardwell and others for the abolition of the contract system of labor in prisons, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Prisons.

Committee on Public Charitable Institutions ; Reformatory prison for women.

The House Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Charitable Institutions to obtain certain plans, specifications and estimates for new construction or alterations at Westborough, Charlestown or elsewhere, came down from the Senate with an amendment striking out the word "Charlestown," in which the House concurred, on motion of Mr. Wolcott of Boston.

Report of Committee.

Fire escapes.

By Mr. Tarone of Boston, from the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the investigation into the relative merits of the various fire escapes now in use on factories, hotels and public buildings. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge, and to take land around Fresh Pond to preserve the purity of the water, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table. Cambridge
water supply.

On motion of Mr. Gove of Boston, the report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation relative to placing the appointment of the inspector of provisions of said city in the hands of the Board of Health, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table. Inspector of
provisions in
Boston.

*Orders of the Day.***Reports**

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw : Orders of the
day.

On the petition of Fred. B. Kellogg for State aid ; and
On the petition of Timothy J. Burns for State aid ;

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on so much of the petition of Henry P. Kidder and others concerning passenger stations on the line of the Old Colony Railroad as relates to discontinuing the station at Field's Corner ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of Mrs. L. A. Bradbury, the late tenant of the Way estate, for damages sustained by her on account of the taking of said estate by the Commonwealth ; and

On the petition of Blanchard, Fuller and Company, that certain money overpaid by them for convicts employed under contract at the State Prison may be refunded to them ; and

Of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate : on an order relative to preventing insurance companies from combining to establish arbitrary rules and restrictions ;

Were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Water Supply, inexpedient to legislate, on so much of the report of the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity as refers to water supply was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Prison, the Reformatory Prison for Women, and for expenses in connection therewith ;

To provide for the abandonment of the Melville Station, and the relocation of the " Centre Street " Station on the Old Colony Railroad ;

To extend the limitation of time for the payment of State aid to invalid pensioners and their dependent relatives ;

To enable the town of Everett to raise money to extend its water pipes ; and

Resolves :

In favor of Hiram P. Harriman ; and

In favor of George White ;

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three ;

In addition to " An act to incorporate the Charles River Embankment Company " (amended on motions of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, including an amendment to the title so that it read " Bill to extend the time within which the Charles River Embankment Company shall perform certain work ") ; and

Relating to the payment by insurance companies for the valuation of their policies ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The order relative to printing twenty-five hundred extra copies of the report of the joint special committee of the Legislature of 1883 authorized to sit during the recess was adopted, in concurrence, as recommended by the committee on Printing.

The Bill to incorporate the Meigs Elevated Railway Company was further considered, the main question being on its engrossment. The pending amendments moved by Mr. Weston of Newton were lost. On the pending

amendment moved by Mr. Beard of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered at his request, and, the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 74 yeas to 122 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Hosmer, Henry J.
Allis, Silas W.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Almy, Edward C.	McFarland, Cromwell
Batcheller, Aldin	Morrison, Peter
Beard, Alanson W.	Morse, George P.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Murdock, John N.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Nash, George M.
Bradlee, J. Walter	O'Gorman, John J.
Brown, Charles E.	Osborne, William H.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Chapin, Francis L.	Palmer, Moses P.
Coffin, Charles C.	Pierce, John
Collins, Edward	Potter, Burton W.
Cook, Thomas W.	Potter, Lyman D.
Cummings, Prentiss	Rantoul, Robert S.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Saunders, Franklin
Daggett, Handel N.	Searell, William A.
Damon, Calvin	Smith, Oren B.
Danforth, Henry P.	Snow, Edmund F.
Davenport, James F.	Spooner, William H.
Davis, Everett A.	Stone, Stillman
Davis, Samuel G.	Stratton, James F.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Swift, Augustus
Doherty, Philip J.	Temple, Joseph W.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Towne, Charles A.
Ernst, George A. O.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Freeman, Clarendon A.	Walker, Aaron G.
Gifford, Meltiah	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Gove, Jesse M.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Gray, Chester H.	White, Lloyd E.
Hallett, John W.	Whiting, Albert T.
Harvey, Edwin B.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Hastings, Joseph W.	Williams, Fred H.
Hazen, Herman S.	Willson, Edmund B.
Hewins, James	Winslow, James A.
Hosley, Henry E.	Wolcott, Roger.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Bancroft, William A.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Barry, Patrick T.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Barstow, Henry
Baker, John I.	Bent, George C.

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| Messrs. Bent, Roderic L. | Messrs. Gross, William H. |
| Bishop, George P. | Hardy, John H. |
| Blyth, Robert, | Harrub, Fred M. |
| Bosworth, Benjamin S. | Hartwell, Harris C. |
| Bowker, Horace L. | Hatch, Luther P. |
| Bryant, Timothy | Hazelton, Charles W. |
| Buckley, Michael J. | Homans, Wm. A., Jr. |
| Burditt, Alfred A. | Howes, Erastus |
| Burnham, Albert S. | Howes, Lewis W. |
| Burr, Nathaniel M. | Howland, Charles H. |
| Butler, Richard T. | Hoynes, Edward F. |
| Butler, Thomas C. | Huntoon, George L. |
| Butterfield, Simeon | Hurlbut, Rufus H. |
| Chamberlain, Geo. D. | Jones, Frank W. |
| Cilley, John L. | Kelly, Daniel F. |
| Clark, Aaron F. | Killion, Michael J. |
| Clark, Elijah C. | Kimball, D. Frank |
| Clark, Sewall J. | Kingsbury, Willis A. |
| Cobb, George R. | Kingsley, Chester W. |
| Coffey, John A. | Littlefield, George W. |
| Connor, James | Madden, John J. |
| Coveney, Jeremiah W. | Maguire, John J. |
| Cowdrey, George | Martin, Charles B. |
| Creed, Michael J. | McLaughlin, John A. |
| Cross, Henry M. | Mead, John J. |
| Crowell, Zenas E. | Melden, William R. |
| Crowley, Dennis J. | Milne, John C. |
| Curry, Patrick S. | Mooney, John F. H. |
| Daly, William, Jr. | Morse, Bushrod |
| Devney, Patrick F. | Murphy, John R. |
| Donehue, John T. | Oakes, Charles N. |
| Donovan, James | O'Brien, Francis |
| Douglas, William L. | O'Neil, Joseph H. |
| Dwyer, Patrick D. | O'Sullivan, Edward F. |
| Eaton, Thomas S. | Pattee, William G. A. |
| Eaton, William N. | Peakes, Simeon T. |
| Egleston, Eber A. | Peck, Herbert L. |
| Elwell, George | Randall, Charles L. |
| Farrell, John R. | Reed, Daniel |
| Flagg, Levi L. | Reilly, Michael, 2d |
| Flint, Charles H. | Reynolds, Enos H. |
| Foley, Patrick E. | Rice, Augustus |
| Forbes, William A. | Richards, Charles W. |
| Fossitt, Edward J. | Roads, Samuel, Jr. |
| Foster, Joshua T. | Salmon, Thomas |
| Francis, Henry H. | Sanderson, George A. |
| Frisbee, Frank W. | Shaw, Elisha H. |
| Gaffney, Frank H. | Smith, Frederick H. |
| Gilbert, Edwin | Smith, George E. |
| Gleason, George A. | Stafford, John H. |

Messrs. Starbird, Charles D.	Messrs. Ward, John E.
Stark, Henry C.	Wells, Daniel W.
Stebbins, Erastus	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Stow, T. Dwight	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Tarbox, Joseph E.	Winter, Frank E.
Tarone, James	Woods, John M.
Wallis, Benjamin F.	Wright, John H.

Yeas, 74 ; nays, 122.

An amendment moved by Mr. Williams of Foxborough, was rejected. Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, moved an amendment which was adopted. On the main question of engrossment, the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, and, the roll being called, the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence by a vote of 124 yeas to 65 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Cowdrey, George
Baker, Benjamin F.	Creed, Michael J.
Baker, John I.	Cross, Henry M.
Bancroft, William A.	Crowell, Zenas E.
Barry, Patrick T.	Crowley, Dennis J.
Bent, George C.	Curry, Patrick S.
Bishop, George P.	Daly, William, Jr.
Blyth, Robert	Davis, Everett A.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Devney, Patrick F.
Bowker, Horace L.	Doherty, Philip J.
Brown, Charles E.	Donehue, John T.
Bryant, Timothy	Donovan, James
Buckley, Michael J.	Dwyer, Patrick D.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Eaton, Thomas S.
Burnham, Albert S.	Eaton, William N.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Egleston, Eber A.
Butler, Richard T.	Elwell, George
Butler, Thomas C.	Farrell, John R.
Butterfield, Simeon	Flagg, Levi L.
Carlton, O. Loring	Foley, Patrick E.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Forbes, William A.
Ciley, John L.	Fossitt, Edward J.
Clark, Aaron F.	Foster, Joshua T.
Clark, Elijah C.	Francis, Henry H.
Clark, John	Frisbee, Frank W.
Clark, Sewall J.	Gaffney, Frank H.
Cobb, George R.	Gilbert, Edwin
Coffey, John A.	Gleason, George A.
Connor, James	Gross, William H.

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Harrub, Fred M.
Hartwell, Harris C.
Hatch, Luther P.
Hazelton, Charles W.
Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Hosley, Henry E.
Howes, Erastus
Howes, Lewis W.
Howland, Charles H.
Hoynes, Edward F.
Huntoon, George L.
Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Jones, Frank W.
Kelly, Daniel F.
Killion, Michael J.
Kimball, D. Frank
Kingsbury, Willis A.
Kingsley, Chester W.
Littlefield, George W.
Madden, John J.
Maguire, John J.
Martin, Charles B.
McLaughlin, John A.
Mead, John J.
Melden, William R.
Milne, John C.
Mooney, John F. H.
Morse, Bushrod
Murphy, John R.
Oakes, Charles N.
O'Brien, Francis</p> | <p>Messrs. O'Neil, Joseph H.
O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Pattee, William G. A.
Peakes, Simeon T.
Peck, Herbert L.
Randall, Charles L.
Reed, Daniel
Reilly, Michael, 2d
Reynolds, Enos H.
Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Salmon, Thomas
Sanderson, George A.
Shaw, Elisha H.
Smith, Frederick H.
Smith, George E.
Stafford, John H.
Starbird, Charles D.
Stark, Henry C.
Stebbins, Erastus
Stow, T. Dwight
Stratton, James F.
Tarbox, Joseph E.
Tarone, James
Ward, John E.
Wells, Daniel W.
Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Wheeler, Orswell A.
Whitcomb, Charles B.
Williams, Fred H.
Winter, Frank E.
Woods, John M.
Wright, John H.</p> |
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NAYS.

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| <p>Messrs. Adams, George A.
Allis, Silas W.
Almy, Edward C.
Batcheller, Aldin
Beard, Alanson W.
Boardman, Halsey J.
Brackett, John Q. A.
Bradlee, J. Walter
Burdett, Joseph O.
Chapin, Francis L.
Coffin, Charles C.
Collins, Edward
Cook, Thomas W.
Cummings, Prentiss
Cutler, Lucius A.</p> | <p>Messrs. Daggett, Handel N.
Damon, Calvin
Danforth, Henry P.
Davenport, James F.
Davis, Samuel G.
Dodge, Joseph A.
Dresser, Jacob A.
Ernst, George A. O.
Freeman, Clarendon A.
Gordon, William, Jr.
Gove, Jesse M.
Gray, Chester H.
Hallett, John W.
Harvey, Edwin B.
Hastings, Joseph W.</p> |
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<p>Messrs. Hazen, Herman S. Hewins, James Hosmer, Henry J. McFarland, Cromwell Morse, George P. Murdock, John N. Nash, George M. O'Gorman, John J. Osborne, William H. Paine, Robert Treat, Jr. Palmer, Moses P. Pierce, John Potter, Burton W. Potter, Lyman D. Rantoul, Robert S. Rice, Augustus Richards, Charles W. Saunders, Franklin</p>	<p>Messrs. Searell, William A. Smith, Oren B. Snow, Edmund F. Spooner, William H. Stone, Stillman Swift, Augustus Temple, Joseph W. Towne, Charles A. Wadlin, Horace G. Walker, Aaron G. Weston, Thomas, Jr. White, Lloyd E. Whiting, Albert T. Wilbur, Edward P. Willson, Edmund B. Winslow, James A. Wolcott, Roger.</p>
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Yeas, 124 ; nays, 65.

On this question Messrs. Millett of Malden, Wallis of Fitchburg, Blaney of Natick, Bent of Gardner, and Howard of Springfield, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Burr of Newton, Gifford of Falmouth, Whitcomb of Watertown, Kendrick of Springfield, and Morrison of Boston.

The Bill making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Reform School for boys and the State Industrial School for girls was read a second time, and pending the consideration of amendments moved by Mr. Wolcott of Boston, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, the House

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 12, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Laid on the Table.*Abstracts of
returns of votes,
etc., on the
liquor question.

In response to an order of the House adopted February 6, a communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth transmitting the abstract of the returns from the several cities and towns, showing the number of licenses issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors, the amounts received therefor, and the number of licenses revoked during the year, with a statement of the vote upon the question of granting licenses. (House, No. 95.) Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Petitions Presented.

Lynn.

By Mr. Tarbox of Lynn, petition of the mayor of Lynn that the wards of said city be divided into precincts. Referred to the committee on Cities.

William C. and
Rebecca
Manter.

By Mr. Davis of Tisbury, petition of William C. Manter and Rebecca Manter for the payment of certain claims against the town of Gay Head. Referred to the committee on Claims.

Lawrence.

By Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, petition of John Breen, mayor of Lawrence, for legislation authorizing said city to issue bonds for the payment of debts incurred in executing the powers granted by chapter 170 of the acts of the year 1882.

Spencer.

By Mr. Temple of Spencer, petition of Luther Hill, chairman of the selectmen of Spencer, for authority to issue bonds, notes and scrip, to fund the indebtedness of said town.

Severally referred to the committee on Drainage.

Scientific tem-
perance instruc-
tion.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of J. M. Farrar and others; by Mr. Hatch of Marshfield, petition of Elijah Ames and others; by Mr. White of Taunton, petition of Alfred W. Devoll and others; by Mr. Wadlin of Reading, petition of Chauncy P. Judd and 127 others of Reading; and by Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of Benjamin Wormelle and others, — severally, for legisla-

tion relative to scientific temperance instruction in the public schools.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, petition of the Worcester Lyceum and Natural History Association for a change of name. Worcester Lyceum and Natural History Association.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Hatch of Marshfield, petition of George Baker and others, relative to taking fish in North River, in the county of Plymouth. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries. North River.

By Mr. Bowker of Boston, petition of J. M. Berry for a grant to aid the homeless throughout the Commonwealth. Homes for the homeless.

By Mr. Briggs of Lanesborough, petition of Simeon Guilford and others, that the town of Lanesborough may be placed within the jurisdiction of the middle district of Berkshire County registry of deeds. Lanesborough. Berkshire County registry of deeds, Middle district.

Severally referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, petition of the Worcester Herdic Phaeton Company for a change of corporate name. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Worcester Herdic Phaeton Company.

By Mr. Tarbox of Lynn, petition of Nathaniel Richardson for State aid. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Nathaniel Richardson.

By Mr. Dean of Holyoke, petition of the Superintendent of the Forestdale Cemetery Association of Holyoke, that certain bodies interred in the burial ground on Northampton Street in said city, may be removed to Forestdale Cemetery, and for other purposes. Burial-ground in Holyoke.

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, petition of the proprietors of the Episcopal Church and Parish in Marblehead, for an amendment to the act incorporating said parish. Episcopal Church and Parish in Marblehead.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of the trustees of the State Primary and Reform Schools, for an appropriation for the State Industrial School at Lancaster. State Industrial school at Lancaster.

By the same gentleman, petition of Elizabeth C. Putnam, relating to the use of the buildings of the State Reform School, and for an appropriation therefor. State Reform School.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

- Adulterations.** By Mr. Adams of Attleborough, petition of G. T. Holmes and others for a change in the present laws relating to the manufacture and sale of articles designed for food, drink or medicine.
- Practice of medicine.** By Mr. Beard of Boston, petition of Rev. Oliver Brown and others for a law to regulate the practice of medicine. Severally referred to the committee on Public Health.
- Transportation of fish on the Old Colony Railroad.** By Mr. Boardman of Boston, petition of John Atwood and others, relative to the charges made by the Old Colony Railroad Company for the transportation of fresh fish. Referred to the committee on Railroads.
- Newburyport. — Deer Island bridge.** By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, petition of the city of Newburyport to be relieved from the award of the County Commissioners of Essex County in assessing the cost of the Deer Island bridge.
- Essex Merrimack bridge, — Salisbury and Amesbury.** By Mr. Cilley of Salisbury, petition of the selectmen of Salisbury and Amesbury for relief on account of cost of construction of the Essex Merrimack bridge.
- Merrimac.** By Mr. Judkins of Merrimac, petition of the selectmen of Merrimac for relief from the payment of certain sums assessed upon said town for the rebuilding of the Essex Merrimack bridge between Newburyport and Salisbury. Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.
- Fares on Boston street cars.** By Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, petition of the Star Publishing Company and others for legislation fixing the rate of fares on horse cars in Boston at five cents. Referred to the committee on Street Railways.
- Double taxation.** By Mr. Forbes of Greenfield, petitions of David Menry and others, and of Horatio Hoyt and others; and by Mr. Foster of Medford, petition of Thomas B. Dill and others, — severally, for the repeal of the law relieving property from double taxation in certain cases.
- Taxation.** By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, petition of W. L. Faxon and others for a revision of the system of taxation. Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.
- Athol water supply.** By Mr. Richardson of Athol, petition of S. L. Wiley relative to a water supply for the town of Athol.
- Bradford Water Company.** By Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, petition of S. W. Hopkins and others for an act of incorporation of the Bradford Water Company, with authority to take water from Merrimack River, to supply the town of Bradford. Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply.

By Mr. Cushing of Weymouth, petition of Mrs. John Nelson and others, and of Mary E. Terry and others; by Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petition of Mrs. D. P. Morton and others; by Mr. Blyth of Wakefield, petition of Mrs. C. S. McKay and others; by Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, petitions of Mrs. L. Draper and others, and Mrs. N. C. Luther and others; by Mr. Oman of Pittsfield, petition of Seraph Frizzell and others; by Mr. Buckley of Marlborough, petition of Mrs. H. E. Morse and others; by Mr. Cobb of Billerica, petition of Sarah E. Sampson and others; by Mr. Gordon of New Bedford, petition of Sarah M. Phillips and others; by Mr. Winslow of Plainfield, petition of Mrs. L. J. Geer and others; by Mr. Snow of Boston, petition of Mrs. M. M. Cleveland and others; by Mr. Brown of Scituate, petition of M. A. Stoddard and others; by Mr. Burnham of Revere, petition of Mrs. E. C. Goodwin and others; by Mr. Flag of Boylston, petition of Mrs. E. L. Brown and others; by Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, petition of Carrie F. B. Thwing and others; by Mr. Burr of Seekonk, petition of A. L. Bates and others; by Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of Mrs. Richard W. Hilliard and others; by Mr. Bent of Gardner, petition of Harriet N. Mansfield and others; by Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, petition of Mrs. Orin F. Roberts and others; by Mr. Crowell of Dennis, petition of Mrs. J. W. Dodge and others; by Mr. Murdock of Leicester, petition of Miss Adeline May and others; by Mr. Davis of Boston, petition of Mrs. M. A. Taylor and others; by Mr. Oakes of Westfield, petition of Candace Lamberton and others; by Mr. Harrub of Plympton, petition of Mrs. M. B. D. Normandie and others; by Mr. Martin of Fall River, petition of Phœbe S. Aydelott and others; by Mr. Rice of Stow, petition of Miss Nellie Burbank and others; and by Mr. Coffin of Boston, petition of Mrs. A. J. Gordon and others, — severally, for legislation enabling women to vote on all questions that may be submitted to the people relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

women voting
on the liquor
question.

By Mr. Whiting of Boston, petition of E. C. Newell and 24 others; by Mr. Beard of Boston, petition of Robert F. Wollcot and 90 others, and of Frances M. Lee and 20 others, — severally, for a law allowing women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Municipal suf-
frage for
women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

New England
Society for the
Suppression of
Vice.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of Henry Chase, relative to an act of incorporation as the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Fitchburg registry.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, petition of J. M. Childs and 19 other citizens of Westminster, in aid of a petition for a registry of deeds at Fitchburg.

Ibid.

By Mr. Flagg of Boylston, remonstrance of B. C. Lane and 54 others of Boylston against the establishment of a registry of deeds at Fitchburg.

Severally placed on file.

Orders.

Ruffed grouse.

On motion of Mr. Danforth of Lawrence, —
Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of repealing so much of section 7, chapter 92 of the Public Statutes as relates to the trapping or snaring of ruffed grouse.

Barbed wire fences.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon, —
Ordered, That the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of prohibiting the use of barbed wire fences upon the boundary lines of highways.

Interest.

On motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River, —
Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of legislation establishing a just, uniform and low rate of interest on money, mortgages, bonds, etc.

Deposits in savings banks.

On motion of Mr. White of Taunton, —
Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of allowing savings banks to pay dividends on deposits of less than three months' standing, when the directors thereof shall so vote.

Returns of savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, —
Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of requiring savings banks to make annual returns to the Commissioners, in detail, of all deposits on which no dividends have been claimed within ten years prior to such returns, or the ownership of which is not known to the officers of the bank.

On motion of Mr. Morrison of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of reorganizing the School Committee of the city of Boston. Boston School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wolcott of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider what change, if any, is expedient in the method of election of assessors and assistant assessors in the city of Boston. Election of assessors in Boston.

On motion of Mr. Wolcott of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider what legislation, if any, is necessary to provide and establish a uniform and responsible method for the care of trees in the public squares and highways in the city of Boston. Parks and trees in Boston.

On motion of Mr. Burdett of Hingham, —

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of so amending section 14 of chapter 48 of the Public Statutes that the counties of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth may establish a union truant school. Union truant school for Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Public Health consider what further legislation, if any, is necessary relating to compensation of officers appointed by towns or cities to enforce the laws against the adulteration of any article of food or drink. Inspectors of food, etc.

On motion of Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, —

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of so amending sections 53 and 57 of chapter 220 of the Public Statutes, as to define more clearly the authority for purchasing supplies for county prisons. Supplies for county prisons.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of allowing railroads and street railways to construct, operate and maintain railroads and street railways of other gauges than now authorized by laws, and other forms of construction than those now customary, subject to all provisions of existing laws except those limiting the width of guage; and of authorizing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to investigate any new system of railroad building or operation, and licensing its trial under existing laws, upon such conditions and regulations as to safety and security to life and property as the public interests may require. Railroads and street railways.

On motion of Mr. Wadlin of Reading, —

Educational
convention at
Louisville, Ky.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of re-imbursing the members of the committee appointed by the Governor to attend the educational convention at Louisville, Ky., in September, 1883, for the expenses incurred by them in the performance of said duty.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

State Normal
School at
Framingham.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of legislation providing for making certain repairs and providing furniture at the State Normal School at Framingham.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

Educational
convention.
at Madison.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of authorizing an exhibit of the educational work of Massachusetts, in connection with the meeting of the National Educational Association to be held at Madison, Wisconsin, July 15-18, 1884.

On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, —

State Normal
School at
Bridgewater.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing the State Normal School at Bridgewater with a piano and books of reference and equipping a workshop for said institution.

On motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River, —

Vaccination.

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of legislation empowering any city, village or town in this Commonwealth, to accept or reject, by a yea or nay vote at any annual or other election, as such city, village or town may, through its properly constituted authorities designate, the compulsory provisions of the vaccination acts.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, —

Sale of intoxi-
cating liquor on
election and
town meeting
days.

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of legislation providing that no intoxicating liquor shall be sold on the day of the annual State election, nor in any city on the day of its annual municipal election, nor in any town on the day of its annual town meeting.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, —

Compensation
of members of
the Legislature.

Ordered, That the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of legislation in relation to the salaries of members of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham, —

Ordered, That the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of causing all bonds of the Commonwealth held in any of the sinking funds or trust funds to be cancelled; and of applying any income of any sinking fund, not needed for such sinking fund, to be applied in such other manner as will reduce the burdens of taxation most effectively.

Common-wealth's bonds, — taxation.

On motion of Mr. Cross of Newburyport, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of repealing or amending so much of chapter 91 of the Public Statutes as now restricts the right of fishing in the Merrimac River, at Newburyport, and in other tide-waters of the Commonwealth.

Fishing in Merrimack River, — Newburyport.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Gloucester, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of providing by law for a return and record of the names, residence and other statistics relating to the crews who may ship on-board of any of the fishing vessels in the Commonwealth.

Crews of fishing vessels.

On motion of Mr. Bishop of Newburyport, —

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors and Public Lands consider and report upon the justice and expediency of the State building the great bridges over tide-waters, or the costly bridges needed over rivers requiring fifty thousand dollars or more in construction.

Bridges over tide-waters.

On motion of Mr. Chappelle of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of legislation relative to prohibiting life insurance companies from making any distinction on account of the color of applicants for policies of insurance, in the terms of premiums paid by, or losses paid to, or on account of said applicants.

Discrimination against colored persons by life insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Wright of Holyoke, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 48 of chapter 156 of the Public Statutes concerning the holding of probate courts in Hampden County as to provide that sessions of said court shall be held in Holyoke.

Hampden County Probate Court.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the Constitution so

Quorum of Senate and House.

that a majority of each branch of the Legislature be necessary for a quorum.

Fire alarms in hotels, etc.

On motion of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, —
Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of further legislation requiring the owners of hotels, factories and other large buildings to furnish said buildings with automatic or other alarms for the purpose of warning the occupants thereof of danger from fire or other causes.

Hours of labor of railroad employees.

On motion of Mr. Barry of Boston, —
Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of legislation limiting the hours of labor of employees of railroads, so they shall not work more than ten hours each day, nor more than six days in each week.

Fees for liquor licenses.

On motion of Mr. Randall of Boston, —
Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of reducing the fees for licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Ibid.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham, —
Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of so amending section 11 of chapter 100 of the Public Statutes, that the fees for licenses shall be raised.

Ibid.

On motion of Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, —
Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of so amending section 14 of chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that all money paid for licenses shall be paid to the county treasurers.

Liquor licenses.

On motion of Mr. Stone of Lunenburg, —
Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of legislation prohibiting any town or city in this Commonwealth from granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors to exceed one license to each five hundred of its inhabitants.

State aid to pensioners of the war of 1812.

On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, —
Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of legislation giving State aid to pensioners of the war of 1812.

On motion of Mr. Snow of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of further legislation relating to the Soldier Messenger Corps.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Public Health consider the expediency of so amending section 2, chapter 252, of the acts of the year 1882 as to provide that inspectors of plumbing of the city of Boston may be placed under the board of health of said city.

On motion of Mr. Barry of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of legislation providing that no railroad shall be allowed to cross a highway or other way at grade, within the populous parts of cities and towns, and also to consider the expediency of providing by law for the gradual abolition of all grade crossings.

On motion of Mr. Huntoon of Lowell,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of compelling the railroad corporations doing business in this State to use some self-acting car-coupler, to prevent the loss of life and injury to their employees who are engaged in coupling cars.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of imposing a tax upon all testate and intestate estates.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 159, section 67, and chapter 170, sections 12 and 22, of the Public Statutes, in relation to the appointment, removal and powers of the officers appointed to attend the superior court in the county of Suffolk.

On motion of Mr. Roads of Marblehead,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of such legislation as will enable towns to elect a surveyor of highways, who shall act independently of the board of selectmen.

On motion of Mr. Temple of Spencer,—
Municipal indebtedness. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 29 of the Public Statutes so that cities and towns may issue bonds, notes or scrip to an amount within the limitations of said chapter.

On motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River,—
Monopolization of land. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to prevent the monopolization of land, and to provide for the breaking up and the just distribution of large estates at the death of the owners thereof.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham,—
Boston building laws. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the building laws of the city of Boston that they shall not operate to discriminate unreasonably against the building of small brick houses.

On motion of the same gentleman,—
Trust estates. *Ordered*, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of legislation for the protection of trust estates.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Boston,—
Newspaper writings. *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation requiring, under penalty of a fine, that all editorial and other articles in newspapers, commenting upon any citizen of the United States by name, shall be signed by the writer.

Papers from the Senate.

Electric wires. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the necessity of legislation relating to the erection and use of wires used to convey electricity for light or power or otherwise.

Militia. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the report of the board of officers appointed by the Governor “to consider and report what changes are necessary to increase the efficiency of the militia.”

Fire district taxes. *Ordered*, In concurrence, that the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of amending section 54 of chapter 35 of the Public Statutes concerning the assess-

ment of fire district taxes so as to authorize the assessment of a poll-tax for fire district purposes.

The House Bill in relation to the memorandum books for the use of members and officers of the General Court came down with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendment and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Norris, Thayer and Steele being appointed a committee of conference on its part. The House concurred in the appointment of a committee.

Memorandum books for members.

A petition of Walter Littlefield and others of Melrose for the enactment of a stringent prohibitory law and means to secure its thorough enforcement, was placed on file.

Prohibitory liquor law.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence : —

Petition of the officers of the municipal court of the city of Boston for civil business for an increase of pay. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Boston Municipal Civil Court.

Petition of J. Hacker Hall and others for an amendment of the Constitution forever prohibiting the manufacture and sale, as beverages, of all intoxicating liquors, including ale, lager beer, and wine. To the committee on the Liquor Law.

Intoxicating liquors.

Petitions of Knowles Freeman and others and Richard Dwyer and others for the abolition of the contract system of labor in the prisons of this Commonwealth. To the committee on Prisons.

Prison labor.

Petition of the selectmen of South Abington that said town may be authorized to issue additional water bonds. To the committee on Water Supply.

South Abington.

Motions to Reconsider.

Mr. Paine of Waltham moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Bill to incorporate the Meigs Elevated Railway Company was yesterday passed to be engrossed by the House. The motion was lost.

Meigs Elevated Railway.

Mr. Hazelton of Montague moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House yesterday adopted, in concurrence, the order relative to printing for the use of the Legislature twenty-five hundred extra copies of House Document Number 4 of the current year (without the

Report of the joint special committee of the Legislature of 1883.

appendix), it being the Report of the Joint Special Committee of the Legislature of 1883, authorized to sit during the recess. The motion was lost.

Introduced on Leave.

Patent medicines.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, a Bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines and proprietary articles. Read and referred to the committee on Public Health, and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

Holliston Water Company.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Holliston Water Company.

State Prison at Concord.

By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Resolve in favor of the State prison at Concord ought to pass in a new draft with the title "Resolve providing for the construction of coal sheds at the State prison at Concord."

Moses B. Waitt.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Moses B. Waitt ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reformatory Prison for Women.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill in relation to the salaries and duties of certain officers of the Reformatory Prison for Women ought to pass.

Militia.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill relating to the compensation of certain officers in the volunteer militia ought to pass.

Fitchburg Co-operative Bank.

By Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve in favor of the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank ought to pass.

John Kenney.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of John Kenney ought to pass.

William and Catherine McLaughlin.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of William and Catherine McLaughlin ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Small of Provincetown, the Bill to authorize and regulate the construction of fish-weirs and other like structures in tide waters, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommended to the committee on the Fisheries.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Reform School for Boys and the State Industrial School for Girls, was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. The pending amendments moved by Mr. Wolcott of Boston were withdrawn by that gentleman, there being no objection. Amendments moved by Mr. Dresser of Boston were adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Reports :

Of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing cities and towns to insure property ;

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to including the town of Milton in the district of the Surveyor General of Lumber ;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Mrs. E. A. Sylvester for compensation due her late husband for services rendered by him to Company G, Eighteenth Regiment Mass. Infantry ;

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Massachusetts Woman's Christian Prohibitory League for legislation prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors, and to provide necessary means to secure its enforcement ; and

Of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the investigation into the relative merits of the various fire escapes now in use on factories, hotels and public buildings, were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an order providing by law that each clerk of a committee of the Legislature shall receive one hundred dollars for the session ; and

Of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to further legislation in regard to the bonds of agents of foreign insurance companies ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and to increase its capital stock therefor (amended on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly) ;

To supply the town of Middleborough with water, or to authorize the Middleborough Fire District to furnish a water supply ;

To authorize the Trustees of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, to hold additional real and personal estate ; and

To ratify and confirm the proceedings of Fire District Number One of North Attleborough ;

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

In relation to the Charles River Street Railway Company (its title having been amended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, so as to read, " Bill authorizing the Charles River Street Railway Company to issue mortgage bonds ") ;

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Prison, the Reformatory Prison for Women, and for expenses in connection therewith ;

To provide for the abandonment of the Melville Avenue Station, and the relocation of the " Centre Street " Station on the Old Colony Railroad ; and

To enable the town of Everett to raise money to extend its water pipes ; and the

Resolve in favor of George White ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to text-books in the public schools, was read a second time and considered. Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston moved an amendment, which was adopted. Mr. Harvey of Westborough moved to amend by substituting for the bill, as amended, a "Bill to furnish free text-books to the pupils of the public schools." The amendment was carried, and, under Rule 61, the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill to divide the county of Worcester into two districts for the registry of deeds, was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, the House,

At thirty-five minutes past four o'clock, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 13, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company of Boston, for amendment of charter. Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company.

By Mr. Elwell of Rockport, petition of William E. Winsor and others for the establishment of a savings bank in Rockport. Rockport Savings Bank.

Severally referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

By Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, petition of John Breen, mayor of Lawrence, for such amendment of the city charter as will provide for the election of the street commissioner by popular vote. Lawrence charter.

By Mr. Howes of Gloucester, petition of the mayor of Gloucester for an amendment of the charter of said city so that voting precincts may be supplied to the voters in wards six and eight. Gloucester charter.

By Mr. Jones of Lynn, remonstrance of Daniel Bell and others against the petition of the mayor of Lynn for a permanent police force. Lynn police.

Severally referred to the committee on Cities.

- David Pulsifer.** By Mr. Willson of Salem, petition of David Pulsifer for compensation for services in preparing for the press the colonial records of the General Court and the New Plymouth colony records.
- Ibid.** By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition of Charles R. Train and others in aid of the petition of David Pulsifer for remuneration for services rendered the Commonwealth.
- Jonathan Sparrow et als.** By Mr. Small of Provincetown, petition of Jonathan Sparrow and others for legislation relative to compensation for the taking of certain property for the building of forts during the late war.
- Trustees of the Forbes Library.** By Mr. Clark of Northampton, petition of the trustees of the Forbes Library, for repayment of certain taxes collected on that property of the petitioners which is exempt from taxation.
Severally referred to the committee on Claims.
- Wellesley College.** By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, remonstrance of H. H. Hunnewell and 24 others of Wellesley, against the petition of the trustees of Wellesley College, for authority to hold real and personal estate to the amount of \$5,000,000.
- Military drill in public schools.** By Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of the representative meeting of the Society of Friends for New England, for the repeal of chapter 193 of the Acts of 1881 relating to military drill in the public schools.
- Salem school committee.** By Mr. Bryant of Salem, petition of the mayor of Salem for legislation relative to a repeal of section 2, chapter 129 of the Acts of the year 1858, concerning the filling of vacancies in the board of school committee.
- Scientific temperance instruction in public schools.** By Mr. Harrub of Plympton, petition of Joseph Peckham and others, and of William S. McFarland and others; by Mr. Bent of Gardner, petition of C. A. Merrill and others; by Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petition of W. S. Hawkes and others; by Mr. Foster of Medford, petition of S. N. Barnes and others; by Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of Ezra G. Hamlen and others; by Mr. Sanderson of Boston, petition of A. H. Murray and others; by Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of Jos. S. Fay and others; by Mr. Palmer of Groton, petition of John Ames and others; by Mr. Burditt of Clinton, petition of John S. Fosgate and others; by Mr. Blyth of Wakefield, petition of H. C. Hall and others; by Mr. Flagg of Boylston, petition of C. A. Comee and others; by Mr. Reilly of

Uxbridge petition of Lewis Morrill and others; by Mr. Richardson of Athol, petitions of Julie E. Nye and others, and of Alonzo French and others; by Mr. Howland of Plymouth, petition of Nathaniel Morton and others; by Mr. Allis of Whately, petition of H. D. Perry and others; by Mr. Elwell of Rockport, petition of Addison G. Wheeler and others; by Mr. Davis of Tisbury, petition of Mrs. J. E. Chase and others; by Mr. Salmon of Woburn, petition of C. A. McDonald and others; by Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, petition of T. H. Shepardson and others; by Mr. Damon of Haverhill, petition of O. D. Cheney and others; by Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of James Bird and others; by Mr. Walker of Worcester, petition of F. W. Cook and others; by Mr. Clark of Somerville, petition of Isaac C. Earle and others; by Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of T. S. Norton and others; and by Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of E. A. Brackett and others,—severally, for legislation requiring scientific temperance instruction to be given in the public schools.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Curry of Lynn, petition of Peter McGeough and others; by Mr. Jones of Lynn, petition of Wm. R. Newhall and others; and by Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of James O'Donald and 43 others,—severally, for the abolition of the poll-tax as a prerequisite for suffrage.

Poll-tax qualification for voting.

Severally referred to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Johnson of Raynham, remonstrance of William I. Shaw and others against granting permission to fish for shad and alewives in Taunton Great River on an additional day in the week.

Fishing in Taunton Great River.

By Mr. Savory of Middleborough, remonstrance of the selectmen and others of Middleborough against any change in the law relative to fishing in Nemasket River and Taunton Great River.

Fishing in Nemasket and Taunton Great rivers.

By Mr. Hallett of Nantucket, petition of A. H. Adams and others for a law to protect the fisheries in the waters around Nantucket and certain other islands.

Nantucket fisheries.

By Mr. Cilley of Salisbury, petition of R. B. Hawley and others for an extension of the time within which certain fish may be taken in the Merrimack River.

Merrimack River fisheries.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Boston and
Roxbury Mill
Dam Corpora-
tion.

By Mr. Baker of Beverly, petition of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Dam Corporation for legislation relative to its contracts with the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Guarantee in-
surance.

By Mr. Bowker of Boston, petition of John A. Cummings and others for incorporation as a guarantee insurance company.

Domestic
marine insur-
ance companies.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, petition of Chas. W. Whitcomb and others for legislation enlarging powers of domestic marine insurance companies.

Severally referred to the committee on Insurance.

Salary of clerk
of Newton
Police Court.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition of Edward W. Cate, clerk of the police court in Newton, for an increase of salary.

Plymouth
County, —
Brockton.

By Mr. Harrub of Plympton, remonstrance of Wm. H. Wright and 66 others, against the establishing of the city of Brockton as a half-shire town of Plymouth County, and the erection of the county buildings in said city.

Western Hamp-
den District
Court.

By Mr. Oakes of Westfield, petition of Edward B. Gillett and others for the establishment of a court to be known as the District Court of Western Hampden.

Trustees of the
Smith Charities.

By Mr. Warner of Northampton, petition of George W. Hubbard and others for the repeal of the act of the year 1849 incorporating the trustees of the Smith Charities.

Boston and
Albany Rail-
road.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, petition of Prentiss Cummings relative to an investigation as to the distribution by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company of the stock purchased of the Commonwealth as provided by chapter 121 of the Acts of the year 1882.

Salary of con-
stable of the
Municipal
Court of the
Brighton Dis-
trict.

By Mr. Doherty of Boston, petition of John H. Lee and others for an increase of salary for the constable of the municipal court of the Brighton District.

Severally referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Weekly pay-
ments of wages.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, remonstrance of the Boston Manufacturing Co., the American Watch Co. of Waltham, the Pemberton Co. of Lawrence, the Stevens Linen Works and the Methuen Co., against the passage of an act fixing by law a limit of time for the payment of wages.

Vital statistics.

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, petition of C. J. Orne, relative to a plan of registration of vital statistics.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor.

By Mr. Burditt of Clinton, petition of Louis B. Kendall and others; by Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of S. D. Robinson and others; by Mr. Richardson of Athol, petition of George W. Meacham and others; by Mr. Burr of Newton, petition of F. F. Davidson and others; by Mr. Elwell of Rockport, petition of Saml. L. Lamson and others; and by Mr. Morse of Sharon, petition of C. L. Rotch and others, — severally, that an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors be submitted to the people.

Intoxicating
liquors.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, petition of Matthew C. Chubbuck and others, for legislation authorizing the town of Quincy to pay certain bounties to those who served during the late war.

Quincy boun-
ties.

By Mr. Stratton of Milford, petition of Howard Holland for State aid.

Howard Hol-
land.

By Mr. Williams of Foxborough, petition of Francis Shurtleff for the payment of a bounty due George F. Shurtleff.

Francis Shurt-
leff.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of the German Reformed Church Society for legislation relative to a change in its corporate organization.

German Re-
formed Society.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, petition of the trustees of the Newton Theological Institution for the right to hold additional real and personal property.

Newton Theo-
logical Institu-
tion.

Severally referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

By Mr. Carpenter of Springfield, petition of H. L. Sanderson and others that the County Commissioners for Hampden County be authorized to erect a new jail and house of correction. Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Hampden
County jail.

By Mr. Baker of Beverly, petition of Daniel B. Allen and others for certain changes in the laws relative to the practice of medicine which shall preserve the rights of citizens.

Practice of med-
icine.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, petition of George M. Baker and others for an additional appropriation to prevent the sale of adulterated food and drugs.

Adulterated
food, etc.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Health.

Civil rights.

By Mr. Coffey of Boston, petition of the Sumner National Independent League, relative to civil rights. Referred to the committee on Public Service.

Old Colony Railroad.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company for leave to build a branch within eight miles of the State House.

Narrow-gauge railroad in Marshfield, Plymouth and Duxbury.

By Mr. White of Taunton; petition of Charles F. Parks and others for legislation relative to the formation of a narrow-gauge railroad corporation, with a location in Marshfield, Plymouth and Duxbury.

Railroad fares.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, petition of Lothrop Withington for legislation relative to reducing the rate of fares on certain railroad trains.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads.

Broad-rimmed wheels.

By Mr. Stafford of Lawrence, remonstrances of Moses E. Burnham and others, of William W. Barrie and others, and of E. W. Wright and others; by Mr. Hewins of Medfield, remonstrances of Gould & Co. and others, of James F. Bryant and 35 others, of John M. Cheney and others, and of Everett J. Eaton and others; by Mr. Clark of Framingham, remonstrance of Joshua Smith and others; by Mr. Dean of Holyoke, remonstrance of A. Witherell and others; by Mr. Carpenter of Springfield, remonstrance of R. F. Hawkins and 51 others; by Mr. Walker of Worcester, remonstrances of Abner Greenwood and 60 others, and of B. T. Rice and 75 others; by Mr. Stark of Hyde Park, remonstrance of B. F. Tyler and 35 others; by Mr. Morse of Sharon, remonstrance of Mason Peirce and 20 others; by Mr. Howland of Plymouth, remonstrance of T. W. Moses and 50 others, and by Mr. Baucroft of Cambridge, remonstrance of Geo. W. Allen and 33 others,—severally, against the passage of any act regulating the width of rims to wagon wheels.

Squantum free bridge.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, petition of Horatio N. Holbrook and others for an extension of the time for building the Squantum free bridge.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Taxation.

By Mr. Marden of Lowell, petition of Philo Smith and others; by Mr. Bucklin of Cheshire, petition of John T. Phelps and others; by Mr. Crowell of Dennis, petition of Henry H. Fiske and others; by Mr. Prime of Boston, petition of A. S. Sudden and others; and by Mr. Cross

of Newburyport, petition of Amos Noyes and others; and by Mr. Smith of Ashfield, petition of Charles Howes and others, — severally, for a revision of the laws relating to taxation.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of Elisba Rockwood and others; by Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of the assessors of Middleborough; by Mr. Allis of Whately, petition of C. A. Stebbins and others; by Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, petition of Francis Norton and others; by Mr. Forbes of Greenfield, petition of Henry G. Mins and others; by Mr. Flagg of Boylston, petition of George F. Howe and others; and by Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, petition of the assessors of the town of Bridgewater, — severally, for the repeal of the law relieving property from double taxation in certain cases. Double taxation.
Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, petition of the Revere Water Company for authority to issue additional stock and bonds whenever their works may be extended to other cities and towns. Revere Water Company.

By Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, petition of Alfred Hosmer and others for incorporation as the Watertown Water Company. Watertown Water Company.

By Mr. Hosmer of Concord, petition of the town of Concord for authority to increase its water supply. Concord water supply.

By Mr. Peck of Taunton, petition of the mayor of Taunton that said city may be authorized to increase its water loan. Taunton water loan.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, petition of Sharon Water Company for authority to extend its pipes to Boston, and to increase its capital stock. Sharon Water Company.

Severally referred to the committee on Water Supply.

By Mr. Wadlin of Reading, petition of Charles J. Staples and 32 others of Reading; by Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of C. A. Folsom and others; by Mr. Salmon of Woburn, petition of Geo. W. Pollock and others; by Mr. Dresser of Boston, petition of John C. Rowe and others; and by Mr. Davis of Tisbury, petition of Warren Appleton and others, — severally, that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors. Intoxicating liquors.

Intoxicating
liquors.

By Mr. Webb of Petersham, petition of Sarah E. Marble and others; and by Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petition of Mrs. J. E. Tilton and others; and by Mr. Wallis of Fitchburg, petition of Mrs. R. R. Conn and others,— severally, for legislation enabling women to vote on all questions that may be submitted to the people relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Bradlee of Milton, remonstrance of Mrs. Edward C. Perkins and others against any further extension of suffrage to women.

Ibid.

By Mr. Flint of Haverhill, petition of Olive A. Roberts and 56 others for the enacting of a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Mary McCarthy
and Hannah
McCarthy.

By Mr. Baker of Beverly, petition of Mary McCarthy and Hannah McCarthy for an investigation into certain grievances sustained by them under proceedings of the courts.

Woburn.

By Mr. Salmon of Woburn, petition of the selectmen of the town of Woburn for legislation in relation to the water debt of said town.

Cruelty to ani-
mals.

By Mr. Williams of Foxborough, petition of S. W. Grant and others of Wrentham, in favor of an amendment to section 58 of chapter 207 of the Public Statutes, so as to provide that the fines paid to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals be paid to the Commonwealth.

George W.
Cram.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, petition of Geo. W. Cram, surveyor-general of lumber, for a release from a claim for turning over money to the State treasury, and for a defining of the law relating to his office.

Thanksgiving
and Fast Days.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, petition of Clark Swallow and 83 others of East Bridgewater, praying for the passage of a law fixing the time for Thanksgiving Day and Fast Day.

Rand, Avery &
Co.,—
Supreme Court
decisions.

By Mr. Millett of Malden, petition of Rand, Avery & Co., relative to an amendment of chapter 280 of the Acts of 1879, relating to publication of the decisions of the supreme judicial court.

Trustee
process.

By Mr. Starbird of Lowell, petition of Charles G. Tibbetts and others for certain amendments to the law relating to the trustee process.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dodge of Grafton, remonstrance of Ashley W. Rice and others; and by Mr. Burditt of Clinton, remonstrance of Jesse B. Wheeler and others, — severally, against the establishment of a registry of deeds at Fitchburg. Fitchburg registry.

By Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, petition of J. S. Sewall and others; by Mr. Howland of Plymouth, petition of Walter J. Yates and others; by Mr. Winslow of Plainfield, petition of J. W. Crane and others; by Mr. Wadlin of Reading, petition of Chauncy P. Judd and others; by Mr. Harrub of Plympton, petition of Joseph Peckham and others; by Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, petition of G. E. White and others; by Mr. Butler of Boston, petition of John C. Rowe and others; by Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of William M. Arnold and others; by Mr. Cushing of Weymouth, petition of Samuel G. Rockwood and others; and by Mr. Allis of Whately, petition of H. D. Perry and others, — severally, for the enactment of a stringent prohibitory liquor law. Prohibitory liquor law.

Severally placed on file.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Chappelle of Boston, a Bill repealing the Act regulating the compensation and mileage of members of the General Court. Read and referred to the committee on Expenditures, and sent up for concurrence. Compensation and mileage of members.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Somerville,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of so amending section 18, chapter 117 of the Public Statutes as to provide for a more equal distribution of the profits of co-operative banks. Co-operative banks.

On motion of Mr. Oakes of Westfield,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of legislation allowing savings banks and institutions for savings to invest a larger amount of their deposits in any bank stock. Savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of legislation to limit the number of places or locations in which a savings bank, or institution for savings, may transact its principal business. Ibid.

- Savings banks.** On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester,—
Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider expediency of legislation requiring additional notice to be given of the meetings of savings bank corporations.
- Elections.** On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston,—
Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of amending chapter 28 of the Public Statutes relative to the eligibility of citizens to be elected to office from wards of which they are not residents.
- Ward rooms.** On motion of the same gentleman,—
Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of providing by law that cities may furnish ward-rooms for use for public meetings of any nature under such regulation as the city council may prescribe.
- By-laws, etc., of cities and towns,— city councils.** On motion of the same gentleman,—
Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of legislation defining the powers and duties of cities and towns relative to by-laws and ordinances, the election and appointment of officers, the establishment of commissions, the tenure of officers elected, and such other matters relative to proceedings in city councils as may be deemed expedient.
- Lists of enrolled persons.** On motion of Mr. Bent of Cambridge,—
Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of so amending section 7, chapter 14 of the Public Statutes, as to enable cities to have the chief of police make a list of persons liable to enrolment.
- Cambridge aldermen.** On motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge,—
Ordered, That the committee on Cities consider the expediency of providing that the aldermen of the city of Cambridge shall be so elected that each ward shall have two members of the board.
- Dogs.** On motion of Mr. Bent of Cambridge,—
Ordered, That the committees on Cities consider the expediency of so amending section 89, chapter 102 of the Public Statutes as to enable cities to have the chief of police take a list of all dogs owned or kept therein.
- Rogers Amero.** On motion of Mr. Barstow of Mattapoissett,—
Ordered, That the committee on Claims consider what relief, if any, can be afforded, to Rogers Amero who was

extradited from Nova Scotia on a charge of murder, and after suffering a long imprisonment in this Commonwealth was discharged without trial.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing by law that a pupil in any class in the public schools who receives a certificate from his or her principal or teacher that he or she is qualified, shall be passed on to the next grade. Promotions in public schools.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon, —

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of purchasing and distributing Judge Story's constitutional class book among the several school districts of the Commonwealth. Judge Story's constitutional class book.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of providing by law that the day of the Presidential election be a legal holiday and the sale of intoxicating liquors be prohibited on that day. Presidential election day a legal holiday.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of such legislation as may be necessary to make the Presidential election day a State holiday. Ibid.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Northampton, —

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of so amending sections 15 and 22 of chapter 6 of the Public Statutes as to provide additional protection against illegal registration in towns and cities. Registration in towns and cities.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, —

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of making the day of the annual State election a legal holiday; and also as to prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on that day. State election day a legal holiday.

On motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River, —

Ordered, That the committee on Expenditures consider the expediency of providing some means of advancing money to officials charged with the disbursement of public moneys, to enable them to pay bills in anticipation of their monthly settlements with the State Auditor. Advancement of money to certain State officials.

Mashpee
fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Crowell of Barnstable, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of amending section 68 of chapter 91 of the Public Statutes, relative to the taking of eels and certain shell-fish, so as to afford better protection to the fisheries in the town of Mashpee.

Dukes County
herring.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Tisbury, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of altering or amending the laws relative to the catching of herring in certain portions of the county of Dukes County.

Trout.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of amending chapter 91 of the Public Statutes relating to the taking of trout, changing the time within which they may be taken in any or all portions of the Commonwealth.

Fishing in
great ponds.

On motion of Mr. Wadlin of Reading, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of legislation providing that in the granting of permits to fish in great ponds held under lease no discrimination shall be made against any citizen of the Commonwealth.

Seining in
ponds.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of a law to prevent seining in ponds.

Connecticut
River.

On motion of Mr. Wells of Hatfield, —

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors and Public Lands consider the expediency of granting to the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners authority to examine the Connecticut River and report to the next General Court whether any direct legislation is expedient or necessary for the conservation of said river.

Insurance
referees.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending chapter 119, section 139 of the Public Statutes, relating to the appointment of referees, as provided for in the standard form of policy, and to the effect of the decision of such referees.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, —

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of legislation requiring additional notice to be given of the meetings of mutual life, fire, marine and fire-marine insurance companies.

Notice of meetings of insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Northampton, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of authorizing justices of the peace designated and commissioned to issue warrants and take bail in criminal cases under chapter 155, section 4 of the Public Statutes, to also hear and take complaints and issue warrants under the provisions of chapter 100, section 30 of the Public Statutes.

Justices of the peace, — search warrants.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law that the sheriff of each county or either of his deputies may adjourn in their several and respective counties any session of a district or police court required to be held, when neither the justice of said court, nor any of the special justices, is present to hold said session.

Sheriffs, — district and police courts.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of extending the powers of justices of the peace designated and commissioned under chapter 155, section 4 of the Public Statutes, so that they shall have power to issue warrants in criminal cases arising in any place within the limits of the county in which they reside, and in which place neither a justice nor clerk of a police or district court resides, and take bail therein.

Justices of the peace, — warrants in criminal cases.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of appointing and providing for a third special justice for the District Court of Hampshire, said third special justice to reside in Northampton.

Hampshire District Court.

On motion of the same gentleman, —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing and allowing by law fees for travel to the special justices of police and district courts, when holding sessions of court out of the place where they reside.

Special justices of police and district courts.

- Support of minors.**
On motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater,—
Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 4 of chapter 270 of the Acts of 1882, relative to the support of minors, that the fine imposed shall be payable to the person upon whom the child is dependent for support, and giving the court more discretionary power in the matter of sentence.
- Naturalisation.**
On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—
Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 160, sections 8, 9, 10 and 11, relative to naturalization.
- Judgment debtors.**
On motion of Mr. Gove of Boston,—
Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation relating to the arrest and release of judgment debtors.
- Salary of justice of the East Boston district court.**
On motion of Mr. Morrison of Boston,—
Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston for the East Boston district.
- Salary of clerk of the East Boston district court.**
On motion of the same gentleman,—
Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston for the East Boston district.
- Salary of clerk of the fourth district court of Plymouth.**
On motion of Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett,—
Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the salary of the clerk of the fourth district court of Plymouth.
- Inspectors of factories and public buildings.**
On motion of Mr. Walker of Worcester,—
Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of increasing the compensation of the inspectors of factories and public buildings after a certain term of service.
- Fortnightly payments of wages.**
On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence,—
Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of enacting a law which shall provide for the payment fortnightly of all operatives employed in manufacturing corporations.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Attleborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on Labor consider the expediency of further legislation in relation to the employment of children.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of providing that no licenses shall be granted in cities in wards in which a majority of the votes are against license.

On motion of Mr. Doherty of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of so amending chapter 100 of the Public Statutes that the objection of the owner of any real estate adjoining the premises of a person making application for a license shall not be sufficient to prevent the issuing of such license, in case the premises for which application for license has been made have been used and occupied for one year previous to said application for the legal sale of intoxicating liquors.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of so amending section 6 of chapter 101 of the Public Statutes, that the second and third lines of said section shall not apply to any person holding a license for the sale of liquor under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Small of Provincetown,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of amending the statutes of the Commonwealth relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors, so as to require persons licensed to sell such liquors to keep posted in their places of business printed lists of the classes of persons to whom they are not licensed to sell; also, so as to authorize towns to offer rewards to persons furnishing evidence of illegal sales, and to raise money for such purpose.

On motion of Mr. Doherty of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs consider the expediency of legislation in relation to the powers and duties of the pilot commissioners.

- On motion of Mr. Howland of Plymouth,—
Agnes S. Goulding. *Ordered,* That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of providing for paying Miss Agnes S. Goulding additional compensation for services rendered in 1883, as deputy superintendent of the Reformatory Prison for Women during the time in which there was no superintendent of said prison.
- On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston,—
Pollution of rivers and sources of water supply. *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Health consider what changes, if any, shall be made in chapter 80 of the Public Statutes relating to the pollution of rivers and sources of water supply.
- On motion of Mr. Dwyer of Boston,—
Examinations of druggists and physicians. *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Health consider the expediency of legislation requiring all persons who sell, prescribe or dispense medicines to be examined by the state board of health, lunacy and charity, and provide such regulations as may prevent incompetent persons from engaging in such business.
- On motion of Mr. White of Taunton,—
Practice of medicine. *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Health consider the expediency of regulating by statute the practice of medicine.
- On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough,—
Compensation of State employees. *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Service consider the expediency of legislation relative to a revision of the laws regarding the appointment and compensation of all officers, clerks and employees of the Commonwealth.
- On motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston,—
Telegraph and telephone companies. *Ordered,* That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of legislation allowing telegraph or telephone companies, under proper restrictions, to enter upon and use for telegraph and telephone purposes lands owned and occupied by railroads.
- On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston,—
Safety couplers on freight trains. *Ordered,* That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of legislation for the better protection of men employed on freight trains in coupling cars and cases of accident.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of repealing the law allowing one railroad company to lease and operate the railroad of another corporation. Leasing of railroads.

On motion of the same gentleman,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of repealing so much of section 139, chapter 112 of the Public Statutes as prohibits railroad corporations from constructing branches within eight miles from the State House. Branch railroads within eight miles of the State House.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of providing by law that the rate of fares on all railroads operated in Massachusetts shall not exceed two cents per mile. Railroad fares.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of amending the law relating to railroad corporations and railroads, so that such corporations may take land for additional tracks and for the widening of road beds in the same manner that land can be taken for the original location and construction. Taking of land by railroad corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of establishing by law a uniform rate on all the railroads of the Commonwealth for the transportation of the State militia when travelling under the orders of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, and also of providing that the payment for such transportation shall be made by the Quartermaster General directly to the railroad furnishing the same. Railroad rates for transportation of the State militia.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of providing by law, in substance, that any railroad corporations which have made, or which may make with each other, any contract or lease for the operation of their roads shall, upon all railroads which either party in interest may own, lease or control, be required to carry passengers at a rate not exceeding two cents a mile, and that the rates per season and other tickets and for freight shall not be increased, nor the facilities for travel or business diminished. Railroad fares.

Portrait of
Edward
Everett.

On motion of Mr. Coffin of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on State House consider the expediency of purchasing for the State the portrait of Edward Everett, now hanging in the Governor's room.

Taxation of
personal
property.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of providing by law that assessors of taxes be required to procure lists of personal estates subject to taxation from the inhabitants of their respective places, and of amending the law in relation to failure to furnish such lists by such inhabitants.

Sale of real
estate for taxes.

On motion of Mr. Cilley of Salisbury,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of amending section 58, chapter 12 of the Public Statutes, so that property sold by collectors of cities or towns for non-payment of taxes, and on non-appearance of purchaser, said property having been deeded to city or town and said property not having been redeemed by owners thereof within the time prescribed by law, it may designate what officer or officers of cities or towns may have authority to advertise and sell said property the second time, as required by statute; also what action cities or towns may take if no bidder appears at said second sale.

Taxation of
mortgaged per-
sonal property.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Medway,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of amending section 23 of chapter 11 of the Public Statutes, relating to taxation of personal property mortgaged or pledged, so that the tax assessed thereon shall be collected of the party who has possession of the same.

Taxation of
property of
literary and
other
associations.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Northampton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Taxation consider the expediency or necessity of additional legislation to secure the exemption from taxation provided for by law of the personal property of literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth, when said personal property is invested in the stock of corporations chartered, organized, or doing business in this Commonwealth and subject to taxation here.

On motion of Mr. Hewins of Medfield, —

Ordered, That the committee on Street Railways consider the expediency of repealing section 47 of chapter 113 of the Public Statutes, concerning commutation checks on street railways in the city of Boston.

Commutation checks on Boston street railways.

On motion of Mr. Wilbur of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Street Railways consider the expediency of further legislation relative to the location and removal of street railway tracks.

Street railway tracks.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, —

Ordered, That the committee on Street Railways consider the expediency of legislation providing that street-car fares shall not exceed five cents within all reasonable limits, and also as to preventing the crowding of the cars of, and the blockading of streets by the operation of, the street railways, especially in and near Boston.

Fares on street railways.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington, —

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply consider the expediency of legislation authorizing the city of Newton to furnish from its water supply to the town of Watertown a supply of water for the use of the town of Watertown and its inhabitants.

Watertown water supply, — Newton.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, —

Ordered, That the committee on Rules of the Senate and House, as a joint committee, consider the expediency of amending the law relative to the publication of notices of petitions to be presented to the General Court, and the proceedings relative to such petitions in the two branches of the Legislature.

Joint rules, — publication of notices of petitions to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Wadlin of Reading, —

Ordered, That the committee on Education be authorized to visit the State Normal Schools at such times as they may deem expedient.

Committee on Education authorized to visit.

On motion of Mr. Searell of New Bedford, —

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law be instructed to obtain from the State Assayer a record of the analyses made by him during the year 1883 of samples of liquor, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 99 of the Acts of 1875, and report the same, said record to contain the names and business location of the dealers from whom the samples are taken, and the results of the analysis in each case.

Analyses of liquors.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Elections of
directors of
corporations.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Cambridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation, if any, is necessary in relation to the election of directors or managers of corporations.

Liability of officers of foreign corporations.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to enforce the personal liability of officers and stockholders of foreign corporations doing business in this Commonwealth, when the provisions of their charters have not been complied with.

Private ways.

On motion of Mr. Boardman of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation in relation to the discontinuance of private ways.

Drunkards.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of imposing heavier penalties on habitual drunkards.

Recovery of damages by certain persons charged with insanity.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law for the recovery of damages by any person charged with insanity, who, being examined according to the law, is not found to be insane.

Receivers of corporations.

On motion of Mr. Wentworth of Dedham,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 42 of chapter 105 of the Public Statutes as to provide for the appointment of receivers of corporations therein enumerated after the expiration of three years from the termination of their corporate existence.

Costs in civil actions.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 198 of the Public Statutes and all other existing statutes relating to costs in civil actions, that parties recovering costs in civil actions before trial justices, may recover the same as before police or district courts.

Telegraph poles.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of providing by law so that abutters on streets and roads may recover damages for the digging of holes and placing of telegraph poles in front of their estates.

On motion of Mr. White of Taunton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 246 of the Acts of 1883, authorizing the town of Norton to receive and hold certain property in trust.

Norton.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 202 of the Public Statutes relative to offences against the person, by increasing the penalties therefor, or by such other legislation as will afford better protection to the public against such offences.

Offences against the person.

On motion of Mr. Damon of Haverhill,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation with reference to the inspection of buildings.

Inspection of buildings.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Attleborough,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of repealing chapter 95 of the Acts of the year 1882 in reference to filing bonds in civil cases on appeals from municipal and district courts.

Appeal bonds, —municipal and district courts.

On motion of Mr. Chappelle of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of additional legislation to protect the rights and property of persons who procure loans of pawnbrokers, or at loan offices so called, or who purchase household furniture or the tools of their trade on the instalment plan.

Pawnbrokers.

On motion of Mr. Coffey of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation for the relief of sureties on bail bonds in cases where the principals die pending a suit against them.

Sureties on bail bonds.

On motion of Mr. Peck of Taunton,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the act of the year 1883, entitled "An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to construct a way through land held by the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital."

Taunton,—
Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of further legislation with regard to the parliamentary proceedings in city and town governments.

Parliamentary proceedings in city and town governments.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Brookline,—

Laying out town
and private
ways.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending chapter 49 of the Public Statutes, concerning the laying out of ways, that selectmen and road commissioners of the several towns shall give notice to parties interested before forming an intention to lay out or alter a town way or private way.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester,—

Enforcement of
certain claims
against testate
estates.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending the Public Statutes so as to provide a more effectual remedy for the enforcement of claims that do not become due until after two years from the granting of letters of administration against the heirs, devisees, or legatees of the debtor.

On motion of Mr. Adams of Attleborough,—

Registry and
returns of
births, mar-
riages and
deaths.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of further amending chapter 32 of the Public Statutes in relation to the registry and returns of births, marriages and deaths.

On motion of Mr. Farrell of Boston,—

Minors,—
guardians.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of legislation permitting a minor over sixteen years of age, who is under guardianship, to direct and authorize, by a written instrument, his guardian to pay out of the ward's estate any sum, debt or claim, for necessaries of life furnished the minor previous to any estate of the ward coming into the possession of the guardian, and for which the guardian might not legally be liable.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon,—

Punishment of
wife beaters.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of providing by law for punishment of wife-beaters by flogging.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Cambridge,—

Trustees under
a will.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending section 16, chapter 141 of the Public Statutes, so that trustees under a will may be exempt from giving a surety on their bonds in cases other than those provided in said section.

On motion of Mr. Farrell of Boston,—

Guardians of
minors.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of providing by law that, upon

the nomination of a guardian by a minor above the age of fourteen years, the probate court, upon the filing of such nomination shall, as a matter of right, appoint the person so nominated guardian, unless such person shall be in the opinion of the court manifestly unfit and unsuitable;—and upon the appointment of guardian after such nomination, the guardianship, if any exists, of any other person shall terminate without further notice or decree of the probate court.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Northampton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of providing by law that executors shall be exempted from returning any inventory of an estate in all cases where the testator has specially so requested in his last will and testament.

Executors, —
inventories of
testate estates.

The following order, offered by Mr. Baker of Beverly, was laid over until to-morrow : —

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors and Public Lands consider the expediency of further legislation in relation to existing contracts between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Dam Corporation as regards the grade of filling and the release of filled lands under mortgage to the Commonwealth.

Contracts
between the
Commonwealth
and the Boston
and Roxbury
Mill Dam
Corporation.

The following order, offered by Mr. Howland of Plymouth, was laid over until to-morrow : —

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider whether any legislation is necessary to enable Miss Clara Barton to secure the return of bonds deposited by her with the treasurer as security upon her bond as superintendent of the Reformatory Prison for Women.

Clara Barton.

The following order, offered by Mr. Brackett of Boston, was laid over until to-morrow : —

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of legislation providing for the termination of the existing contracts for the labor of the convicts in the state prison, in accordance with the provisions of said contracts relating to the termination of the same.

Prison labor.

The following order, offered by Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, was laid over until to-morrow : —

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking investigate the present condition and past management of the Augustinian Society of Lawrence, a corporation estab-

Augustinian
Society of
Lawrence.

lished by chapter 162 of the laws of 1870, and report what legislation is necessary to protect the rights of depositors and shareholders and to prevent similar disasters in the future ; said committee to have power to send for persons and papers.

The following order, offered by Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, was laid over until to-morrow : —

Report of the chief of the district police force.

Ordered, That the annual report of Chief Wade be referred to the committee on Labor to inquire if any legislation is necessary.

The following order, offered by Mr. Baker of Beverly, was laid over until to-morrow : —

Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield R. R.

Ordered, That the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad consider the expediency of legislation with reference to so much of the matters not fully reported by the committee on that subject of last year, but referred to this General Court.

Papers from the Senate.

Hillside Agricultural Society.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of the reimbursement by the Commonwealth of certain moneys paid as bounties by the Hillside Agricultural Society.

David Pulsifer.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Claims examine and report what sum of money, if any, is equitably due to David Pulsifer as compensation for services rendered the Commonwealth for which he may have no legal claim.

Employment of minors, — illiteracy.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of amending the laws relating to the employment of minors and the expediency of legislation to lessen the amount and prevent the increase of illiteracy in the Commonwealth.

Educational convention at Louisville, Ky., in 1883.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of an act or resolution authorizing the treasurer of the Commonwealth to pay the expenses of the Massachusetts state delegates who attended the inter-state educational convention at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, 1883.

Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Election Laws, in the event of the passage of the resolve pro-

viding for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the General Court, report a resolve providing for the submission of the constitutional amendment contained in said first-mentioned resolve to the people for their adoption and approval.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing 10,000 copies of the report of the board of control of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station at Amherst for the use of the Legislature.

Report of Board of Control of the Mass. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of authorizing or requiring the county commissioners of Plymouth County to rebuild the jail and house of correction at Plymouth, or to construct a new jail and house of correction in said town.

Plymouth Co. jail and house of correction.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of making an additional appropriation for completing the buildings now in process of erection at Bridgewater, and authorized under chapter 61 of the Resolves of the year 1883; also for drainage, lighting and heating the same.

Bridgewater workhouse.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Health consider the expediency of amending the Public Statutes so as to provide for the more rigid inspection of veal and to prevent the sale of calves under four weeks of age.

Inspection of veal.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Service consider the expediency of such legislation as will improve and regulate the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof.

Civil service.

A Bill relating to watchmen and fire-escapes in apartment houses and private hotels, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Watchmen and fire-escapes in apartment houses, etc.

A Bill for the better protection of birds and certain animals, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Agriculture.

Protection of birds and certain animals.

A Bill for the better protection of lobsters, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on the Fisheries.

Protection of lobsters.

Salary of Executive Messenger.

A Bill to establish the salary of the Executive Messenger (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Employers' liability.

A Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employees in their service, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Labor.

Assaults upon officers.

A Bill to punish persons guilty of assaulting, or with violence resisting certain officials, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary with instructions to give a hearing. The House concurred, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

The following order was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston:—

Hoosac Tunnel.

Ordered, That the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad be authorized to visit the tunnel for examination thereof and of the work now in progress upon and in connection with the same.

Cambridge.

The petition of James A. Fox, mayor of Cambridge, for the division of said city into voting precincts came down referred to the committee on Election Laws. Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge moved that the petition be referred, in non-concurrence, to the committee on Cities, pending which motion the petition was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence:—

Preservation of birds, etc.

Petition of the State Board of Agriculture for the repeal of the last clause of section 6, chapter 92 of the Public Statutes, relative to the preservation of birds, etc.

Board of Control of the Mass. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Petition of the Board of Control of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station for the use of certain rooms of the State Agricultural College.

Severally to the committee on Agriculture.

Lowell.

Petition of the mayor of Lowell for a reimbursement of moneys paid by said city for the maintenance of State paupers. To the committee on Claims.

Scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

Petition of Charles L. Short and 1,144 others for scientific temperance education in the public schools. To the committee on Education.

Remonstrances of Lawrence Manufacturing Company and others; Lowell Machine Shop; Shaw Stocking Company; Tremont and Suffolk Mills; the Montague Paper Company and others; the Douglas Axe Company; the Atlantic Cotton Mills and others; the Everett Mills; the Pacific Mills; the Lawrence Duck Company; the Hamilton Manufacturing Company and others; the Belvidere Manufacturing Company and others; the American Bolt Company; the Lowell Hosiery Company; the Thorndike Manufacturing Company; the Holyoke Machine Company and others; the Farr Alpaca Company; the Hampden Glazed Paper and Card Company; the Holyoke Paper Company; the Germania Mills and the Lyman Mills, and various other companies, — severally, against the passage of a law fixing the limit of time for the payment of wages.

Payment of wages.

Severally to the committee on Labor.

Petition of John T. Wilson and others to prohibit persons interested directly, or indirectly, in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors from voting or otherwise acting on any application for, or on the granting of any license for, the sale of such liquors.

Liquor licenses.

Remonstrance of John T. Wilson and others by law upon the traffic in alcoholic liquors.

Intoxicating liquors.

Severally to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Petition of Frederick Ayer and others as the Washington Mills Company. To the committee on Manufactures.

Washington Mills Company.

Petition of Jonathan Pierce and others, pew owners of the meeting-house of the First Parish of Townsend, for authority to hold the property of said parish in trust for the use and purposes for which the said property was first created. To the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

First Parish of Townsend.

Petition of A. H. Hobart and others of the contract system of labor in the prisons of the Commonwealth. To the committee on Prisons.

Prison labor.

Petition of the Board of Agriculture that the Board of Health, Lunacy, and Charity continue to act as inspectors of food and drugs and that the appropriation for the use of said Board be increased. To the committee on Public Health.

Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.

- Civil service.** Petition of the Brookline Civil Service Reform Association for the prompt passage of a State Civil Service Law. To the committee on Public Service.
- Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company.** Petition of the president of the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company for authority for said company to issue mortgage bonds. To the committee on Street Railways.
- Taxation.** Petitions of Walter H. Faunce and others, C. C. Wheaton and others, Lewis Shaw and others, — severally for a revision of the laws relating to taxation.
- Double taxation.** Petition of Samuel W. Brown and others for the repeal of the laws relating to the taxation of mortgages. Severally to the committee on Taxation.
- Housatonic Water Co.** Petition of Theodore Giddings and others for incorporation as the Housatonic Water Company.
- Haverhill Aqueduct Company.** Petition of the Haverhill Aqueduct Company for authority to take the waters of Silver Lake in said city for an additional water supply for the city of Haverhill. Severally to the committee on Water Supply.

Bills Enacted.

- Bills enacted.** Engrossed bills :
- To authorize the American Unitarian Association to hold additional real and personal estate ;
- To authorize the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital to hold additional real and personal estate ;
- To authorize the town of Natick to issue securities for the purpose of meeting certain water bonds ; and
- Authorizing the United States Hotel Company to increase its capital stock ;
- (Which severally originated in the House) ;
- Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

- Quincy.** By Mr. Hosley of Boston, from the committee on Drainage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John C. Randall and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of constructing a system of sewerage in the town of Quincy. Read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

By Mr. Stebbins of Chicopee, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on an order, a Bill to amend "an act to provide for the custody of books and papers of insolvent savings banks."

Insolvent savings banks.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Hyde Park Water Company.

Hyde Park Water Co.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill concerning costs and expenses in probate proceedings.

Costs in probate proceedings.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill prohibiting the sale of fire-arms and other dangerous weapons to minors.

Fire-arms, — minors.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Mount Holyoke Female Seminary.

By Mr. Clark of Peabody, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to increase the allowance to the secretary of the Board of Agriculture for lectures and extra clerical service ought to pass in a new draft with the title "Bill relating to clerical assistance in the office of the secretary and for lectures before the Board of Agriculture."

Board of Agriculture.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on Agriculture, that the Bill relative to noxious weeds and rubbish in the highways and to the digging up and carrying away of the soil therein, ought to pass in a new draft with the title "Bill to prevent the deposit of rubbish in the highways and to authorize towns to make by-laws relative to noxious weeds and the removal of soil within the limits of highways."

Noxious weeds in highways.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve in favor of Valentine Bradshaw.

Valentine Bradshaw.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve granting state aid to Daniel F. Moran and Francis E. Burton.

Daniel F. Moran, — Francis E. Burton.

Severally read and accepted, and the resolves were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

By Mr. Morrison of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Maria H. Sargent.

Maria H. Sargent.

Lucy T. Langmaid.

By Mr. Collins of Salem, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Lucy T. Langmaid.

Severally read and referred under the rule to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Table.

New York and New England R. R.

On motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston, the Resolve for the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company was taken from the table and considered.

Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Ernst of Boston, Doherty of Boston, Beard of Boston, and Baker of Beverly, and pending the main question on engrossment,

At five minutes past five o'clock, without having taken up the orders of the day, the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 14, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reconsideration.

Plymouth County jail.

On motion of Mr. Douglas of Brockton, the vote whereby the Senate order relative to Plymouth County jail was yesterday adopted in concurrence by the House was reconsidered, and pending the recurring question on the adoption of the order it was laid on the table.

Petitions Presented.

Lawrence.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, remonstrance of John Fallon and others, against the formation of a seventh ward in the city of Lawrence. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Poll-tax qualification for voting.

By Mr. Reilly of Uxbridge, petition of A. W. Bennett and others; and by Mr. Clark of Peabody, petition of John Ruth and others,—severally, for the abolition of the poll-tax as a prerequisite for suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Election Laws.

Broad-rimmed wheels.

By Mr. Williams of Foxborough, remonstrance of C. W. Hill and others, against the passage of any act regulating the width of rims to wagon wheels. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Briggs of Lanesborough, petition of Charles S. Baker and others; by Mr. Flagg of Boylston, petition of George Kendall and others,—severally, for an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Intoxicating
liquors.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Briggs of Lanesborough, petition of F. D. Demming and others; by Mr. Clark of Medway, petition of Amos H. Holbrook and others; and by Mr. Keyes of New Marlborough, petition of Milan C. Kasson and others,—severally, for a revision of the laws relating to taxation.

Taxation.

By Mr. Smith of Ashfield, petition of the assessors of the town of Ashfield; by Mr. Briggs of Lanesborough, petition of the assessors of Lanesborough; by Mr. Cushing of Weymouth, petition of William T. Shaw and others; by Mr. Tufts of New Braintree, petition of the assessors of the town of Dana; and by Mr. Allis of Whately, petition of the assessors of the town of Whately,—severally, for the repeal of the law relative to double taxation.

Double tax-
ation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Weston of Newton,—

Ordered, That the committee on Claims have leave to visit Hoos Tunnel at such times as they may deem expedient.

Committee on
Claims author-
ized to visit.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Baker of Beverly, and laid over, relative to legislation concerning the contracts between the Commonwealth and the Roxbury Mill Dam Corporation, was withdrawn by that gentleman, there being no objection; and

Roxbury Mill
Dam Corpora-
tion.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Howland of Plymouth, relative to the bonds of Miss Clara Barton deposited with the treasurer; and the

Clara Barton.

Order offered yesterday by Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, and laid over, relative to an investigation of the condition and past management of the Augustinian Society of Lawrence;

Augustinian
Society of Law-
rence.

Were severally adopted under a suspension of Joint Rule 11, moved in each case by Mr. Baker of Beverly, and were sent up for concurrence.

Report of the chief of the district police.

The order relative to the annual report of Chief Wade of the district police, was withdrawn by Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, there being no objection.

Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield R. R.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Baker of Beverly, and laid over, relative to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad considering the expediency of legislation with reference to so much of the matters not fully reported by the committee on that subject of last year, but referred to this General Court, was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

Prison labor.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Brackett of Boston, and laid over, relative to the termination of the existing contracts for the labor of convicts in the State Prison was adopted, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Employment of children.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of amending the laws concerning the employment of children.

Extra compensation for the committee on P. C. I. of 1883 for investigating the State Almshouse.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Expenditures investigate the matter of extra services rendered by the joint committee on Public Charitable Institutions of the Legislature of 1883, in connection with the investigation of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, and report the amount of compensation, if any, that may be due them for such extra services.

Harbor masters, — pilots.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Harbors and Public Lands consider the expediency of further legislation to give harbor masters more control over pilots in charge of vessels.

Auditor of accounts, — State Treasury.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on the Judiciary be directed to examine and report as to whether it has been the practice of the auditor of this Commonwealth to allow money to be drawn from the treasury to be spent by others without any vouchers; what, if any, bills and accounts have been subsequently accepted as vouchers for sums so drawn and expended, and whether payments from the treasury have been permitted without authority of law; with instructions to report if any and what legislation is necessary to protect the treasury of the Commonwealth in the disbursement of and accounting for public money.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Liquor Law consider whether the evils resulting from the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors can be diminished by removal or relaxation of the restrictions upon the sale of light wines and malt beverages, and what legislation is necessary or expedient toward thorough investigation of said question or otherwise in relation thereto.

Intoxicating
liquors.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of so amending the statutes that licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors may be granted to persons other than those holding a victualler's license.

Liquor licenses.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of repealing all laws allowing the leasing or consolidation of railroads.

Leasing of
railroads.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of amending the railroad laws relative to the liability of railroads for the operation of signals and gates at railroad crossings at grade.

Signals and
gates at railroad
grade crossings.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Street Railways consider the expediency of further legislation to prevent the carrying of passengers in street cars in excess of their seating capacity.

Street cars.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Taxation consider the expediency of amending the statutes relative to assessing poll-taxes so that such taxes shall be assessed in all cities and towns upon a uniform valuation not exceeding four hundred dollars.

Poll taxes.

The following order from the Senate was laid over:—

Ordered, That the committee on Railroads consider the expediency of an enactment requiring the Boston, Winthrop and Point Shirley Railroad Company to run trains throughout the year in compliance with the recommendation of the railroad commissioners.

Boston, Win-
throp and Point
Shirley R. R.

A Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Salem, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education.

State Normal
School at
Salem.

The petition of the mayor of Lynn that the wards of said city be divided into precincts, came down referred in non-concurrence to the committee on Election Laws, in which reference the House concurred.

Lynn voting
precincts.

Constitutional convention.

The following order was adopted in concurrence :—

Whereas, in view of the many questions of great public importance which have been constantly agitating the Commonwealth and annually and fruitlessly occupying the time of the Legislature, but not securing final adjustment ; and,

Whereas, “ revision of the constitution ” has not been before the people for over thirty years ; therefore,

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of calling a constitutional convention for that purpose.

Bills of lading.

A Bill relating to bills of lading and receipts of property for transportation, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Troy and Greenfield R. R. — Greenfield.

The petition of the citizens and the selectmen of Greenfield that said town be reimbursed for moneys expended for stock of, and loans to, the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, taken from the Senate files of last year, came down referred to the committee on Claims. On motion of Mr. Weston of Newton, the House non-concurred in the reference, and the petition was referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, and was sent up for concurrence.

Inspectors of plumbing in Boston.

The following order came down with an amendment at [A], striking out the words “ Public Health ” and inserting instead the word “ Cities,” in which amendment the House concurred,—

Ordered, That the committee on [A] Public Health consider the expediency of so amending section 2, chapter 252 of the Acts of the year 1882 as to provide that inspectors of plumbing of the city of Boston may be placed under the board of health of said city.

The following petitions were severally referred, in concurrence :—

Cattle diseases.

Petition of the State Board of Agriculture that the cattle commissioners be authorized to make an investigation of the causes and extent of the prevailing disease of abortion among cows.

Trespass on land.

Petition of the State Board of Agriculture for amendment of section 99 of chapter 203 of the Public Statutes, so that its provisions shall apply during the entire year.

Petition of James S. Grinnell and others for incorporation for the purpose of beautifying the highways and laying out a public park in the town of Greenfield. Greenfield.

Petition of the Board of Agriculture, that the board of control of the Agricultural Experiment Station be allotted certain rooms in the Agricultural College. Board of Control of the Agricultural Experiment Station.

Severally to the committee on Agriculture.

Petition of the Worcester Safe Deposit and Trust Company for an amendment of its charter. To the committee on Banks and Banking. Worcester Safe Deposit and Trust Co.

Petition of N. P. Banks and others, a committee appointed by a vote of the town of Waltham, for a city charter for said town. To the committee on Cities. Waltham charter.

Petition of Edwin G. Walker and others that the governors of the several States in the Union be requested to submit to their several legislatures a special message relative to the passage of a law which will give to all citizens equal rights before the law. To the committee on Federal Relations. Equal rights.

Petition of Charles P. Howard for incorporation as a ship canal company to cut a ship canal from the mouth of Bass River, between the towns of Yarmouth and Dennis, on the south side of Cape Cod, to a point on Barnstable Bay, on the north side of said Cape Cod. To the committee on Harbors and Public Lands. Cape Cod Ship Canal Co.

Remonstrances of the Merrimack Manufacturing Company and others, the Page Paper Company and others, the Lancaster Mills and others, the Pocasset Manufacturing Company and others, the King Philip Mills, the Weetamoe Mills, the American Linen Company, the Chase Mills, the Robeson Mills, the Stafford Mills, the Mechanics' Mills, the Abington Tack and Machine Company, the Phoenix Mills, the Narragansett Suspender Company, the Wamsutta Mills and others, the Cordaville Woollen Company and others, the Victoria Mills and others, the Boston, Winthrop and Shore Railroad Company and others, the Roxbury Carpet Company and others, the Newton Hosiery Company and others, the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company and others, and the Chicopee Manufacturing Company and others, — severally against any legislation fixing the limit of time for the payment of wages. Payment of wages.

Severally to the committee on Labor.

Lebbeus W. Smith.
Ames B. Holbrook.

Petition of Lebbeus W. Smith for state aid.
Petition of S. N. Gifford that state aid may be granted to Alice S. Holbrook.
Severally to the committee on Military Affairs.

Waring Hat Manufacturing Company.

Petition of James Ingalls and others in favor of terminating a contract of the state prison with the Waring Hat Manufacturing Company.

Prison labor.

Petition of Frank Smith and others for the abolition of the contract system of labor in the prisons in the Commonwealth:

Severally to the committee on Prisons.

Taxation.

Petitions of Edward A. Carter and others, and of W. D. Wetherell and others, — severally, for a revision of the laws relating to taxation.

Severally to the committee on Taxation.

Aqueduct corporations.

Petition of Winslow Warren and others for an amendment to chapter 110 of the Public Statutes relating to aqueduct corporations. To the committee on Water Supply.

Salary of Worcester County treasurer.

Petition of Edward A. Brown, treasurer of Worcester County, for increase of salary.

Brockton as a shire town.

Remonstrance of Charles D. Nash and others against the petition of C. W. Sumner and others that Brockton be made a half-shire town of Plymouth County.

District court in Northern Worcester.

Petition of Charles Field and others for the establishment of a district court in Northern Worcester County.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Boston, — Shawsheen River.

The petition of the city of Boston for authority to take the waters of the Shawsheen River for a water supply, taken from the files of last year, came down referred to the committee on Water Supply. Pending the question on concurring with the Senate in the reference the petition was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Frisbee of North Andover.

Reports of Committees.

Mechanics' liens.

By Mr. White of Taunton, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending or modifying the provisions of chapter 191 of the Public Statutes in relation to liens on buildings for materials furnished.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. E. Perkins and others for legislation relative to the defraying by the Commonwealth of the expenses of the burial of certain soldiers and sailors. Burial expenses of certain soldiers and sailors.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a bill (on leave) and an order, a Bill in relation to wanton, wilful and mischievous offences against property. Read and ordered to a second reading. Malicious mischief.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the state lunatic hospital at Taunton ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Bridget Slattery. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance. Bridget Slattery.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To confirm a deed from the Proprietors of the Locks and Canals on the Connecticut River, to the Holyoke Water Power Company, and to dissolve the first-named corporation ; and Bills enacted.

To authorize the Industrial School for girls to hold additional real and personal estate ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Committee of Conference Appointed.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Williams of Foxborough, Kimball of Chelsea and Wells of Hatfield the committee of conference on the part of the House, on the matters of difference between the two branches on the Bill in relation to the memorandum books for the use of members and officers of the General Court. Memorandum books for members.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Authorizing special administrators to pay the expenses of executors in the proof of wills ; Orders of the Day.

To incorporate the Massachusetts Title Insurance Company ;

To authorize the town of Marblehead to take additional land for increasing the water supply of the town ;

Relating to the compensation of certain officers in the volunteer militia ;

In relation to the salaries and duties of certain officers of the reformatory prison for women ;

To incorporate the Hyde Park Water Company ;

Concerning costs and expenses in probate proceedings ;

Prohibiting the sale of fire-arms and other dangerous weapons to minors ; and

To amend " An Act to provide for the custody of books and papers of insolvent savings banks ; " and

Resolves :

In favor of George A. Stearns and Sarah N. Richardson ;

In favor of Moses B. Waitt ;

In favor of John Kenney ;

In favor of William and Catherine McLaughlin ;

In favor of the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank ; and

In favor of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To extend the limitation of time for the payment of state aid to invalid pensioners and their dependent relatives ;

To ratify and confirm the proceedings of Fire District Number One of North Attleborough ;

To authorize the Trustees of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge to hold additional real and personal estate ; and

To authorize towns to grant and vote money for certain purposes (amended in the title as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, so that it read " Bill to authorize towns to grant and vote money for certain memorial purposes ") ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the bill last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Reform School for boys and the State Industrial School for girls, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, or an order relative to the abolishment of the State Normal Art School ; and

Of the committee on Drainage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John C. Randall and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of constructing a system of sewerage in the town of Quincy ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve for the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company was further considered, the main question being on its engrossment. The pending amendments moved by Messrs. Ernst of Boston and Baker of Beverly were adopted. The pending amendments moved by Messrs. Doherty and Beard of Boston were rejected, and, after debate, the resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence, Rule 15 having been suspended on motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston.

Death of a Member-elect.

The orders of the day having been laid on the table, Mr. McLaughlin of Boston announced the death of Mr. John Doherty, a member-elect from the 7th Suffolk Representative District, and moved that a committee of four be appointed to attend the funeral.

Death of John Doherty, member-elect.

The motion was adopted, and the Speaker appointed the following named gentlemen a committee: Messrs. McLaughlin of Boston, Sanderson of Boston, Tarone of Boston and Dwyer of Boston.

Thereupon, the House, at ten minutes before four o'clock, adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 15, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

A communication was received from the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, in response to an order adopted by the House, February 1, 1884, relative to said board making the report required by chapter 263 of the

Report of State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.

Acts of the year 1883, on or before the fifteenth day of February current. Read, referred to the committee on Public Health and sent up for concurrence.

Motion to Reconsider.

New York &
New England
R. R.

Mr. Doherty of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Resolve for the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company. The motion was lost.

Petitions Presented.

Scientific tem-
perance instruc-
tion in public
schools.

By Mr. Winslow of Plainfield, petition of Howard Smith and others for legislation requiring scientific temperance instruction to be given in the public schools. Referred to the committee on Education.

Fishing in
Taunton Great
River.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, remonstrance of Sprague S. Stetson and others against any change in the law relative to fishing in Taunton Great River.

Seining in great
ponds of Nan-
tucket County.

By Mr. Hallett of Nantucket, remonstrance of J. B. Collins and others against any change in the present laws against seining in the great ponds of Nantucket County. Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Intoxicating
liquors.

By Mr. Sargent of Melrose, petition of Mary A. Hunt and others, that an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors be submitted to the people. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Women voting
on the liquor
question.

By Mr. Sargent of Melrose, petitions of John G. Adams and others, and of Daniel W. Gooch and others,—severally, that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Burial expenses
of soldiers and
sailors.

By Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, petition of Post 128, G. A. R., of the town of Ipswich, for legislation relative to the defraying by the Commonwealth of the expenses of the burial of certain soldiers and sailors. Placed on file.

*Papers from the Senate.***Bills :**

To incorporate the Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society (reported on a petition) ; and Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society.

In relation to statements made by foreign fire insurance companies to the Insurance Commissioner (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate) ; Foreign fire insurance companies.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A Resolve providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the General Court, agreed to by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

The following order was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Printing :—

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the members of the Legislature five hundred copies of the opinions of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of *Pierce versus Drew*. Pierce vs. Drew.

The following orders adopted by the Senate were severally laid on the table on motions of Mr. Barker of Worcester :—

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of amending the Constitution so that it shall provide for biennial sessions of the General Court. Biennial sessions.

Ordered, That the committee on Election Laws consider the expediency of amending the Constitution so that it shall provide for biennial elections of State officers. Biennial elections.

The prayer of Charles Foster for reimbursement for moneys wrongfully withheld from him came down referred to the committee on Claims under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston it was laid on the table, pending the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of the rule. Charles Foster.

Resolve Passed.

An engrossed Resolve for the better protection of the interests of the Commonwealth in bonds of the New York and New England Railroad Company (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate. Resolve passed.

Order.

Boston, Winthrop & Point Shirley R.R. Co.

The Senate order laid over from yesterday relative to requiring the Boston, Winthrop and Point Shirley Railroad Company to run trains throughout the year in compliance with the recommendations of the Railroad Commissioners was laid aside as being obnoxious to Joint Rule 11, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Accounts of county officers.

By Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, from the committee on County Estimates, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the accounts of county officers. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Woburn Public Library.

By Mr. Wadlin of Reading, from the committee on Education, leave to withdraw for want of legal notice on the petition of the selectmen of Woburn for an act to incorporate the Public Library of said town. Read and under a suspension of the rule recommitted to the committee on Education, with instructions to hear the petitioners after giving such notice as the committee may deem necessary. Sent up for concurrence.

Discharged from the Orders.

Burial expenses of soldiers and sailors.

On motion of Mr. Hoynes of Boston the report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. E. Perkins and others for legislation relative to the defraying by the Commonwealth of the expenses of the burial of certain soldiers and sailors, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule, and was on further motion of the same gentlemen recommitted to the committee with instructions to give such notice as the committee may deem expedient, and sent up for concurrence.

Taken from the Table.

Cambridge voting precincts.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester the petition of James A. Fox, mayor of Cambridge, for the passage of an act authorizing the division of the city of Cambridge into voting precincts was taken from the table. The House concurred with the Senate in the reference to the committee on Election Laws and the petition was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

*Orders of the Day.***Bills:**

To authorize the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester to purchase and hold additional real estate; Orders of the Day.

To incorporate the Holliston Water Company;

Relating to clerical assistance in the office of the Secretary and for lectures before the Board of Agriculture;

Prohibiting the locking of the doors of buildings wherein operatives are employed, during the hours of labor; and

In relation to wanton, wilful and mischievous offences against property; and

Resolves:

In favor of Valentine Bradshaw; and

Granting State aid to Daniel F. Moran and Francis E. Burton;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning costs and expenses in probate proceedings was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending or modifying the provisions of chapter 191 of the Public Statutes in relation to liens on buildings for material furnished, was accepted.

The Bill to divide the county of Worcester into two districts for the registry of deeds was further considered, and after debate, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, the House,

At half-past four o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, February 18, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Report of State Librarian.

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The annual report of the librarian of the State Library was received, referred to the committee on the Library, and sent up for concurrence.

Petitions Presented.

Lynn police.

By Mr. Jones of Lynn, remonstrance of Edward J. Moran, against granting the petition of the mayor of Lynn for a permanent police force. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

By Mr. Hastings of Warren, petition of James Goodrich and others; by Mr. Williams of Foxborough, petition of Horatio N. Eddy and others; by Mr. Richardson of Athol, petition of Ellen H. Clark and others; by Mr. Brown of Scituate, petition of Herbert O. Beale and others; by Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, petition of Charles M. Southgate and others; and by Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petition of D. S. Bridgman and others, — severally, for legislation relative to scientific temperance instruction in the public schools.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

Poll-tax qualification for voting.

By Mr. Littlefield of Lynn, petition of Wallace Osborne and others for the abolishment of a poll-tax as a prerequisite for suffrage. Referred to the committee on Election Laws.

Weekly payments of wages.

By Mr. Howland of Plymouth, petition of P. C. Brown and 376 others of Plymouth in favor of weekly payments of wages. Referred to the committee on Labor.

Intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Marden of Lowell, petition of Charles L. Hildreth and others for legislation to prohibit persons interested directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors from voting or otherwise acting on any application for, or on the granting of, any license for the sale of such liquors. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Clark of Wrentham, petition of C. D. Ruggles and others for a revision of the laws relating to taxation. Taxation.

By Mr. Flagg of Boylston, petition of A. W. Seaver and others for the repeal of the law relieving property from double taxation in certain cases. Double Taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Curry of Lynn, petition of William Tolan and others for the abolishing of the contract system of labor in the prisons of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Prisons. Prison labor.

By Mr. Butterfield of Chelsea, petition of Mrs. A. R. Cooledge and others; and by Mr. Elwell of Rockport, petition of Abbie C. Baker and others, — severally, for legislation relative to the practice of medicine. Practice of medicine.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, petition of James Freeman and 51 others for the enactment of a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Stark of Hyde Park, petition of Mrs. Jesse Wagner and others; by Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, petition of L. A. Bemis and others; and by Mr. Batcheller of North Brookfield, petition of Emily P. Walker and others, — severally, for legislation enabling women to vote on all questions that may be submitted to the people relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Women voting on the liquor question.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Burditt of Clinton, petition of Charles G. Stevens and others for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the legislature. Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

By Mr. Barry of Boston, remonstrance of Samuel Sawyer and others; by Mr. Burnham of Westminster, petition of Wilder P. Clark and others; by Mr. Forbes of Greenfield, petition of William B. Washburn and others; by Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, petition of Geo. B. Fiske and others; by Mr. Towne of Orange, remonstrance of W. H. Gale and 71 others; by Mr. Jones of Lynn, remonstrances of Geo. C. Neal and others, and of C. F. Smith and others, and of Geo. A. Noyes and others; and by Mr. Blyth of Wakefield, remonstrance of Joseph S. Cooper and others, — severally, against biennial elections and biennial sessions of the legislature. Ibid.

Severally placed on file.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted. An engrossed Bill making appropriations for compensation and mileage of officers and men of the volunteer militia and for other expenses of the military department (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Papers from the Senate.***Reports :**

Lowell. Of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the order relative to electing aldermen of Lowell by districts ; and

Troy & Greenfield R. R. and Hoosac Tunnel. Of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, no legislation necessary on the message of the Governor stating that no action has been taken by the Executive, under chapter 48 of the Resolves of the year 1883, concerning certain claims upon the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

First District Court of Eastern Middlesex.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the Bill to abolish the terms of the First District Court of Eastern Middlesex, taken from the files of last year.

Report of Committee.

Boston Young Women's Christian Association.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Boston Young Women's Christian Association to hold additional real and personal estate. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on County Estimates, no legislation necessary, on the report of the Commissioners of Savings Banks on the accounts of county officers was accepted.

Bills :

To limit the liability of Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings which may be incurred by any one person (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so as to read, " Bill to limit the liability which may be incurred by any one person to Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings ") ;

To supply the town of Middleborough with water, or to authorize the Middleborough fire district to furnish a water supply ;

Authorizing special administrators to pay the expenses of executors in the proof of wills ;

To prohibit the sale of fire-arms and other dangerous weapons to minors (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, including an amendment to the title) ; and

To incorporate the Holliston Water Company ; and
Resolves :

In favor of Moses B. Waitt ;

In favor of John Kenney ; and

In favor of William and Catherine McLaughlin ;

(Severally amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester to purchase and hold additional real estate ;

In relation to the salaries and duties of certain officers of the Reformatory Prison for Women ;

Relating to the compensation of certain officers in the Volunteer Militia (its title having been amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, so that it read, " Bill to provide for an allowance to certain officers in the Volunteer Militia ") ; and the

Resolve in favor of George A. Stearns and Sarah N. Richardson ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, the last named bill being sent up for concurrence in the amendment to the title.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the Executive Messenger ;

To incorporate the Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society ; and

In relation to statements made by foreign fire insurance companies to the Insurance Commissioner ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to divide the county of Worcester into two districts for the registry of deeds was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Barker of Worcester, and, the roll being called, the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 80 yeas to 61 nays as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Johnson, Thomas B.
Atkins, Isaac	Jones, Frank W.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Bancroft, William A.	Kimball, D. Frank
Bishop, George P.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Blyth, Robert	Kingsley, Chester W.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Littlefield, George W.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Madden, John J.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Mead, John J.
Buckley, Michael J.	Millett, Joshua H.
Burnham, Albert S.	Milne, John C.
Burr, Charles C.	Morse, George P.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Osborne, William H.
Butler, Richard T.	Paine, Robert T., Jr.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Palmer, Moses P.
Clark, John	Pierce, John
Clark, Sewall J.	Randall, Charles L.
Coffin, Charles C.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Collins, Edward	Rice, Augustus
Cook, Thomas W.	Saunders, Franklin
Cowdrey, George	Searell, William A.
Cummings, Prentiss	Shaw, Elisha H.
Damon, Calvin	Small, Edward E.
Danforth, Henry P.	Smith, Frederick H.
Darling, Moses B.	Smith, George E.
Davenport, James F.	Stafford, John H.
Davis, Samuel G.	Stow, T. Dwight
Devney, Patrick F.	Swift, Augustus
Douglas, William L.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Flint, Charles H.	Toulmin, William B.
Forbes, William A.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Foster, Joshua T.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Hardy, John H.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Hartwell, Harris C.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Hazleton, Charles W.	White, Lloyd E.
Hazen, Herman S.	Whiting, Albert T.
Hewins, James	Winslow, James A.
Hurlbut, Rufus H.	Wolcott, Roger.

NAYS.

Messrs. Barker, Forrest E.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Barry, Patrick T.	McFarland, Cromwell
Batcheller, Aldin	Mooney, John F. H.
Beard, Alanson W.	Morrison, Peter
Bent, George C.	Murdock, John N.
Bent, Roderic L.	Oakes, Charles N.
Blaney, Alexander	O'Gorman, John J.
Brown, Charles E.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Bryant, Timothy	Paton, Andrew H.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Potter, Burton W.
Carlton, O. Loring	Prime, Oliver
Chapin, Francis L.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Clark, Aaron F.	Reed, Daniel
Clark, George L.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Connor, James	Sanderson, George A.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Smith, Oren B.
Daggett, Handel N.	Spooner, William H.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Stark, Henry C.
Donovan, James	Stebbins, Erastus
Dresser, Jacob A.	Stratton, James F.
Eaton, William N.	Tarone, James
Ernst, George A. O.	Temple, Joseph W.
Flagg, Levi L.	Tufts, George K.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Ward, John E.
Gleason, George A.	Warner, Emerson
Harrub, Fred M.	Webb, Elisha
Harvey, Edwin B.	Willson, Edmund B.
Homans, William A., Jr.	Winter, Frank E.
Howes, Erastus	Woods, John M.
Judkins, John B.	

Yeas, 80; nays, 61.

On this question Messrs. Doherty of Boston, Crowell of Barnstable, Morse of Sharon, Williams of Foxborough, Dolan of Boston, Baker of Beverly, Snow of Boston, Almy of Dartmouth, Stone of Lunenburg, Cushing of Weymouth, Hosmer of Concord, Dwyer of Boston, Melden of Lynn, Murphy of Boston, Daly of Boston, Creed of Boston, Gifford of Falmouth, Wright of Holyoke, Burdett of Hingham, Killion of Boston, Pattee of Quincy and Howes of Cambridge, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Peck of Taunton, Hastings of Warren, Cross of Newburyport, Freeman of Chatham, O'Sullivan of Lawrence, Ball of Worcester, Gove of Boston, Gordon of New

Bedford, Richardson of Athol, Hosley of Boston, Clark of Somerville, Farrell of Boston, Walker of Worcester, McLaughlin of Boston, Wilbur of Boston, Maguire of Boston, Eaton of Auburn, Crowley of Lowell, Burditt of Clinton, Donehue of Lowell, Chappelle of Boston, and Fossitt of Boston.

The Bill to furnish free text-books to the pupils of the public schools was further considered, the main question being on ordering to a third reading. Pending this question and pending amendments moved by Messrs. Harvey of Westborough and Millett of Malden the House,

At seven minutes before five o'clock, adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 19, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

Sale of fire-arms
to minors.

Mr. Bent of Cambridge moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill to prohibit the sale of fire-arms, and other dangerous weapons, to minors. The motion was lost.

Petitions Presented.

John Atwood
et als.
War claims.

By Mr. Morrison of Boston, petition of John Atwood and others; by Mr. Small of Provincetown, petition of John C. Weeks and others; by Mr. Linnell of Orleans, petition of Philip Smith and others; by Mr. Douglas of Brockton, petition of Robert E. Smith and others; by Mr. Howland of Plymouth, petition of Gilbert B. Spencer and others, — severally, for compensation for the taking of their property for public uses during the late war.

Severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Scientific tem-
perance instruc-
tion in public
schools.

By Mr. Blaney of Natick, petition of Daniel Dorchester and others; by Mr. Batcheller of North Brookfield, petition of Thos. E. Babb and others; by Mr. Morse of Sharon, petition of C. R. Tenney and others; by Mr. Randall of Boston, petition of J. A. Hathaway and others; by Mr.

Clark of Northampton, petition of Rev. A. C. Hussey and others; by Mr. Freeman of Chatham, petition of Warren Applebee and others; by Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of Mary E. Daniels and others; by Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, petition of Arthur M. Backus and others; and by Mr. Flagg of Boylston, petition of Geo. Kendall and others, — severally, for legislation requiring scientific temperance instruction to be given in the public schools.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Jones of Lynn, petition of Frank Sherry and others; and by Mr. Littlefield of Lynn, petition of Geo. C. Neal and others, — severally, for the abolishment of the poll-tax as a prerequisite for suffrage.

Poll-tax
qualification for
voting.

Severally referred to the committee on Election Laws.

By Mr. Hatch of Marshfield, remonstrance of Geo. H. Weatherbee and others against the establishing of the city of Brockton as a half-shire town of Plymouth County, and the erection of the county buildings in said city.

Plymouth
County, —
Brockton.

By Mr. Egleston of Westfield, remonstrance of the selectmen of Granville against the establishing of a district court in Hampden County, comprising the towns of Westfield, Russell, Chester, and other towns.

Hampden
County District
Court.

Severally referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, remonstrances of the Pemberton Company and others, and of the American Watch Company and others, — severally, against weekly payment of wages.

Weekly pay-
ments of wages.

By Mr. Starbird of Lowell, remonstrance of Luther White and others against the passage of any act fixing by law a limit of time for the payment of wages.

Ibid.

By Mr. Danforth of Lawrence, petition of William Oswald & Company and others for legislation relative to the hours of labor.

Hours of labor.

Severally referred to the committee on Labor.

By Mr. Potter of Enfield, petition of N. S. Chaffee and others; by Mr. Wilbur of Boston, petition of A. H. Tompkins and others; by Mr. Batcheller of North Brookfield, petition of D. S. Stebbins and others; by Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of J. N. Farrar and others; by Mr. Cook of New Bedford, petition of S. Wright Butler and others; by Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, petition of Silvanus Hayward and others; by Mr. Cummings of Boston,

Intoxicating
liquors.

petition of J. A. Hathaway and others; by Mr. Baker of Beverly, petition of H. O. Clark and others; by Mr. Temple of Spencer, petition of W. B. Prouty and others; by Mr. Howland of Plymouth, petition of Walter J. Yates and others; by Mr. Whiting of Boston, petition of Thomas Todd and others; and by Mr. Peck of Taunton, petition of William L. Godfrey and others, — severally, that an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be submitted to the people.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Burial expenses
of soldiers and
sailors.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of the F. P. H. Rogers Post; by Mr. Judkins of Merrimac, petition of C. O. Roberts and others of the C. R. Mudge Post; by Mr. Gove of Boston, petition of the Joseph Hooker Post; by Mr. Elwell of Rockport, petition of the O. W. Wallace Post; by Mr. Flagg of Boylston, petition of the E. A. Andrew Post; and by Mr. Allis of Whately, petition of the Myron E. Stowell Post, — severally, for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Broad-rimmed
wheels.

By Mr. Toulmin of Leominster, remonstrance of Cephas Derby and others against the passage of any act regulating the width of rims to wagon wheels. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Women voting
on the liquor
question.

By Mr. Batcheller of North Brookfield, petition of E. R. Watson and others; and by Mr. Temple of Spencer, petition of E. P. Cutler and others, — severally, that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors.

Ibid.

By Mr. Atkins of Marblehead, petition of Mary E. Till and others for legislation enabling women to vote on all questions that may be submitted to the people relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Murdock of Leicester, petition of Julia T. Murdock and others for woman suffrage.

By Mr. Stone of Lunenburg, remonstrance of Mrs. A. Farnsworth and 19 others against further imposition of political duties upon women.

Woman suffrage.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.
Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Stratton of Milford, remonstrance of O. M. Adams and 85 others of Milford, against biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature.

Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

By Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, petition of J. M. Cochran and others; by Mr. Burditt of Clinton, petition of M. J. Costello and others; and by Mr. Clark of Peabody, petition of Charles A. Haskell and others,—severally, in favor of biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature.

Ibid.

By Mr. Flagg of Boylston, petition of Geo. Kendall and others; by Mr. Blaney of Natick, petition of Daniel Dorchester and others; and by Mr. Adams of Attleborough, petition of William Clark, Jr., and others,—severally, for the enactment of a stringent prohibitory liquor law.

Prohibitory liquor law.

Severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relating to the hours of labor so as to prevent overwork in manufacturing and mercantile establishments; and

Hours of labor in manufacturing, &c., establishments.

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Williams for reimbursement of moneys paid into the State treasury by a public administrator;

William Williams.

Severally accepted by the Senate were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

Authorizing insurance companies to elect their directors by classes;

Directors of insurance companies.

Requiring notice to authorities of cities and towns upon application for commitment to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded;

Commitments to the Mass. School for the Feeble-Minded.

(Severally reported on orders);

To provide for the appointment of trustees by churches or religious societies in certain cases (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate);

Trustees of religious societies.

To authorize the Hingham Cordage Company to hold additional real and personal estate (reported on a petition); and

Hingham Cordage Co.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

Suffolk Co. Superior Court officers.

Concerning the officers of the superior court in the county of Suffolk ; and

Witnesses.

Relating to the credibility of witnesses ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Soldiers' Home.

A Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, reported on a petition and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Eastern R. R. Co. — Essex.

The report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Essex for authority to aid the Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road in said town, was recommitted, in concurrence, to the committee on Railroads.

Reports of Committees.

Conditional sales of personal property.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring conditional sales of personal property to be recorded in the clerk's office of the city or town in which the property is situated.

Fees in insolvency proceedings.

By Mr. Creed of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that there shall be no fees required from salaried officers in any insolvency proceeding.

Ibid.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to reducing the fees required in insolvency proceedings.

Protection against fire in hotels, &c.

By Mr. Smith of Palmer, from the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning the better protection of persons in case of fire in hotels and boarding-houses.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Women voting for school committee.

By Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, from the committee on Woman Suffrage, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of S. G. Foster and others, that women citizens of lawful age may vote for school

committee on terms no more onerous than men have to fulfil, and recommending its reference to the committee on Election Laws. Read, accepted and sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill (on leave) providing for the allowance of amendments of reasons of appeal in cases in probate courts ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill. Appeals from probate courts.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Lucy T. Langmaid ought to pass in a new draft with the same title. Read and ordered to a second reading. Lucy T. Langmaid.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Bridget Slattery ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. Bridget Slattery.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, the Bill to incorporate the Hyde Park Water Company was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommitted to the committee on Water Supply. Hyde Park Water Co.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the Senate order relative to authorizing the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad to visit the tunnel was taken from the table and was adopted, in concurrence. Committee on H. T. and T. & G. R. R. authorized to visit.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the prayer of Charles Foster for reimbursement for moneys wrongfully withheld from him was taken from the table. The Chair stated that it appeared on examination of the paper that it was not a petition in due form. It was not addressed to either branch of the General Court, it did not prefer any request for legislative action, and it bore no signature whatever. The Chair, therefore, ruled that the paper was not one proper to be referred to a committee, or to the next General Court, and must therefore be laid aside, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate. Charles Foster.

Appropriation
bill.

On motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River, the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House on Tuesday, February 5, passed to be engrossed the Bill in further addition to "An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government the present year," was taken from the table, and was adopted by a vote of 80 to 43.

Mr. Brackett of Boston being in the chair, Mr. Marden of Lowell moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House adopted the amendment in the clause relating to stationery of the House by striking out the word "sixteen" and inserting in place thereof the word "eight." The motion prevailed, and the question recurring on the amendment the word "sixteen" was allowed to stand in the bill. Mr. Marden then asked the unanimous consent of the House that the vote by which the House adopted the amendment relating to the Senate stationery by striking out the word "nine" and inserting instead the word "five" might be reconsidered, the House having once refused to so reconsider. No objection was made, and the vote was reconsidered. The question recurring on the amendment the word "nine" was allowed to stand in the bill. The bill was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, no legislation necessary on the message of the Governor concerning certain claims upon the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to furnish free text-books to the pupils of the public schools was further considered, the main question being on ordering to a third reading. The pending amendments moved by Mr. Harvey of Westborough were adopted. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Millett of Malden was rejected. After debate the bill was ordered to a third reading.

At eight minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 20, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Dowse, Chaplain of the Senate.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Gross of Lee, petition of the assessors of the town of Becket; by Mr. Cushing of Weymouth, petition of the assessors of the town of Weymouth; by Mr. Flagg of Boylston, petition of the assessors of the towns of Northborough and Shrewsbury; by Mr. Gleason of Douglas, petition of the assessors of the town of Douglas; by Mr. Smith of Ashfield, petition of assessors of the town of Rowe; by Mr. Williams of Foxborough, petition of assessors of the town of Foxborough; by Mr. Bent of Gardner, petition of assessors of the town of Winchendon; by Mr. Webb of Petersham, petition of the assessors of the town of Petersham; by Mr. Allis of Whately, petition of assessors of the town of Conway, and of C. C. Flagg and others; by Mr. Hatch of Marsfield, petition of the assessors of Hanson, and of B. C. Beal and others; by Mr. Burnham of Westminster, petition of the assessors of the town of Westminster; by Mr. Toulmin of Leominster, petition of the assessors of the town of Leominster; by Mr. Cobb of Billerica, petition of the assessors of the town of Lexington; by Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of Andrew B. Jones and others; by Mr. Paton of Danvers, petition of the assessors of the town of Danvers; by Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, petition of the assessors of the town of Stockbridge; and by Mr. Reilly of Uxbridge, petition of the assessors of the town of Uxbridge, — severally, for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgage of real estate from taxation in certain cases.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Isadora F. Lincoln for an increase of State aid, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Isadora F. Lincoln.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was laid over at the request of Mr. Clark of Boston : —

Committee on
Mercantile Af-
fairs,— pilotage.

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs, in considering the subject of pilotage, be authorized to employ a stenographer.

Bills :

Union Congre-
gational Society
in No. Brook-
field.
Salary of clerk
of Holyoke
Police Court.
Holyoke water
supply.

To confirm certain acts of the Union Congregational Society in North Brookfield ;

To establish the salary of the Clerk of the Police Court of Holyoke ;

In addition to the Acts to supply the city of Holyoke with pure water ;

Texas, Topo-
lobampo and
Pacific Railroad
and Telegraph
Co.

To change the corporate name of the Texas, Topolo- bampo and Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company, and to extend its franchise ;

New Bedford
charter.
Court Little
John, No. 6, In-
dependent Or-
der of Foresters.

To amend the charter of the city of New Bedford ; and

To authorize Court Little John, No. 6, Independent Order of Foresters, to change its name ;

(Severally reported on petitions) ;

Contagious dis-
eases in public
schools.

To prevent the spread of contagious diseases through the public schools (reported on an order) ;

Creditors in in-
solvency.

To provide for composition with creditors in insolvency (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate) ; and

Coal.

In addition to “ An Act to regulate the sale of coal by measure ” (being a new draft of the House Bill relating to the sale of coal by measure) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Greenfield,—T.
& G. R. R.

The petition of the selectmen of Greenfield, that said town be reimbursed for moneys expended for stock and loans to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, taken from the Senate files of last year, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the reference to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad. The House insisted on its reference and the petition was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

G. A. R. Posts.

The petition of Oliver Downing and others for a law allowing cities and towns to give the use of buildings to Grand Army Posts, was referred, in concurrence, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, to the committee on Cities.

A remonstrance of Osborn Mills of Fall River, against the passage of any act fixing by law a limit of time for the payment of wages was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Labor. Payments of wages.

Remonstrances of E. Sampson and others, — severally, against legislation regulating the width of rims to wagon wheels were severally referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Broad-rimmed wheels.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River, the annual report of the Treasurer and Receiver General was taken from the table and was, on his further motion, referred to the committee on Finance. Report of Treasurer and Receiver General.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to prohibiting owners, trustees or lessees of houses used for the purposes of prostitution, from holding any office of honor or public trust. Owners, &c., of houses of ill fame as public officers.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to so amending section 26, chapter 207, of the Public Statutes, as to provide that proof of intoxication shall be *prima facie* evidence of drunkenness by the voluntary use of intoxicating liquors, under the provisions of said section. Drunkenness.

By Mr. Harvey of Westborough, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw, on so much of the petition of Wendell Phillips and others, relating to overseers of the poor and the State lunatic hospitals, as relates to the overseers of the poor. Overseers of the poor.

By Mr. Smith of Everett, from the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lester A. Hulse that shares and stocks of corporations be assessed upon the selling value instead of the par value. Taxation of corporate stock.

Severally read and placed on the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, from the committee on County Estimates, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the order relative to authorizing the county commissioners of Hampden County to rebuild Hampden County Jail.

the jail and house of correction in said county, and recommending the reference of the subject-matter thereof to the committee on Prisons. Read, accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Exhibition of deformities.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (on leave) to prohibit the exhibition of deformities for hire ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Lawrence Academy, — Falmouth.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Falmouth to purchase the Lawrence Academy in said town.

County taxes.

By Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, from the committee on County Estimates, on the estimates of the county commissioners of the several counties for the present year, a Resolve granting county taxes.

Worcester Lyceum and Natural History Association.

By Mr. Mooney of Worcester, from the committee on Education, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the Worcester Lyceum and Natural History Association.

Trustees of State Lunatic Hospitals.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on so much of the petition of Wendell Phillips and others, relating to overseers of the poor and the state lunatic hospitals, as relates to the appointment of women on boards of trustees of state lunatic hospitals, a Bill relating to the appointment of trustees of state lunatic hospitals.

Female assistant physicians in State Lunatic Hospitals.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on so much of the petition of Wendell Phillips and others, relating to overseers of the poor and the state lunatic hospitals, as relates to the appointment of female assistant physicians in state lunatic hospitals, a Bill providing for the appointment of female assistant physicians in state lunatic hospitals.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Annual election sermon.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to repeal the public statutes relating to the annual election sermon ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Attorney-General.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the same committee, that the Bill (recommitted) to further define the duties of the attorney-general ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

By Mr. Donehue of Lowell, from the committee on Holden.
 Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the town of
 Holden.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, from the committee on Mil- Soldiers' Mes-
 itary Affairs, on an order, a Resolve in favor of the senger Corps.
 Soldiers' Messenger Corps.

By Mr. O'Gorman of Worcester, from the same com- Artemas Ray-
 mittee, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of mond.]
 Artemas Raymond.

Severally read and referred, under the rule, to the
 committee on Finance.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed Bills :

To extend the time within which the Charles River Bills enacted.
 Embankment Company shall perform certain work (which
 originated in the House) ;

To authorize towns to grant and vote money for certain
 memorial purposes ;

To authorize the trustees of the Episcopal Theological
 School at Cambridge to hold additional real and personal
 estate ;

To extend the limitation of time for the payment of
 state aid to invalid pensioners and their dependent rela-
 tives ; and

To ratify and confirm the proceedings of Fire District
 Number One of North Attleborough ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent
 to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpe- Orders of the
 dient to legislate ; day.

On an order relative to reducing the fee in insolvency
 proceedings ; and

On an order relative to providing that there shall be no
 fees required from salaried officers in any insolvency pro-
 ceeding ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on State House, inexpedient to legis-
 late, on an order relative to making a passageway between

the east and west wings of the State House, on the second floor; and

Of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning the better protection of persons in case of fire in hotels and boarding-houses;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Tucker Manufacturing Company for compensation for fuel furnished to the State Prison, was considered. Mr. Murphy of Boston moved to amend by substituting therefor a "Bill to give to the superior court for the county of Suffolk jurisdiction in certain cases." After debate the amendment was rejected and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Respecting the liability of cities and towns owing to defects in the highway caused by snow or ice (amended on motions of Messrs. White of Taunton and Cummings of Boston); and

To incorporate the Clinton Market Company (amended on motions of Mr. Clark of Boston); and

Resolves :

Providing for the construction of coal sheds at the State Prison at Concord;

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton; and

In favor of Bridget Slattery;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor, was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, it was, on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

The Bill to prevent the deposit of rubbish in the highways and to authorize towns to make by-laws relative to noxious weeds and the removal of soil within the limits of highways, was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, laid on the table.

Bills :

Relating to instruction in the elementary use of hand-tools in public schools (amended on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly) ; and

To incorporate the Braintree Water Company (amended on motion of Mr. Frisbee of North Andover) ; and

Resolves :

In favor Hiram P. Harriman ; and

In favor of Valentine Bradshaw ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve granting State aid to Daniel F. Moran and Francis E. Burton was read a third time, amended, as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, by substituting therefor a new resolve with the same title, and the substitute resolve was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Title Insurance Company was read a third time and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Bowker of Boston and Wentworth of Dedham, and pending the main question on engrossment, the bill was, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, recommitted to the committee on Insurance, with instructions to report a general law substantially in accordance with the principles of the bill, and sent up for concurrence.

At nine minutes past five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 21, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Gove of Boston, petition of A. P. Martin and others of Boston for the establishment of a board of public works in said city. Board of Public Works in Boston.

By Mr. Jones of Lynn, remonstrance of William R. Newhall and others against the petition of the mayor of Lynn for a permanent police force. Lynn police.

Severally referred to the committee on Cities.

Scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

By Mr. Hatch of Marshfield, petition of E. P. Thompson and 85 others; by Mr. Burr of Seekonk, petition of Joseph E. Sears and others; by Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, petition of Daniel T. Travis and 80 others; by Mr. Swift of New Bedford, petition of Alfred N. Thompson and others; and by Mr. Milne of Fall River, petition of J. D. King and others, — severally, for legislation requiring scientific temperance instruction to be given in the public schools.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

Poll-tax qualification for voting.

By Mr. Jones of Lynn, petition of Julius M. Harmon and others for the abolishment of a poll tax as a prerequisite for suffrage. Referred to the committee on Election Laws.

District Court for Hampden County.

By Mr. Oakes of Westfield, remonstrance of Fowles T. Moore and others against the passage of an act establishing a district court in Hampden County, comprising the towns of Westfield, Russell, Chester and five other towns. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Weekly payments of wages.

By Mr. Howland of Plymouth, petition of John Monks and others for weekly payment of wages. Referred to the committee on Labor.

Liquor licenses.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of A. E. White and others for legislation to prohibit persons interested directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors from voting or otherwise acting on any application for, or on the granting of, any license for the sale of such liquors.

Intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Ward of Boston, petition of Geo. W. Heard and others; by Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, petition of S. W. Hall and others; and by Mr. Hosmer of Concord, petition of A. F. Calef and 139 others, — severally, that an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be submitted to the people.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Adulterations.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of Edwin H. Brigham and others, and of A. H. Cowdrey and others, — severally, for legislation to prevent the adulteration of articles of food, drink and medicine.

Severally referred to the committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, remonstrance of H. L. Coolidge and others; by Mr. Howes of Gloucester, remonstrance of McIntosh & Company and others, of Andrew J. Hall and others, of J. D. Hitchcock and others; by Mr. Homans of Gloucester, remonstrances of B. F. Smith and others; and by Mr. Elwell of Rockport, remonstrance of J. C. Paige and others, — severally, against the passage of any act regulating the width of rims to wagon wheels.

Broad-rimmed wheels.

Severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

By Mr. Crowell of Barnstable, petition of Annie E. Bursley and 66 others; by Mr. Howes of Cambridge, petition of Maria F. Walling and 26 others; by Mr. Donovan of Boston, petition of Sarah D. Knowles and 21 others; by Mr. Pierce of Boston, petition of Evelina A. S. Smith and 10 others; by Mr. Douglas of Brockton, petition of Irene L. Thompson and 16 others; by Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, petition of Clarimond Mansfield and 85 others; and by Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of Anne Whitney and 10 others, — severally, for the enactment of a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Stratton of Milford, petition of Lorenzo Stoddard and 17 others for woman suffrage.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. Cora L. Shaw and 103 others, women of Boston, against any further extension of suffrage to women.

Ibid.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition of James E. Latimer and others; by Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, petition of Joseph Noyes and 182 others; and by Mr. Elwell of Rockport, petition of A. J. Mason and others, — severally, for the enactment of a prohibitory law.

Prohibitory liquor law.

Severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs be authorized to report in print, with the evidence, on the subject of pilotage.

Pilotage.

Weston Water
Company.

The petition of Charles J. Paine and others, for incorporation as the Weston Water Company was referred, under the 12th Joint Rule, to the next General Court, the House having refused to suspend the rule. Notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

Bills :

Hovey & Cran-
don Publishing
Co.

To change the name of the Hovey and Crandon Publishing Company (reported on a petition); and

Divorce.

To give the Superior Court original jurisdiction of causes of divorce and other proceedings kindred thereto (reported, in part, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to divorce, and certain orders relating to practice and procedure in the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts and to the relief of the Supreme Judicial Court);

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

City of Colum-
bus disaster.

A Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to people of Gay Head, to the officers and men of the United States revenue steamer Samuel Dexter, and to others (being a new draft of a House resolution), adopted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Committee on
Mercantile Af-
fairs, —
Pilotage.

The Senate order, laid over from yesterday, relative to authorizing the committee on Mercantile Affairs in considering the subject of pilotage to employ a stenographer, was adopted, in concurrence.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed Bills :

Bills enacted.

To authorize the West Springfield Aqueduct Company to issue bonds;

Relating to actions for injuries received on the Lord's Day; and

Relating to payment by insurance companies for the valuation of their policies;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing against the loss of life upon ponds and streams from which ice is taken. Protection of life on ice ponds.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petitions of James Bridge and Ellen A. Stone and others, for a release of the claim of the Commonwealth to certain property left by Elizabeth Bridge Gerry in favor of the poor of the town of Lexington. Elizabeth Bridge Gerry,—Lexington.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of the Brockton Savings Bank and other savings banks, for legislation legalizing investments heretofore made by savings banks in the bonds of the Boston & Lowell Railroad Corporation. Savings bank investments in B. & L. E. R. bonds.

By Mr. Bent of Gardner, from the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the employment of watchmen in hotels and boarding houses. Watchmen in hotels and boarding-houses.

By Mr. Adams of Adams, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation requiring a loose pulley and shifting belt on the main shaft of each room in a factory. Factories.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Webb of Petersham, from the committee on Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill for the protection of game in the ponds known as Cockeast or Davol's pond and Richmond's pond, situated between the Westport River and the Rhode Island boundary line. Protection of game in Cockeast or Davol's Pond and Richmond's Pond.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, from the committee on Labor, on petitions, a Bill relating to the employment of minors and women in mercantile establishments. Employment of minors and women.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition of the New York and New England Railroad Company, in part, a Bill for the relief of the New York and New England Railroad Company. N. Y. & N. E. R. R.

By Mr. Walker of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Lancaster Water Company. Lancaster Water Co.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Resolve confirming the acts of Moses N. Arnold as a justice of the peace. Moses N. Arnold.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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Bills :

To authorize the Boston Young Women's Christian Association to hold additional real and personal estate ;

To authorize the town of Falmouth to purchase the Lawrence Academy in said town ;

To prohibit the exhibition of deformities for hire ;

Relating to the appointment of trustees of state lunatic hospitals ;

Providing for the appointment of female assistant physicians in state lunatic hospitals ;

To change the name of the Worcester Lyceum and Natural History Association ;

In addition to " An Act to regulate the sale of coal by measure " ;

To establish the salary of the Clerk of the Police Court of Holyoke ;

In addition to the Acts to supply the city of Holyoke with pure water ;

To provide for composition with creditors in insolvency ;

To authorize Court Little John, No. 6, Independent Order of Foresters, to change its name ;

To amend the charter of the city of New Bedford ;

To prevent the spread of contagious diseases through the public schools ;

To confirm certain acts of the Union Congregational Society in North Brookfield ;

To repeal the Public Statutes relating to the annual election sermon ;

To provide for the appointment of trustees by churches or religious societies in certain cases ;

To authorize the Hingham Cordage Company to hold additional real and personal estate (amended on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly) ;

Authorizing insurance companies to elect their directors by classes ;

Requiring notice to authorities of cities and towns upon application for commitment to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded ;

To further define the duties of the Attorney General (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary) ;

Resolves :

In favor of Lucy T. Langmaid ; and

Granting county taxes ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate ;

On an order relative to the recording of conditional sales of personal property ;

On an order relative to prohibiting owners, trustees, or lessees of houses used for the purposes of prostitution, from holding any office of honor or public trust ; and

On an order relative to so amending section 26, chapter 207, of the Public Statutes, as to provide that proof of intoxication shall be *prima facie* evidence of drunkenness by the voluntary use of intoxicating liquors, under the provisions of said section ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw, on so much of the petition of Wendell Phillips and others, relating to overseers of the poor and the state lunatic hospitals, as relates to the overseers of the poor ; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lester A. Hulse that shares and stocks of corporations be assessed upon the selling value instead of the par value ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to providing that aldermen of the city of Lowell shall be elected by aldermanic districts ;

Of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relating to the hours of labor so as to prevent overwork in manufacturing and mercantile establishments ; and

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Williams for reimbursement of moneys paid into the State treasury by a public administrator ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the General Court was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Rantoul of Salem postponed for further consideration until next Wednesday, to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

The Bill in relation to wanton, wilful and mischievous offences against property was read a third time, and, after debate, was rejected.

The Bill to divide the county of Worcester into two districts for the registry of deeds, was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment, it was, on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday, to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

The Bill (on leave) providing for the allowance of amendments of reasons of appeal in cases in probate courts was rejected as recommended by the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Isadora F. Lincoln for an increase of state aid was on motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

The Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor was further considered, the main question being on its engrossment. The first pending amendment of Mr. Foster of Medford to strike out certain words in section 1 was rejected. The second pending amendment of the same gentleman, to insert a new section, to be numbered section 3, was amended on motion of Mr. Wentworth of Dedham and, as amended, was adopted. The bill, as amended, was then passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to change the corporate name of the Texas, Topolobampo and Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company, and to extend its franchise was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

The Bill relating to clerical assistance in the office of the Secretary and for lectures before the Board of Agriculture; and the

Resolves:

Resolve in favor of Bridget Slattery; and

In favor of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Prohibiting the locking of the doors of buildings, wherein operatives are employed, during the hours of labor;

To establish the salary of the Executive Messenger;

In relation to statements made by foreign fire insurance companies to the Insurance Commissioner; and

To authorize the town of Marblehead to take additional land for increasing the water supply of the town (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, including an amendment to the title so that it read "Bill to authorize the town of Marblehead to take additional land for the purpose of increasing its water supply");

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the bill last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

At five o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, February 25, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motions to Reconsider.

Mr. Stow of Fall River moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Thursday, February 21, accepted in concurrence the report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relating to the hours of labor, so as to prevent overwork in manufacturing and mercantile establishments. The motion prevailed, and the question recurring on the acceptance of the report, it was accepted, in concurrence.

Hours of labor
in manufactur-
ing and mercan-
tile establish-
ments.

Boston & Lowell R. R. Corporation.

Mr. Boardman of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on Thursday, February 21, passed to be engrossed the Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor. On further motion of the same gentleman, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Petitions Presented.

Scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, petition of Charles R. Seymour and others; by Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, petition of Edward F. McIntosh and others; by Mr. Palmer of Groton, petition of D. R. Steere and others; by Mr. Reynolds of Brockton, petition of Harvey Snow and others; by Mr. Searell of New Bedford, petition of William Phillip and others; by Mr. Spooner of Boston, petition of Mrs. J. B. Guttridge and others; by Mr. Bowker of Boston, petition of George W. Heard and others; by Mr. Nash of Abington, petition of Peter Talbot and others; by Mr. Batcheller of North Brookfield, petition of E. R. Watson and others; and by Mr. Burnham of Westminster, petition of J. W. Bemis and others, — severally, for legislation requiring scientific temperance instruction to be given in the public schools.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

Intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, petition of Theron Brown and others; and by Mr. Melden of Lynn, petition of John T. Patten and others, — severally, that an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage be submitted to the people.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Burial expenses of soldiers and sailors.

By Mr. Temple of Spencer, petition of the Charles Devens Post; by Mr. Clark of Medway, petition of Oliver H. Ingalls and others; by Mr. White of Taunton, petition of the William H. Bartlett Post; by Mr. Searell of New Bedford, petition of the William L. Rodman Post; by Mr. Williams of Foxborough, petition of William H. Wade and others; and by Mr. Blyth of Wakefield, petition of the H. M. Warren Post, — severally, for legislation rela-

tive to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Chappelle of Boston, remonstrance of Alfred Mudge & Son and others against the printing of school text-books in the penal institutions of the State. Referred to the committee on Prisons. Printing of text-books in prisons.

By Mr. Morse of Acushnet, petition of Franklyn Howland and others for an act regulating the width of rims to wagon wheels. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Broad-rimmed wheels.

By Mr. Coffey of Boston, petition of J. M. Hutchings and others for legislation fixing the rate of fare on horse-cars in Boston at five cents for each passenger. Referred to the committee on Street Railways. Five cent fares on Boston street railways.

By Mr. Crowell of Dennis, petition of the assessors of the town of Dennis; by Mr. Bucklin of Cheshire, petition of the assessors of the town of Savoy; by Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of the assessors of the town of Carver; by Mr. Webb of Petersham, petition of the assessors of the town of Phillipston and others; and by Mr. Reed of Milford, petition of the assessors of the town of Upton, — severally, for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgage of real estate from taxation in certain cases. Double taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, petition of Pauline O. Cook and others for woman suffrage. Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Damon of Haverhill, petition of E. M. Haynes and others for the enactment of a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Flagg of Boylston, petition of Sarah A. Phelps and others; and by Mr. Millett of Malden, petition of J. M. Morey and others, — severally, that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors. Women voting on the liquor question.

Severally referred to the committee on] Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

*Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.***Engrossed Bills :**

Bills enacted
and resolve
passed.

Authorizing the Charles River Street Railway Company to issue mortgage bonds; and

To enable the town of Everett to raise money to extend its water-pipes;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To authorize the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester to purchase and hold additional real estate;

To provide for an allowance to certain officers in the volunteer militia; and

In relation to the salaries and duties of certain officers of the Reformatory Prison for Women;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of George A. Stearns and Sarah N. Richardson (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Laid on the Table.

Weavers' Association of Fall River.

Mr. Stow of Fall River presented the petition of the Weavers' Association of Fall River for an act of incorporation, and moved a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. Pending the question on suspending the rule, the petition was laid on the table, on further motion of the same gentleman.

Papers from the Senate.

Passengers on street cars.

A report of the committee on Street Railways, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to preventing the carrying of passengers in street cars in excess of their seating capacity, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Annual report of the State Gas Inspector.

A report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Annual Report of the State Gas Inspector and recommending its reference to the committee on Manufactures, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Contagious diseases.

Concerning contagious diseases (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate);

To incorporate the Washington Mills Company (reported on a petition); and

Washington Mills Co.

To confirm the proceedings of the Washington Cemetery Association at Gloucester (reported on a petition taken from the files of last year);

Washington Cemetery Association at Gloucester.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to second reading.

The following papers were severally referred, in concurrence:—

Petitions of Eleazer Porter and others; the mayor of Gloucester and others, and James M. Brown and others,—severally, for scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. Severally to the committee on Education.

Scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

Remonstrances of Samuel Blaisdell, Jr., and others; Henry D. Fuller and others; Thomas Kendrick and others; A. N. Wilson and others; Abbott & Fernald and others; and Wilson & Co. and others,—severally, against regulating the width of rims of wagon wheels. Severally to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Broad-rimmed wheels.

Remonstrance of Henry J. White and others, inhabitants of Weston, against the granting of the petition of the town of Waltham to take the waters of Stony Brook. To the committee on Water Supply.

Waltham,—Stony Brook.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Jonathan Pierce and others, pew-owners of the meeting-house of the First Parish of Townsend, for authority to hold the property of said parish in trust for the use and purposes for which the said property was first created, and recommending its reference to the joint committee on the Judiciary. Read, accepted and sent up for concurrence.

First Parish of Townsend.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, from the committee on Military Affairs, on petitions, a Resolve granting an allowance for the erection of monuments on the battlefield of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Gettysburg battlefield memorials.

By Mr. Foster of Medford, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Clinton to issue additional water bonds, and to furnish

Clinton,—Lancaster.

water to the inhabitants of Lancaster, or any corporation therein, for fire, domestic and other purposes. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

Noxious weeds
in highways.

On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester, the Bill to prevent the deposit of rubbish in the highways and to authorize towns to make by-laws relative to noxious weeds and the removal of soil within the limits of highways, was taken from the table and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed second in the orders of the day for to-morrow, pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

New York and
New England
Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Boardman of Boston, the Bill for the relief of the New York and New England Railroad Company was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and under a further suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Boardman, it was read a third time, and objection being made to suspend the rule requiring its reference to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing against the loss of life upon ponds and streams from which ice is taken ; and

Of the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petitions of James Bridge and Ellen A. Stone and others, for a release of the claim of the Commonwealth to certain property left by Elizabeth Bridge Gerry in favor of the poor of the town of Lexington ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to the employment of watchmen in hotels and boarding-houses ; and

On an order relative to legislation requiring a loose pulley and shifting belt on the main shaft of each room in a factory ;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of the Brockton Savings Bank and other savings banks, for legislation legalizing investments heretofore made by savings banks in the bonds of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Isadora F. Lincoln for an increase of State aid, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

To amend " An Act to provide for the custody of books and papers of insolvent savings banks " ;

To furnish free text-books to the pupils of the public schools (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

To authorize the town of Falmouth to purchase the Lawrence Academy in said town ;

To prohibit the exhibition of deformities for hire ;

Relating to the appointment of trustees of state lunatic hospitals (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, including an amendment to the title so that it read, " Bill to increase the number of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospitals by the appointment of women ") ;

Providing for the appointment of female assistant physicians in state lunatic hospitals ;

To change the name of the Worcester Lyceum and Natural History Association ; and

Resolves :

In favor of Lucy T. Langmaid ;

Granting county taxes ;

Providing for the construction of coal sheds at the State Prison at Concord ; and

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the Clerk of the Police Court of Holyoke ;

To authorize Court Little John, No. 6, Independent Order of Foresters, to change its name ;

To prevent the spread of contagious diseases through the public schools ;

To confirm certain acts of the Union Congregational Society in North Brookfield ;

To repeal the Public Statutes relating to the annual election sermon ;

Authorizing insurance companies to elect their directors by classes ;

In addition to the Acts to supply the city of Holyoke with pure water (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

To amend the charter of the city of New Bedford (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading in the title, so that it read, "Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford to compensate its board of aldermen") ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the two bills last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Bills :

To incorporate the Hyde Park Water Company ;

Relating to the employment of minors and women in mercantile establishments ;

To incorporate the Lancaster Water Company ;

For the protection of game in the ponds known as Cockeyast or Davol's Pond and Richmond's Pond, situated between the Westport River and the Rhode Island boundary line ; and

To change the name of the Hovey and Craudon Publishing Company ; and the

Resolve confirming the acts of Moses N. Arnold as a justice of the peace ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to change the corporate name of the Texas, Topolobampo and Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company, and to extend its franchise was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to give the Superior Court original jurisdiction of causes of divorce and other proceedings kindred thereto was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, on motion of Mr. Howes of Cambridge it was laid on the table.

The Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to people of Gay Head, to the officers and men of the United States revenue steamer Samuel Dexter, and to others, was, on motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of trustees by churches or religious societies in certain cases was read a third time, and pending the question on engrossment, it was, on motion of Mr. Willson of Salem, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

At four o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 26, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motions to Reconsider.

Mr. Wentworth of Dedham moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday accepted, in concurrence, the report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Isadora F. Lincoln for an increase of State aid, and moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Both motions were lost. Isadora F. Lincoln.

Mr. Carpenter of Springfield moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Bill to repeal the Public Statutes relating to the annual election sermon. The motion was rejected. Annual election sermon.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, petition of Henry Hastings & Company and others for legislation relative to a change in the pilot laws of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Pilotage.

By Mr. Starbird of Lowell, petition of the B. F. Butler Post; by Mr. Bent of Gardner, petition of the Gilman C. Parker Post; by Mr. Homans of Gloucester, petition of the O. H. P. Sargent Post; by Mr. Williams of Fox- Burial expenses of soldiers and sailors.

borough, petition of Post 91 of Foxborough; by Mr. Brown of Scituate, petition of Henry Young and others of Post 31; by Mr. Richardson of Athol, petition of S. P. Gould and others; and by Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, petition of R. K. Brown and 21 others, — severally, for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Women voting
on the liquor
question.

By Mr. Whiting of Boston, petition of Mrs. W. M. Cotton and others for legislation enabling women to vote on all questions that may be submitted to the people relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Woman suf-
frage.

By Mr. Wadlin of Reading, remonstrance of Charlotte E. McKay and 49 others, against any further extension of suffrage for women.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Pile structure
over certain
tide waters in
Boston.

By Mr. Gove of Boston, petition of the mayor of the city of Boston for authority to cover certain tide waters with a pile structure. Referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule and sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, —

Committee on
Water Supply.

Ordered, That the committee on Water Supply be authorized, in matters referred to them concerning which due notice has not been given, to consider said matters after requiring such notice to be given in each case as may be deemed expedient. Sent up for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McLaughlin of Boston, —

Precept issued.

Ordered, That the Speaker issue a precept for an election to fill a vacancy in the Seventh Suffolk Representative District.

The following order, offered by Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, was referred, under the 12th Joint Rule, to the next General Court, the House having refused to suspend the rule: —

Ordered, That the joint committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of abolishing the office of clerk of the district court of Southern Berkshire.

Southern Berkshire District Court.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lester A. Hulse relative to legislation granting State aid to the widows and mothers of deceased soldiers or sailors, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

State aid.

A Bill to amend chapter 80 of the Public Statutes relating to the pollution of sources of water supply (reported by the committee on Public Health on an order relative to pollution of streams adopted by the House, February 13), was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Pollution of sources of water supply.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To provide for the abandonment of the Melville Avenue Station and the relocation of the Centre Street Station on the Old Colony Railroad ; and

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three ; (Which severally originated in the House) ;

To incorporate the Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society ; and

To establish the salary of the executive messenger ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ezekiel G. Ward for legislation whereby his homestead, deeded to his wife, may revert to his use and benefit.

Ezekiel G. Ward.

By Mr. Adams of Attleborough, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Julia Ward Howe and others for further legislation in behalf of married women.

Married women.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, from the committee on Mil-

Nathaniel Richardson.

itary Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Nathaniel Richardson for State aid.

Charles L. Lynch.

By Mr. O'Gorman of Worcester, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles L. Lynch to be reimbursed for commutation money wrongfully paid to exempt him from liability to military duty.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Suffolk County Probate Court.

By Mr. Hoynes of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill to provide for the attendance of an officer at the sessions of the Probate Court and the Court of Insolvency in the county of Suffolk.

Belchertown, — Calvin Bridgeman.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Belchertown to comply with the provisions of the will of Calvin Bridgeman, and to legalize the action of said town accepting the bequest contained in said will.

Granite Savings Bank in Rockport.

By Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Granite Savings Bank in the town of Rockport.

East Bridgewater.

By Mr. Curry of Lynn, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of East Bridgewater to pay certain bounties.

Ipswich.

By Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, from the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Ipswich to raise money to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Standard uniform fire-hose coupling.

By Mr. Harrub of Plympton, from the committee on Manufactures, that the Bill (recommitted) to establish a standard uniform fire-hose coupling ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the main question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Employment of minors and women in mercantile establishments.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Boston the Bill relating to the employment of minors and women in mercantile establishments, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment, was recom-

mitted to the committee on Labor, on further motion of the same gentleman.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Clinton to issue additional water bonds, and to furnish water to the inhabitants of Lancaster, or any corporation therein, for fire, domestic and other purposes ;

To confirm the proceedings of the Washington Cemetery Association at Gloucester ; and

To incorporate the Washington Mills Company ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to prevent the deposit of rubbish in the highways and to authorize towns to make by-laws relative to noxious weeds and the removal of soil within the limits of highways, was further considered, and after debate was refused a third reading by a vote of 45 to 80, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

Bills :

Respecting the liability of cities and towns owing to defects in the highway caused by snow or ice (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, including an amendment to the title striking out the words "the highway" and inserting instead the word "sidewalks") ; and

To incorporate the Hyde Park Water Company ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To change the name of the Hovey and Crandon Publishing Company ; and

To incorporate the Clinton Market Company (amended on motions of Messrs. Hardy of Arlington and Baker of Beverly and as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the bill last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to divide the county of Worcester into two districts for the registry of deeds was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. At the request of

Mr. Barker of Worcester the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by a vote of 89 yeas to 83 nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Haitwell, Harris C.
Adams, John S.	Hazelton, Charles W.
Atkins, Isaac	Hazen, Herman S.
Baker, John I.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Bancroft, William A.	Howard, Nathaniel
Blyth, Robert	Howes, Lewis W.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Killion, Michael J.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Kimball, D. Frank
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Buckley, Michael J.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Madden, John J.
Burnham, Albert S.	Mead, John J.
Butterfield, Simeon	Millett, Joshua H.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Morse, Bushrod
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Morse, George P.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Murphy, John R.
Clark, John	Nash, George M.
Clark, Sewall J.	Palmer, Moses P.
Coffey, John A.	Pattee, William G. A.
Coffin, Charles C.	Pierce, John
Cook, Thomas W.	Randall, Charles L.
Cowdrey, George	Reynolds, Enos H.
Creed, Michael J.	Rice, Augustus
Crowell, Zenas E.	Salmon, Thomas
Cummings, Prentiss	Sanderson, George A.
Curry, Patrick S.	Saunders, Franklin
Danforth, Henry P.	Searell, William A.
Darling, Moses B.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Davis, Samuel G.	Small, Edward E.
Dean, Wilbert T.	Smith, Frederick H.
Devney, Patrick F.	Snow, Edmund F.
Doherty, Philip J.	Stafford John H.
Douglas, William L.	Starbird, Charles D.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Stone, Stillman
Eaton, William N.	Stow, T. Dwight
Egleston, Eber A.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Flint, Charles H.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Forbes, William A.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Foster, Joshua T.	White, Lloyd E.
Francis, Henry H.	Whiting, Albert T.
Gifford, Meltiah	Williams, Fred H.
Gross, William H.	Winslow, James A.
Hardy, John H.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Hosley, Henry E.
Barker, Forrest E.	Howes, Erastus
Batcheller, Aldin	Judkins, John B.
Beard, Alanson W.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Bent, George C.	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Bent, Roderic L.	Maguire, John J.
Bishop, George P.	McFarland, Cromwell
Blaney, Alexander	McLaughlin, John A.
Brown, Charles E.	Mooney, John F. H.
Bryant, Timothy	Murdock, John N.
Butler, Thomas C.	Oakes, Charles N.
Carlton, O. Loring	O'Brien, Francis
Clark, Aaron F.	O'Gorman, John J.
Clark, Elijah C.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Clark, George L.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Cobb, George R.	Paton, Andrew H.
Connor, James	Peakes, Simeon T.
Crowell, Joshua	Potter, Burton W.
Cushing, George A.	Potter, Lyman D.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Prime, Oliver
Daggett, Handel N.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Damon, Calvin	Reed, Daniel
Dodge, Joseph A.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Dolan, Michael J.	Richards, Charles W.
Elwell, George	Richardson, C. Fred.
Ernst, George A. O.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Farrell, John R.	Smith, Oren B.
Fassett, Alfred S.	Spooner, William H.
Flagg, Levi L.	Stark, Henry C.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Stebbins, Erastus
Freeman, Clarendon A.	Stratton, James F.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Tarone, James
Gaffney, Frank H.	Temple, Joseph W.
Gimlich, Jacob	Tufts, George K.
Gleason, George A.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Walker, Aaron G.
Gove, Jesse M.	Warner, Emerson
Gray, Chester H.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Hallett, John W.	Willson, Edmund B.
Hastings, Joseph W.	Woods, John M.
Hatch, Luther P.	

Yeas, 89 ; nays, 88.

On this question Messrs. Dunham of Stockbridge, Kingsley of Cambridge, Hewins of Medfield, Hoynes of Boston, Savery of Middleborough, Paine of Waltham,

Melden of Lynn, Kendrick of Springfield, Smith of Everett, Toulmin of Leominster, Milne of Fall River, Osborne of East Bridgewater, Davenport of Fall River, Wells of Hatfield, Whitcomb of Holbrook, Wright of Holyoke, Burr of Seekonk, Coveney of Cambridge, and Wentworth of Dedham, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Willcomb of Ipswich, Harvey of Westborough, Warner of Northampton, Donovan of Boston, Cross of Newburyport, Dresser of Boston, Barstow of Mattapoisett, Ball of Worcester, Peck of Taunton, Chapin of Southbridge, Burditt of Clinton, Harrub of Plympton, Eaton of Auburn, Clark of Northampton, Morrison of Boston, Cowdrey of Stoneham, Ward of Boston, Davis of Tisbury and Winter of Springfield.

Subsequently, the orders of the day being laid on the table, Mr. Barker of Worcester moved to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, which motion was placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill for the relief of the New York and New England Railroad Company was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. Pending this question and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Dresser of Boston, the House

At five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 27, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

Lynn police.

By Mr. Melden of Lynn, petition of A. B. Martin and others of Lynn for legislation relative to the tenure of office of the police of said city. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

By Mr. Gray of Hadley, petition of Eleazer Potter and others; by Mr. Snow of Boston, petition of Albert T. Dunn and others; by Mr. Hosmer of Concord, petition of

John Brown and others; by Mr. Homans of Gloucester, petition of Henry T. Bingham and others; by Mr. Stark of Hyde Park, petition of Alfred W. Bennett and others; and by Mr. Donehue of Lowell, petition of Owen Street and others,—severally, for legislation requiring scientific temperance instruction to be given in the public schools.

Severally referred to the committee on Education.

By Mr. Warner of Northampton, petition of A. G. Hill and others for the repeal of the Act of the year 1849 incorporating the trustees of the Smith Charities. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary. Trustees of the Smith Charities

By Mr. Brown of Scituate, petitions of Herbert O. Beale and others; and of George W. Crocker and others; and by Mr. Baker of Beverly, petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, representing more than six thousand of the temperance men and women of the Commonwealth,—severally, that an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage be submitted to the people. Intoxicating liquors.

Severally referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

By Mr. Swift of New Bedford, remonstrance of Timothy Aiken and others against any change in the pilotage laws so far as the same relate to Buzzard's Bay. Pilotage,— Buzzard's Bay

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of C. L. Bartlett & Co. and others; and by Mr. Morse of Sharon, petition of Warner & Freeman and others, importers and exporters,—severally, for legislation relative to the pilot laws of the Commonwealth. Pilotage.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

By Mr. Richardson of Athol, petition of the Hubbard P. Smith Post; and by Mr. Clark of Medway, petition of the James H. Sargent Post,—severally for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth. Burial expense of certain soldiers and sailors.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, remonstrances of William Text-books.

J. Quinn and others, against the printing of school textbooks in the penal institutions of the State. Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Adulterations.

By Mr. Forbes of Greenfield, petition of James Porter and others, for legislation relative to the adulteration of articles of food, drink or medicine. Referred to the committee on Public Health.

Taxation.

By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, petition of the assessors of the city of Brockton; by Mr. Forbes of Greenfield, petition of the assessors of the town of Gill; by Mr. Homans of Gloucester, petition of the assessors of the town of Essex; by Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of the assessors of the town of Medfield; and by Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, petition of the assessors of the town of Sudbury, — severally, for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgage of real estate from taxation in certain cases.

Ibid.

By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, petition of Lemuel T. Bird and others for a revision of the laws relating to taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Carleton of Middleton, petition of J. A. Ripley and 17 others; by Mr. Linnell of Orleans, petitions of E. S. F. Sparrow and 38 others of Orleans, and of Lennie E. Freeman and 12 others, — severally, for the enactment of a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections.

Severally referred to the committee on Woman Suffrage. Severally sent up for concurrence.

Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

By Mr. Gaffney of Gloucester, petition of William H. Wonson, 3d, and others; and by Mr. Bent of Gardner, petition of Moses C. Goodnow and others, — severally, in favor of biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature.

Severally placed on file.

*Papers from the Senate.***Reports:****Lawrence Street Commissioner.**

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw; on the petition of John Breen, Mayor of Lawrence, for such amendment of the city charter as will provide for the election of the street commissioner by popular vote; and

Of the committee on Printing recommending the adoption of the following order: —

Ordered, That there be printed for the use of the Legislature five hundred copies of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of *Pierce vs. Drew* ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Printing, recommending the adoption of the following order, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the order was adopted, in concurrence :—

Ordered, That the committee on Mercantile Affairs be authorized to report in print, with the evidence on the subject of pilotage.

Committee on
Mercantile
Affairs, —
pilotage.

Bills :

To incorporate the Trustees of Florence Kindergarten ;

Trustees of the
Florence
Kindergarten.

and
To authorize Fire District Number One of the town of Attleborough to purchase the property and franchise of the Attleborough Water District in said Attleborough and for other purposes ;

Fire District
Number One of
Attleborough.

Severally reported on petitions, and severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Notice was received from the Senate that the Senate Bill concerning elections in the State of Massachusetts, introduced on leave, had been referred to the next General Court ;

Elections.

Also, that the Senate had refused to suspend the 11th Joint Rule to admit the House Order relative to an investigation of the Augustinian Society of Lawrence.

Augustinian So-
ciety of Law-
rence.

Bills Enacted and Resolve Passed.

Engrossed Bills :

In further addition to “ An Act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government the present year ” ;

Bills enacted, —
Resolve passed.

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Reform School for Boys and the State Industrial School for Girls ;

Making appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Prison, the Reformatory Prison for Women, and for expenses in connection therewith ; and

Prohibiting the locking of the doors of buildings wherein operatives are employed during the hours of labor ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;
Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of George White (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Savings bank dividends.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the payment of dividends on deposits of savings banks of less than three months standing, when the directors thereof shall so vote.

Savings bank loans.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to so amending section 20 of chapter 116 of the Public Statutes that loans may be made by savings banks payable on demand, or for such specified time as may be deemed expedient.

Secret voting.

By Mr. Rantoul of Salem, from the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 12 of chapter 7 of the Public Statutes relative to making secret voting compulsory.

Fishing in great ponds.

By Mr. Linnell of Orleans, from the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to granting permits to fish in great ponds held under lease.

Inspection of pickled fish.

By Mr. Swift of New Bedford, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Page for legislation concerning the inspection of pickled fish.

Striped bass and blue-fish in Edgartown.

By Mr. Kelly of Boston, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of William W. King and others for protection of striped bass and blue-fish in the waters of Edgartown.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cambridge water supply.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge.

Sale, &c., of water by cities, &c.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order taken from the Senate files of last year, a Bill to authorize cities, towns, fire districts, and water and aqueduct companies to hold water for sale, and to sell the same to other cities, towns, fire districts and individuals.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill to enable the Newton Theological Institution to hold additional property. Newton Theological Institution.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Gleason of Douglas, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Lebbeus W. Smith. Lebbeus W. Smith. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill to divide the county of Worcester into two districts for the registry of deeds, was withdrawn by Mr. Barker of Worcester, there being no objection. Orders of the day.

The Bill for the relief of the New York and New England Railroad Company, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so as to read, "Bill authorizing the New York and New England Railroad Company to make certain application of the proceeds of the sales of its second mortgage bonds, and to issue preferred stock," was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Dresser of Boston was adopted, and the bill as amended was sent at once to the Senate for concurrence, Rule 15 having been suspended on motion of Mr. Boardman of Boston.

Bills :

Concerning contagious diseases ;

To authorize the town of Ipswich to raise money to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation ;

To provide for the attendance of an officer at the sessions of the Probate Court and the Court of Insolvency in the county of Suffolk ;

To incorporate the Granite Savings Bank in the town of Rockport ;

To authorize the town of Belchertown to comply with the provisions of the will of Calvin Bridgeman, and to legalize the action of said town accepting the bequest contained in said will ; and

To authorize the town of East Bridgewater to pay certain bounties ;

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Ezekiel G. Ward for legislation whereby his homestead, deeded to his wife, may revert to his use and benefit; and

Of the committee on Probate and Chancery, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Julia Ward Howe and others for further legislation in behalf of married women;

Were severally accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of Nathaniel Richardson for State aid; and

On the petition of Charles L. Lynch to be reimbursed for commutation money wrongfully paid to exempt him from liability to military duty;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Street Railways, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to preventing the carrying of passengers in street cars in excess of their seating capacity; and

Of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lester A. Hulse relative to legislation granting State aid to the widows and mothers of deceased soldiers or sailors;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of trustees by churches or religious societies in certain cases was, on motion of Mr. Willson of Salem, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, pending the question on its engrossment.

Bills :

To authorize the Boston Young Women's Christian Association to hold additional real and personal estate;

To incorporate the Lancaster Water Company (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

For the protection of game in the ponds known as Cock-

east or Davol's Pond and Richmond's Pond, situated between the Westport River and the Rhode Island boundary line; and the

Resolve confirming the acts of Moses N. Arnold as a justice of the peace;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To confirm the proceedings of the Washington Cemetery Association at Gloucester;

To incorporate the Washington Mills Company;

In addition to "An Act to regulate the sale of coal by measure" (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

To authorize the Hingham Cordage Company to hold additional real and personal estate;

Requiring notice to authorities of cities and towns upon application for commitment to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, including an amendment to the title by inserting the words "or admission" after the word "commitment"); and

To change the corporate name of the Texas, Topolobampo and Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company, and to extend its franchise (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the four last named bills being sent up for concurrence in amendments adopted by the House.

The Bill to establish a standard uniform fire-hose coupling was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. The amendment recommended by the committee on Manufactures was rejected. After debate the bill was rejected, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Resolve providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the General Court was ordered to a third reading, without debate, by a vote of 117 to 66.

Subsequently Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich moved that the bill be placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow, and the motion prevailed.

The Bill to further define the duties of the Attorney General was read a third time and considered. An amendment recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading was adopted. Mr. Wentworth of Dedham moved to amend by substituting a "Bill to amend chapter 17 of the Public Statutes in relation to the duties of the Attorney General." The amendment was carried, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow under Rule 61, the question being on the engrossment of the bill.

At thirty-five minutes past four o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 28, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

- Lawrence.** By Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, petition of Humphrey Desmond and 314 others for a division of the city of Lawrence into wards. Referred to the committee on Cities.
- Trustees of the Smith Charities.** By Mr. Clark of Northampton, petition of Enos Parsons and others for the repeal of the act of incorporation of the Trustees of the Smith Charities. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.
- Pilotage.** By Mr. Millett of Malden, petition of W. B. Byrnes and others relative to a change in the laws concerning pilotage. Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.
- Publication of records of volunteer officers and sailors.** By Mr. Snow of Boston, petition of Charles B. Fox and others concerning the publication of the record of volunteer officers and sailors authorized by chapter 15 of the Resolves of 1875, and chapter 8 of the Resolves of 1880.
- Burial expenses of certain soldiers and sailors.** By Mr. Reilly of Uxbridge, petition of the Henry H. Legg Post; by Mr. Creed of Boston, petition of the Washington Post; and by Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of the E. W. Pierce Post, — severally, for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropria-

tion to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Keyes of New Marlborough, petition of the assessors of the town of Sheffield, and petition of W. H. Little and others; by Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petition of the assessors of the towns of Hatfield and Williamsburg; by Mr. McFarland of Hopkinton, petition of the assessors of the town of Hopkinton, — severally, for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgage of real estate from taxation in certain cases. Double taxation.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, petition of Justin Noyes and others; and by Mr. Reilly of Uxbridge, petition of E. M. Wood and others, — severally, for a revision of the laws relating to taxation. Taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Barker of Worcester, petitions of citizens of the city of Worcester and of the towns of Petersham, Hubbardston, Uxbridge, Ashburnham, Lancaster, Templeton, Grafton, Bolton, Princeton, Millbury, Northborough, Westminster, Sterling, Holden, Hardwick, Barre, Charlton, Leicester, Warren, West Warren, Athol, Royalston, West Brookfield, Gardner, Westborough, Upton, Sturbridge, Spencer, Southbridge, Webster, Brookfield, North Brookfield, Milford, Pittsfield, Sutton, Blackstone, Boylston, Auburn, New Braintree, Phillipston, Paxton, West Boylston, Brookfield, Rutland, Gardner, North Brookfield, Douglas, Dudley, Shrewsbury, Boylston, Oxford, Berlin, Lunenburg, Northbridge, Oakham, and Leominster, — severally, in favor of biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature. Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

By Mr. Coffin of Boston, remonstrance of M. A. Maher and others against biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature. Ibid.

Severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

To incorporate the New England Assurance Association (reported on a petition); and N. E. Assurance Association.

To amend the charter of the city of Chelsea relating to the election of assessors (reported on an order); Chelsea assessors.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Vinegar.

A Resolution relating to the repeal of so much of the internal revenue law of the United States as authorizes the manufacture of vinegar from alcohol which has paid no revenue tax (reported on an order), adopted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of day for tomorrow.

Salary of engineer at State Prison.

A Bill in relation to the salary of the engineer of the State Prison at Concord (reported on an order), was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

The following papers were severally referred, in concurrence:—

Rhode Island boundary.

Message of the Governor transmitting the report of the Commissioners on the Rhode Island Boundary. To the committee on Expenditures.

Waltham charter.

Remonstrance of John R. Farnum and others against the pending petition of N. P. Banks and others for a city charter for the town of Waltham. To the committee on Cities.

Burial expenses of certain soldiers and sailors.

Petition of Abraham Lincoln Post No. 11, Grand Army of the Republic, in aid of the petition of A. E. Perkins and others that the burial expenses of needy soldiers and sailors be defrayed by the Commonwealth. To the committee on Military Affairs.

Hour of Meeting.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, —

Hour of meeting.

Voted, That when the House adjourns on Friday, February 29, it be to meet on Tuesday, March 4, at 2 o'clock P.M.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

An engrossed Bill in relation to statements made by foreign fire insurance companies to the Insurance Commissioner (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The engrossed Bill to divide the county of Worcester into two districts for the registry of deeds (which originated in the Senate) was put upon its final passage. On the question of its enactment the yeas and nays were or-

dered, at the request of Mr. Barker of Worcester, and, the roll being called, the bill was passed to be enacted, by a vote of 121 yeas to 74 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Egleston, Eber A.
Adams, John S.	Elwell, George
Almy, Edward C.	Flint, Charles H.
Atkins, Isaac	Foley, Patrick E.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Forbes, William A.
Baker, John I.	Foster, Joshua T.
Bancroft, William A.	Gifford, Meltiah
Barry, Patrick T.	Gross, William H.
Bishop, George P.	Hardy, John H.
Blyth, Robert	Hartwell, Harris C.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Hazelton, Charles W.
Bowker, Horace L.	Hazen, Herman S.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Hewins, James
Bradlee, J. Walter	Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Buckley, Michael J.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Howard, Nathaniel
Burdett, Joseph O.	Howes, Lewis W.
Burnham, Albert S.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Burr, Charles C.	Huntoon, George L.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Butler, Richard T.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Butterfield, Simeon	Jones, Frank W.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Killion, Michael J.
Clark, John	Kimball, D. Frank
Coffin, Charles C.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Collins, Edward	Kingsley, Chester W.
Cook, Thomas W.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Cowdrey, George	Madden, John J.
Creed, Michael J.	Melden, William R.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Millett, Joshua H.
Cummings, Prentiss	Milne, John C.
Curry, Patrick S.	Morse, Bushrod
Daly, William, Jr.	Murphy, John R.
Danforth, Henry P.	Nash, George M.
Darling, Moses B.	Oman, Thomas A.
Davenport, James F.	Osborne, William H.
Davis, Samuel G.	Palmer, Moses P.
Dean, Wilbert T.	Pattee, William G. A.
Devney, Patrick F.	Pierce, John
Doherty, Philip J.	Prime, Oliver
Douglas, William L.	Randall, Charles L.
Dunham, Henry J.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Rice, Augustus

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Messrs. Roads, Samuel, Jr.	Messrs. Tarone, James
Salmon, Thomas	Toulmin, William B.
Sanderson, George A.	Towne, Charles A.
Sargent, Wingate P.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Saunders, Franklin	Webb, Elisha
Searell, William A.	Wells, Daniel W.
Shaw, Elisha H.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Small, Edward E.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Smith, Frederick H.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Smith, George E.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Snow, Edmund F.	White, Lloyd E.
Stafford, John H.	Whiting, Albert T.
Starbird, Charles D.	Williams, Fred H.
Stone, Stillman	Winslow, James A.
Stow, T. Dwight	Wolcott, Roger
Swift, Augustus	Wright, John H.
Tarbox, Joseph E.	

NATS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Freeman, Clarendon A.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Frisbee, Frank W.
Barker, Forrest E.	Gaffney, Frank H.
Batcheller, Aldin	Gimlich, Jacob
Beard, Alanson W.	Gleason, George A.
Bent, George C.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Bent, Roderic L.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Brown, Charles E.	Hatch, Luther P.
Bryant, Timothy	Howes, Erastus
Burditt, Alfred A.	Judkins, John B.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Chapin, Francis L.	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Cilley, John L.	Maguire, John J.
Clark, Aaron F.	McFarland, Cromwell
Clark, Charles N.	McLaughlin, John A.
Clark, Elijah C.	Mooney, John F. H.
Clark, George L.	Morrison, Peter
Clark, Sewall J.	Oakes, Charles N.
Connor, James	O'Gorman, John J.
Cross, Henry M.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Cutler, Lucius A.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Paton, Andrew H.
Dolan, Michael J.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Donehue, John T.	Peck, Herbert L.
Donovan, James	Potter, Burton W.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Potter, Lyman D.
Eaton, Thomas S.	Reed, Daniel
Farrell, John R.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Fassett Alfred S.	Richards, Charles W.
Flagg, Levi L.	Richardson, C. Fred.

Messrs. Spooner, William H.	Messrs. Warner, John F.
Stebbins, Erastus	Warner, Emerson
Stratton, James F.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Temple, Joseph W.	Willcomb, Frederic
Tufts, George K.	Willson, Edmund B.
Wadlin, Horace G.	Winter, Frank E.
Walker, Aaron G.	Woods, John M.

Yeas, 121 ; nays, 74.

On this question Mr. Chappelle of Boston, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, was paired with Mr. Crowell of Dennis.

Mr. Barker thereupon moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was passed to be enacted. The motion was considered, under a suspension of the rule moved by Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, and was rejected. The bill was signed and was sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. White of Taunton, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of L. Weissenbein and others for legislation relating to the publication of legal notices in newspapers printed in the German language. Publication of legal notices.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Henry Chase for the passage of an act to authorize the exclusion of spectators from court-rooms during the trial of certain cases. Spectators in court-rooms.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition Nathan T. Clark and others for an extension of the charter of the Salem Charitable Mechanic Association, for the reason that relief is provided by sections 2 and 13 of chapter 115 of the Public Statutes. Salem Charitable Mechanic Association.

By Mr. Pierce of Boston, from the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lester A. Hulse that certain soldiers and sailors may be exempt from the payment of a poll tax. Soldiers and sailors, — poll-tax.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Coffey of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill relating to the expense of recording probate proceedings in the county of Suffolk. Probate expenses in Suffolk Co.

Springfield.

By Mr. Howard of Springfield, from the committee on Cities, on a petition, a Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield.

Sessions of probate courts.

By Mr. Bent of Cambridge, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Senate Bill relating to sessions of probate courts which occur on legal holidays ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Soldiers' Messenger Corps.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the Soldiers' Messenger Corps ought to pass.

Trustees of the Soldiers' Home.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Frances A. Hanscom.

By Mr. Smith of Ashfield, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Frances A. Hanscom.

Educational Convention at Louisville, Ky., in 1883.

By Mr. Randall of Boston, from the committee on Education, on an order, a Resolve in favor of the delegates to the Educational Convention at Louisville Kentucky, in September, 1883.

Severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Orders of the Day.

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Reports :

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the payment of dividends on deposits of savings banks of less than three months standing ;

Of the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 12 of chapter 7 of the Public Statutes relative to making secret voting compulsory ;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of William W. King and others for protection of striped bass and blue-fish in the waters of Edgartown ; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to granting permits to fish in great ponds held under lease ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge ;

To enable the Newton Theological Institution to hold additional property ; and

To incorporate the Trustees of Florence Kindergarten ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To provide for the attendance of an officer at the sessions of the Probate Court and the Court of Insolvency in the county of Suffolk ;

To authorize the town of Belchertown to comply with the provisions of the will of Calvin Bridgeman, and to legalize the action of said town accepting the bequest contained in said will ; and

To authorize the town of East Bridgewater to pay certain bounties ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the General Court, was read a third time and considered. On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, it was voted that debate be closed on Tuesday next at four o'clock P.M., unless a vote be sooner reached. Pending the question on agreeing to the article of amendment, the House

At thirty-five minutes past four o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 29, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Message from the Governor.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor transmitting a communication from Hon. George B. Loring, United States Commissioner of Agriculture, and a memorial of the American Forestry Congress. Read, referred to the committee on Agriculture, and sent up for concurrence. Forestry.

Petitions Presented.

Scientific temperance instruction.

By Mr. Sargent of Melrose, petition of F. H. Bosson and others for legislation requiring scientific temperance instruction to be given in the public schools. Referred to the committee on Education.

Printing in prisons.
Text-books.

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, remonstrance of William T. Sellers and others against the introduction of printing into the penal institutions of the State. Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Double taxation.

By Mr. Allis of Whately, petition of the assessors of Deerfield for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgage of real estate from taxation in certain cases. Referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To limit the liability which may be incurred by any one person to savings banks and institutions for savings ; and

To supply the town of Middleborough with water, or to authorize the Middleborough fire district to furnish a water supply ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ; and

To incorporate the Washington Mills Company (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Women voting for school committee.

A report of the committee on Election Laws, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of S. G. Foster and others, that women may vote for school committee on terms no more onerous than men, and recommending its reference to the committee on Woman Suffrage, accepted by the Senate, was read and was, on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, indefinitely postponed, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

Order of trials in criminal cases.

A Bill concerning the order of trials in criminal cases, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

The House Bill to incorporate the Braintree Water Company was recommitted, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply. Braintree Water Co.

Bills :

To authorize the city of Lynn to borrow money for the purpose of building drains and sewers ; Lynn.

To legalize the doings of the town of Wakefield in accepting a bequest under the will of Cornelius Sweetser, late of Saco, in the State of Maine, deceased, and in raising money to purchase and beautify a public park in said town ; and Wakefield, —
Cornelius Sweetser.

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to purchase or take a lease of the Hopkinton Railroad and increase its capital stock ; Milford and Woonsocket R. R. Co., —
Hopkinton R.R.

(Severally reported on petitions) ; and

To fix the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (reported on an order) ; Salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Burditt of Clinton, from the committee on Public Health, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for the more rigid inspection of veal, and to prevent the sale of calves under four weeks of age ; and Inspection of veal.

By Mr. Smith of Everett, from the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending sect. 23, chapter 11, of the Public Statutes relative to taxation of mortgaged personal property. Taxation of mortgaged personal property.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill relating to the public cemeteries in the town of Woburn. Woburn cemeteries.

By Mr. Spooner of Boston, from the committee on Agriculture, on an order, a Bill relative to a standard measure for cranberries. Cranberry measures.

By Mr. Foster of Medford, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds. Malden.

By Mr. Williams of Foxborough, from the committee on Insurance, on an order, a Bill in relation to deposits Domestic insurance companies.

made by domestic insurance companies with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.

Insurance.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on a communication from the Insurance Commissioner in regard to public matters connected with the insurance department, in part, a Bill relating to the reinsurance of risks taken by insurance companies on property in this Commonwealth.

Chelsea.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill conferring on the board of aldermen of Chelsea certain powers relating to abatement of taxes in said city.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Maria H. Sargent.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Maria H. Sargent ought to pass.

Holden.

By Mr. Saunders of Methuen, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the town of Holden ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday for a second reading.

Jane Parks.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Jane Parks. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

City of Columbus disaster.

By Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, from the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to people of Gay Head, to the officers and men of the United States revenue steamer Samuel Dexter, and to others. The report was read and accepted, and the resolution was placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Discharged from the Orders.

Sale, &c., of water by cities, &c.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the Bill to authorize cities, towns, fire districts, water and aqueduct companies to hold water for sale, and to sell the same to other cities, towns, fire districts and individuals, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was referred to the committee on the Judiciary on further motion of Mr. Baker.

The Bill to provide for composition with creditors in insolvency was, on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time. The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending its reference to the joint committee on Probate and Chancery. The report was read and accepted and the bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the reference.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Clinton to issue additional water bonds, and to furnish water to the inhabitants of Lancaster, or any corporation therein, for fire, domestic and other purposes ; ^{Orders of the day.}

To enable the Newton Theological Institution to hold additional property ; and

To incorporate the Granite Savings Banks in the town of Rockport ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of Nathan T. Clark and others for an extension of the charter of the Salem Charitable Mechanic Association ;

On the petition of Henry Chase for the passage of an act to authorize the exclusion of spectators from court-rooms during the trial of certain cases ; and

On the petition of L. Weissbein and others for legislation relating to the publication of legal notices in newspapers printed in the German language ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William Page for legislation concerning the inspection of pickled fish was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize Fire District Number One of the town of Attleborough to purchase the property and franchise of the Attleborough Water District in said Attleborough and for other purposes ;

Relating to the expense of recording probate proceedings in the county of Suffolk; and

Relating to sessions of probate courts which occur on legal holidays; and

Resolves:

In favor of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts; and

In favor of the Soldiers' Messenger Corps;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolution relating to the repeal of so much of the internal revenue law of the United States as authorizes the manufacture of vinegar from alcohol which has paid no revenue tax, was adopted, in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the General Court, was further considered. Pending the question on agreeing to the article of amendment the orders of the day were laid on the table.

At four o'clock, adjourned until Tuesday next at 2 o'clock P.M.

TUESDAY, March 4, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Member Qualified.

Member qualified.

Mr. Henry A. Baker of Rockland, a member-elect from the 9th Plymouth District, being present, and ready to be qualified, Mr. Pattee of Quincy was appointed a committee to conduct him to the Council Chamber, and he having been qualified, report was made accordingly.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Baker on the committee on Claims and the committee on Printing.

Petitions Presented.

Prison labor.

By Mr. Paton of Danvers, petition of William Scampton and 110 others of Danvers for the abolishing of the contract convict labor system in the prisons of the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Prisons.

By Mr. Millett of Malden, remonstrance of C. E. Benjamin and 96 others against the passage of any act regulating the width of rims to wagon wheels. Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. Broad-rimmed wheels.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, remonstrance of Angelina Morlacchi and others against the repeal of the act to prevent double taxation in certain cases. Referred to the committee on Taxation. Double taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Bills Enacted.

An engrossed Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford to compensate its board of aldermen (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Roads and Bridges be authorized to visit such places as they may deem necessary, in the investigation of matters referred to them. Committee on Roads and Bridges authorized to visit.

A report of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the charter of the city of Salem as to the tenure of office of police officers of said city, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Salem police.

A Bill to amend section 1 of chapter 103 of the Public Statutes relating to the appointment of district police, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The House non-concurred, and the bill was referred to the next General Court, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate. District police.

The House Bill to prohibit the sale of fire-arms and other dangerous weapons to minors, came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule. Sale of fire-arms to minors.

The Bill to incorporate the Clinton Market Company, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate concurred in amendments at A, B, and D, and non-concurred in the amendment at C. On Clinton Market Co.

motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the rules were suspended and the House receded from its amendment at [C]. The bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Cattle diseases. A petition of the Waltham Farmers' Club, in aid of the petition of the Board of Agriculture for the prevention of infectious diseases among dairy cows, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Agriculture.

Assessment of taxes in fire districts. A Bill to amend section 54 of chapter 35 of the Public Statutes relative to assessment of taxes in fire districts, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Taxation.

Reports of Committees.

Mass. Soc. for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of S. W. Grant and others of Wrentham, for legislation relative to the paying to the Commonwealth of fines now paid under said section to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Mary McCarthy and Hannah McCarthy. By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Mary McCarthy and Hannah McCarthy, for an investigation into certain grievances sustained by them under proceedings of the courts.

Surveyors of highways in towns. By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to enabling towns to elect a surveyor of highways who shall act independently of the board of selectmen.

Teaching of morals in schools. By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the teaching of morals in the public schools.

Report of Board of Education. By Mr. Clark of Medway, from the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the Forty-Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education and of the Secretary of the Board.

Intoxicating liquors, — "School-house law." By Mr. Rice of Stow, from the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending or repealing the law concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors on premises within a certain distance of public schools.

Fares on Lynn and Boston Horse Railroad. By Mr. Cook of New Bedford, from the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James P. Prince in relation to fares on the Lynn and Boston Horse Railroad.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, from the committee on Woman Suffrage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Clara M. Bisbee and others for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. [Messrs. Hartwell of Fitchburg and Coffin of Boston dissenting and recommending as a substitute for the report a "Bill giving to female citizens the right to vote for city and town officers, to hold city and town offices, and to vote in town meetings."]

Municipal suffrage for women.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Mrs. S. E. Bacon and others for legislation enabling women to vote on all questions that may be submitted to the people relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Women voting on the liquor question.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. J. Yates and others that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors. [Mr. Wentworth of Dedham dissenting and recommending as a substitute for the report a "Bill to authorize women to vote upon the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors."]

Ibid.

By the same gentleman from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Herbert M. Tibbetts and others for a law enabling women to vote in presidential elections and in the election of county, town, and municipal and school officers, and also to amend the State Constitution so as to give women the same political rights as are now enjoyed by men.

Woman suffrage.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Doherty of Boston, from the committee on Drainage, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Luther Hill, chairman of the selectmen of Spencer, for authority to issue bonds to fund the indebtedness of said town and recommending its reference to the committee on the Judiciary. Read, accepted, and sent up for concurrence in the discharge of the committee.

Spencer.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relative to the proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates.

Proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates.

Bonds of trustees under a will.

By Mr. Bent of Cambridge, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill relating to the bonds of trustees under a will.

Franklin County jail and house of correction.

By Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, from the committee on County Estimates, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money to build a new jail and house of correction.

Lebbeus W. Smith.

By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Lebbeus W. Smith ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Inhabitants of Gay Head and Chilmark.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of certain inhabitants of the town of Gay Head and Chilmark ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Witnesses.

By Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, from the committee on Railroads, on an order, a Bill extending the authority to summon witnesses.

Locations of street railway tracks.

By Mr. Wilbur of Boston, from the committee on Street Railways, on an order, a Bill in relation to orders revoking locations of street railway tracks.

Cottage City.

By Mr. Crowell of Dennis, from the committee on Towns, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Cottage City to appropriate money for the payment of expenses incurred in procuring the incorporation of said town.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Salary of engineer at State Prison.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill in relation to the salary of the engineer of the State Prison at Concord ought to pass.

Delegates to the Educational Convention at Louisville, Ky., in Sept., 1883.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the delegates to the Educational Convention at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, 1883 ought to pass.

Artemas Raymond.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Artemas Raymond ought to pass.

Frances A. Hanscom.

By Mr. Saunders of Methuen, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Frances A. Hanscom, ought to pass.

Jane Parks.

By Mr. Clark of Peabody, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Jane Parks ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Francis Shurtleff.

By Mr. Howland of Plymouth, from the committee on Prisons, on an order, a Resolve in favor of Agnes S. Goulding.

Severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge and to take land around Fresh Pond to preserve the purity of the water was taken from the table and was, on his further motion, placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to so amending section 20 of chapter 116 of the Public Statutes that loans may be made by savings banks payable on demand, or for such specified time as may be deemed expedient, was, on motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

The order relative to printing for the use of the Legislature five hundred copies of the opinions of the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of *Pierce versus Drew* was adopted, in concurrence, as recommended by the committee on Printing.

The report of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Breen, Mayor of Lawrence, for such amendment of the city charter as will provide for the election of the street commissioner by popular vote was, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, re-committed to the committee on Cities, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning contagious diseases was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, was postponed for further consideration until next Friday, on motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River.

Reports :

Of the committee on Public Health, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for the more rigid inspection of veal, and to prevent the sale of calves under four weeks of age; and

Of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 23, chapter 11, of the Public Statutes relative to taxation of mortgaged personal property;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to people of Gay Head, to the officers and men of the United States revenue steamer Samuel Dexter, and to others was adopted, in concurrence, as follows :

RESOLUTION

Tendering the thanks of the General Court to People of Gay Head, to the Officers and Men of the United States Revenue Steamer Samuel Dexter, and to others.

Whereas, In the late disaster to the steamship City of Columbus, conspicuous heroism was exhibited by those who came to the rescue of passengers and crew, many of whom were citizens of this Commonwealth;

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, be and hereby are tendered to the following persons who manned the life-boat, and by whose brave exertions twenty persons were rescued, to wit: Joseph Peters, Samuel J. Haskins, Samuel J. Anthony, James F. Cooper, Moses P. Cooper, John P. Vanderhoop, Leonard L. Vanderhoop, Thomas C. Jeffers, Patrick L. Devine, Charles Grimes and Peter Johnson of Gay Head, and James T. Mosher of Chilmark; to the officers and men of the United States revenue steamer Samuel Dexter, commanded by Captain Eric Gabrielson, under whose skilful direction, seconded by the efforts of First Lieutenant Warrenton D. Roach, Second Lieutenant John W. Rhodes, whose signal gallantry is worthy of the highest praise, Third Lieutenant Charles D. Kennedy, and by the intelligent conduct of Chief Engineer Andrew W. Harrison, First Assistant Engineer E. F. Rockefeller, Second Assistant Engineer C. W. Beckwith, and Pilot James Case, nine persons were rescued, and the lives of those taken to the Samuel Dexter by the Gay Head life-boat preserved;

to those persons who manned the Squibnocket life-boat, to wit: Edy C. Flanders, Benjamin F. Mayhew, Edward Elliot Mayhew, William S. Mayhew, Cyrus C. Look and Seth F. Walker, all of Chilmark; to Henry H. Jeffers, Raymond B. Madison, Thomas E. Manning, Charles Stevens, Simon J. Devine and John O. Anthony, of Gay Head, for daring and intrepid efforts to reach the floating life-raft, on which were four persons; to Captain D. G. McRitchie of the United States steamer Speedwell, and Hiram Luce of Tisbury, a volunteer pilot on said steamer, by whose prompt exertions one life was saved; and to the women of Gay Head, and others, whose humanity and tender care alleviated the sufferings of the survivors.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth is directed to forward an engrossed copy of this resolution to each person named therein.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of trustees by churches or religious societies in certain cases, was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Weston of Newton, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, as amended, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill to amend chapter 17 of the Public Statutes, in relation to the duties of the Attorney-General, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to a standard measure for cranberries;

To authorize the city of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds;

Conferring on the board of aldermen of Chelsea certain powers relating to abatement of taxes in said city;

To authorize the city of Lynn to borrow money for the purpose of building drains and sewers; and

To legalize the doings of the town of Wakefield in accepting a bequest under the will of Cornelius Sweetser, late of Saco, in the State of Maine, deceased, and in raising money to purchase and beautify a public park in said town; and the

Resolve in favor of the town of Holden;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the General Court was further con-

sidered, the question being on agreeing to the article of amendment. Mr. Barker of Worcester moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House voted to close debate at four o'clock to-day. The motion was rejected. On the main question, after extended debate, the yeas and nays were called, and the article of amendment was not agreed to, two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon not having voted in the affirmative. The vote was 139 yeas to 87 nays as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Cook, Thomas W.
Adams, John S.	Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Almy, Edward C.	Crowell, Joshua
Bailey, Joseph W.	Crowell, Zenas E.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Cummings, Prentiss
Ball, George H.	Cutler, Lucius A.
Bancroft, William A.	Daggett, Handel N.
Barker, Forrest E.	Darling, Moses B.
Barstow, Henry.	Davenport, James F.
Bent, George C.	Davis, Samuel G.
Bent, Roderic L.	Dean, Wilbert T.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Dunham, Henry J.
Brown, Charles E.	Eaton, Thomas S.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Eaton, William N.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Ernst, George A. O.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Fassett, Alfred S.
Burnham, Albert S.	Flagg, Levi L.
Burr, Charles C.	Forbes, William A.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Foster, Joshua T.
Butterfield, Simeon	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Carlton, O. Loring	Frisbee, Frank W.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Gifford, Meltiah
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Gimlich, Jacob
Chapin, Francis L.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Gray, Chester H.
Cilley, John L.	Hardy, John H.
Clark, Aaron F.	Harrub, Fred M.
Clark, Charles N.	Hartwell, Harris C.
Clark, Elijah C.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Clark, George L.	Hatch, Luther P.
Clark, John	Hazelton, Charles W.
Clark, Sewall J.	Hazen, Herman S.
Cobb, George R.	Hewins, James
Coffin, Charles C.	Hosley, Henry E.
Collins, Edward	Hosmer, Henry J.

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| <p>Messrs. Howard, Nathaniel
Howes, Lewis W.
Howland, Charles H.
Huntoon, George L.
Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Judkins, John B.
Kendrick, Edmund P.
Keyes, Lorrin P.
Kimball, D. Frank
Kingsbury, Willis A.
Kingsley, Chester W.
Linnell, Solomon, 2d
McFarland, Cromwell
Millett, Joshua H.
Milne, John C.
Morrison, Peter
Morse, Bushrod
Morse, George P.
Murdock, John N.
Osborne, William H.
Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Palmer, Moses P.
Peck, Herbert L.
Pierce, John
Potter, Burton W.
Potter, Lyman D.
Rice, Augustus
Richards, Charles W.
Richardson, C. Frederic
Sargent, Wingate P.
Searell, William A.
Shaw, Elisha H.
Small, Edward E.</p> | <p>Messrs. Smith, Frederick H.
Smith, George E.
Smith, Oren B.
Snow, Edmund F.
Spooner, William H.
Starbird, Charles D.
Stark, Henry C.
Stebbins, Erastus
Stone, Stillman
Swift, Augustus
Temple, Joseph W.
Toulmin, William B.
Towne, Charles A.
Tufts, George K.
Wadlin, Horace G.
Walker, Aaron G.
Wallis, Benjamin F.
Warner, John F.
Warner, Emerson
Webb, Elisha
Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Wheeler, Orswell A.
White, Lloyd E.
Whiting, Albert T.
Wilbur, Edward P.
Willcomb, Frederic
Williams, Fred H.
Willson, Edmund B.
Winslow, James A.
Wolcott, Roger
Woods, John M.</p> |
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| <p>Messrs. Allis, Silas W.
Atkins, Isaac
Baker, Henry A.
Baker, John I.
Barry, Patrick T.
Beard, Alanson W.
Bishop, George P.
Blyth, Robert
Bosworth, Benjamin S.
Bowker, Horace L.
Bryant, Timothy
Buckley, Michael J.
Butler, Richard T.
Butler, Thomas C.</p> | <p>Messrs. Coffey, John A.
Connor, James
Cowdrey, George
Creed, Michael J.
Cross, Henry M.
Crowley, Dennis J.
Curry, Patrick S.
Cushing, George A.
Daly, William, Jr.
Damon, Calvin
Danforth, Henry P.
Devney, Patrick F.
Doherty, Philip J.
Dolan, Michael J.</p> |
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Messrs. Donehue, John T.	Messrs. Oakes, Charles N.
Donovan, James	O'Brien, Francis
Douglas, William L.	O'Gorman, John J.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Oman, Thomas A.
Egleston, Eber A.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Elwell, George	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Farrell, John R.	Paton, Andrew H.
Flint, Charles H.	Pattee, William G. A.
Foley, Patrick E.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Prime, Oliver
Francis, Henry H.	Randall, Charles L.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Gilbert, Edwin	Reed, Daniel
Gove, Jesse M.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Gross, William H.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Homans, Wm. A., Jr.	Salmon, Thomas
Howes, Erastus	Sanderson, George A.
Hoynes, Edward F.	Saunders, Franklin
Jones, Frank W.	Stafford, John H.
Kelly, Daniel F.	Stow, T. Dwight
Killion, Michael J.	Stratton, James F.
Littlefield, George W.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Madden, John J.	Tarone, James
Maguire, John J.	Ward, John E.
Martin, Charles B.	Wells, Daniel W.
McLaughlin, John A.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Melden, William R.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Mooney, John F. H.	Winter, Frank E.
Murphy, John R.	Wright, John H.
Nash, George M.	

Yeas, 139 ; nays, 87.

On this question Mr. Burnham of Westminster who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, was paired with Mr. Gleason of Douglas.

Notice of the action of the House was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to authorize the town of Ipswich to raise money to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation was read a third time and considered, and pending the question on its engrossment the House

At four minutes past five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Toulmin, a member of the House.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Davis of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday refused to agree to the Resolve and article of amendment providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the General Court. The motion was lost.

Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, petition of Clark Chase and others in aid of the petition of Herbert A. Dean and others for legislation concerning fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River.

By Mr. Woods of Somerville, petition of the Willard C. Kinsley Post, and by Mr. Peakes of Georgetown, petition of the Charles Sumner Post, — severally, for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth.

Burial expenses of certain soldiers and sailors.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, petition of E. H. Tucker and others for a revision of the laws relating to taxation.

Taxation.

By Mr. Reilly of Uxbridge, petition of James A. Kidd and others, and of Americus Welch and others; by Mr. Hosmer of Concord, petition of the assessors of Lincoln; by Mr. Towne of Orange, petition of the assessors of Orange; and by Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petition of the assessors of Hadley, — severally, for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgages of real estate from taxation in certain cases.

Ibid.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Hosmer of Concord, petition of Mrs. B. McClure and others for legislation enabling women to vote on all

Women voting on the liquor question.

questions that may be submitted to the people relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Placed on file.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed Bills :

Bills enacted, —
resolves
passed.

To change the name of the Worcester Lyceum and Natural History Association ;

Relating to instruction in the elementary use of hand-tools in public schools ;

To incorporate the Holliston Water Company ;

In addition to “ An Act to regulate the sale of coal by measure ” ; and

To amend “ An Act to provide for the custody of books and papers of insolvent savings banks ” ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Holyoke ;

To authorize the Hingham Cordage Company to hold additional real and personal estate ;

To authorize the town of Marblehead to take additional land for the purpose of increasing its water supply ;

In addition to the acts to supply the city of Holyoke with pure water ;

To confirm the proceedings of the Washington Cemetery Association at Gloucester ;

To change the name of the Hovey and Crandon Publishing Company ;

To change the corporate name of the Texas, Topolobampo and Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company, and to extend its franchise ;

Authorizing insurance companies to elect their directors by classes ;

To repeal the Public Statutes relating to the annual election sermon ;

To authorize Court Little John, No. 6, Independent Order of Foresters, to change its name ;

To prevent the spread of contagious diseases through the public schools ; and

Relating to clerical assistance in the office of the secretary of, and for lectures before, the Board of Agriculture ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Resolves :

In favor of Moses B. Waitt ;

In favor of Hiram P. Harriman ;

In favor of William and Catherine McLaughlin ; and

In favor of John Kenney ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

In favor of Daniel F. Moran and Francis E. Burton ;

and

Providing for the construction of coal sheds at the State Prison at Concord ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association for an act of incorporation, and for authority to take additional land for cemetery purposes ; and

Pine Grove Cemetery Association.

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to allowing savings banks to increase their investments in bank stock ;

Savings bank investments.

On an order relative to increasing the amount that savings banks may invest in the capital stock of national banking associations ; and

Ibid.

On an order relative to a just and low rate of interest on money, mortgages, bonds, etc. ;

Rate of interest.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Quincy to pay certain bounties ; and

Quincy.

To incorporate the Mansfield Lake Aqueduct Company ;

Mansfield Lake Aqueduct Co.

Severally reported on petitions, and severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A Bill in relation to the property rights of husband and wife, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Property rights of husband and wife.

*Reports of Committees.***Taxation.**

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to cancelling certain bonds of the Commonwealth, and providing means for reducing the burdens of taxation.

Woman suffrage.

By Mr. Chapelle of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition of C. E. Phinney and others, relative to instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to urge the passage of a resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the disfranchisement of citizens on account of sex.

**Alcohol, —
intoxicating
liquors.**

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, from the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William D. Capron for legislation placing alcohol on the same footing as are other intoxicating liquors when sold by druggists.

**Broad-rimmed
wheels.**

By Mr. Smith of Everett, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on petitions of Samuel A. Dean and others for legislation regulating the width of the rims of wheels of heavily loaded wagons.

**Squantum Free
Bridge.**

By Mr. Bishop of Newburyport, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Horatio N. Holbrook and others for an extension of the time for building the Squantum Free Bridge.

Taxation.

By Mr. Danforth of Lawrence, from the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to repealing all laws which make any distinction or discrimination in the taxation of real property.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Accounts of
joint assignees
in insolvency.**

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill in relation to the verification of the accounts of the joint assignees in insolvency.

**Salary of Suf-
folk County
probate judge.**

By Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, from the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill to establish the salary of the judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk.

**Gettysburg bat-
tlefield memo-
rials.**

By Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve granting an allowance for the erection of monuments on the battlefield of Gettysburg,

Pennsylvania, ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on an order, a Bill in relation to notices to be given of the meetings of savings bank corporations.

Notices of meetings of savings bank corporations.

By Mr. Smith of Everett, from the committee on Taxation, on an order, a Bill concerning the taxation of personal property held in trust out of the Commonwealth.

Taxation of personal property held in trust.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Bill to supply the town of Watertown with water. Read and on motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, postponed for further consideration until tomorrow.

Watertown water supply.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Boardman of Boston, the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Thursday, February 21, passed to be engrossed the Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor, was taken from the table and was adopted. Pending the recurring question on the engrossment of the bill, Mr. Boardman moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House adopted the amendment inserting section three. Mr. Wentworth of Dedham also moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to adopt the amendment moved by Mr. Foster of Medford striking out in section one the words, "But such united corporation shall be subject to all general laws now or hereafter passed relating to railroad corporations, and to the provisions of section three of chapter one hundred and five of the Public Statutes."

Boston and Lowell R. R.

Mr. Boardman's motion was adopted by a vote of 75 to 70, and the question recurring on the adoption of the amendment it was carried by a vote of 80 to 67.

The motion of Mr. Wentworth was also adopted. The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment, it was carried. The bill was then passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Discharged from the Orders.

Municipal suffrage for women.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the report of the committee on Woman Suffrage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Clara M. Bisbee and others for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. On further motion of the same gentleman it was postponed for further consideration until Wednesday, March 12, and placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

Women voting on the liquor question.

On motion of Mr. Coffin of Boston the report of the committee on Woman Suffrage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. J. Yates and others that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. On further motion of the same gentleman it was postponed for further consideration until Wednesday, March 12, and placed second in the orders of the day for that day.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to authorize the town of Ipswich to raise money to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation was further considered and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to so amending section 20 of chapter 116 of the Public Statutes that loans may be made by savings banks payable on demand, or for such specified time as may be deemed expedient, was further considered. Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge moved to amend by substituting a "Bill relating to personal loans by savings banks."

Point of order.

Mr. Howes of Cambridge raised the point of order that the bill was broader in its scope than the order on which the report was based. The Chair declared the point well taken and the bill was laid aside. Mr. Dunham then moved to amend the report by substituting the same bill, modified by striking out section 2. After debate the amendment was rejected, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

At six minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 6, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Oakes of Westfield, remonstrance of Rufus Smith and others against the passage of any act establishing a district court in Hampden County, comprising the town of Westfield and seven other towns. Hampden County District Court.

By Mr. Brown of Scituate, remonstrance of John J. Ford and others, against the establishing of the city of Brockton as a half-shire town of Plymouth County, and the erection of the county buildings in said city. Brockton as a shire town of Plymouth Co.

Severally referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Smith of Ashfield, petition of the assessors of Rowe; and by Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, petition of Howard Colburn and others, — severally, for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgage of real estate from taxation in certain cases. Double taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Jones of Lynn, petition of E. B. McNeal and others, for the abolishment of the poll-tax as a prerequisite for suffrage. Poll-tax qualification for voting.

By Mr. Bowker of Boston, petition of S. J. Blaisdell and others for the enactment of a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections. Municipal suffrage for women.

By Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, remonstrance of J. McCarty, Jr., and 38 other citizens of Belmont against allowing the city of Cambridge to take the waters of Stony Brook. Cambridge, — Stony Brook.

Severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to taxation of buildings standing on leased land and owned by non-residents, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Taxation, — non-residents.

Sunderland
Water Co.

A Bill to incorporate the Sunderland Water Company (reported on a petition) passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read and ordered to a second reading.

Sales on execu-
tion.

A Bill to permit adjournment of sales on execution for more than seven days, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Change of venue
in trials.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the Senate Bill to permit a change of venue in certain cases (reported on an order relative to practice and procedure in the supreme judicial court and superior court).

Andover,—
Shawsheen
River.

A petition of S. K. Johnson and others that the town of Andover may have authority to take water from the Shawsheen River for the purposes of a water supply, taken from the files of last year, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply.

Reports of Committees.

Attempts to cor-
rupt females.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice, for the passage of an act to punish attempts to corrupt females.

Costs in civil
actions.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending all existing statutes relating to costs in civil actions, that parties recovering costs in civil actions before trial justices may recover the same as before police or district courts.

Thanksgiving
Day and Fast
Day.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Clark Swallow and others of East Bridgewater for a law fixing the time for Thanksgiving Day and Fast Day.

Ward-rooms.

By Mr. Stafford of Lawrence, from the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to cities providing ward-rooms for public meetings.

Educational
exhibit.

By Mr. Wheeler of Bernardston, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing an exhibit of the educational works of the State, in connection with the meeting of the National Educational Association to be held at Madison, Wisconsin, July 15-18, 1884.

By Mr. Paton of Danvers, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Representative Meeting of the Society of Friends for New England for the repeal of chapter 193 of the acts of the year 1881, relating to military drill in public schools.

Military drill in public schools.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on petitions of S. A. Gardner and others for legislation relative to scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

Scientific temperance instruction in public schools.

By Mr. Hazen of Shirley, from the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Walter Preston and others that the Board of Health of the city of Boston be united with the State Board.

Boston Board of Health, — State Board.

By Mr. Towne of Orange, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. I. Rice and others that the county commissioners of Hampshire County may have jurisdiction under section 62 of chapter 49 of the Public Statutes, relative to the rebuilding of a bridge across the Westfield River at Chesterfield.

Westfield River bridge at Chesterfield.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Lorin L. Fuller, mayor of Malden, for an amendment of the city charter relative to the alteration of highways, and recommending its reference to the committee on Cities. Read and accepted, and the petition was sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Malden charter.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to enable cities and towns to prosecute or defend actions in the name of or against abolished school districts ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Actions at law by or against abolished school districts.

By Mr. Potter of Enfield, from the committee on Agriculture, on an order, a Bill to prevent the fraudulent conversion and misuse of milk cans.

Milk cans.

By Mr. Gove of Boston, from the committee on Cities, on an order, a Bill relating to the eligibility to office of members of the city council of the city of Boston.

Boston city council.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Expenditures, on a petition, a Bill to fix the salary of the treasurer of Hampden County.

Salary of Hampden County treasurer.

Fisheries in
county of Dukes
County.

By Mr. Small of Provincetown, from the committee on the Fisheries, on an order, a Bill concerning the fisheries in the waters of the county of Dukes County.

South
Abington.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of South Abington to make an additional water loan.

Poll-tax qualifi-
cation for
voting.

By Mr. Foley of Fall River, from the committee on Election Laws, on two orders, a Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators and Representatives. [Mr. Norris of the Senate, and Messrs. Barker of Worcester, Rantoul of Salem, Pierce of Boston, and Hatch of Marshfield, of the House, dissenting.]

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mary Going.

By Mr. Baker of Rockland, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Mary Going of Boston. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

State Normal
School at Salem.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Education, that the Resolve (introduced on leave in the Senate) in favor of the State Normal School at Salem, ought to pass. Referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Discharged from the Orders.

Cambridge
water supply.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham, the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and, pending the question on engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table.

Orders of the Day.

Bills:

Orders of the
day.

To fix the salary of the secretary of the Commonwealth;

To amend the charter of the city of Springfield;

To incorporate the New England Assurance Association (amended on motions of Mr. Williams of Foxborough);

To amend the charter of the city of Chelsea relating to the election of assessors;

Relating to the public cemeteries in the town of Woburn ;

In relation to deposits made by domestic insurance companies with the treasurer of the Commonwealth ;

Relating to the reinsurance of risks taken by insurance companies on property in this Commonwealth ;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money to build a new jail and house of correction ;

In relation to the salary of the engineer of the State Prison at Concord ;

To authorize the town of Quincy to pay certain bounties ;

To incorporate the Mansfield Lake Aqueduct Company ;

Concerning the taxation of personal property held in trust out of the Commonwealth ; and

In relation to notices to be given of the meetings of savings bank corporations ; and

Resolves :

Granting an allowance for the erection of monuments on the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania ;

In favor of Jane Parks ;

In favor of Frances A. Hanscom ;

In favor of certain inhabitants of the town of Gay Head and Chilmark ;

In favor of Lebbeus W. Smith ;

In favor of Artemas Raymond ; and

In favor of Maria H. Sargent ;

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of S. W. Grant and others of Wrentham, for legislation relative to the paying to the Commonwealth certain fines now paid to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ; and

On the petition of Mary McCarthy and Hannah McCarthy, for an investigation into certain grievances sustained by them under proceedings of the courts ; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to enabling towns to elect a surveyor of highways who shall act independently of the board of selectmen ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Election Laws, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lester A. Hulse that certain soldiers and sailors may be exempt from the payment of a poll-tax ;

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the teaching of morals in the public schools ;

Of the same committee, no legislation necessary, on the Forty-Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Education and of the Secretary of the Board ;

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending or repealing the law concerning the sale of intoxicating liquors on premises within a certain distance of public schools ;

Of the committee on Street Railways, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James P. Prince in relation to fares on the Lynn and Boston Horse Railroad ;

Of the committee on Woman Suffrage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Mrs. S. E. Bacon and others for legislation enabling women to vote on all questions that may be submitted to the people relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Of the committee on Woman Suffrage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Herbert M. Tibbetts and others for a law enabling women to vote in presidential elections and in the election of county, town, and municipal and school officers, and also to amend the State Constitution so as to give women the same political rights as are now enjoyed by men ;

Of the committee on Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to cancelling certain bonds of the Commonwealth, and providing means for reducing the burdens of taxation ;

Of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition of C. E. Phinney and others relative to instructing our senators, and requesting our representatives in Congress, to urge the passage of a resolution to amend the Constitution of the United States prohibiting the disfranchisement of citizens on account of sex ;

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William D. Capron for legislation placing alcohol on the same footing as are other intoxicating liquors when sold by druggists ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Horatio N. Holbrook and others for an extension of the time for building the Squantum Free Bridge; and

Of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to repealing all laws which make any distinction or discrimination in the taxation of real property;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the charter of the city of Salem as to the tenure of office of police officers of said city;

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association for an act of incorporation, and for authority to take additional land for cemetery purposes; and

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to allowing savings banks to increase their investments in bank stock;

On an order relative to increasing the amount that savings banks may invest in the capital stock of national banking associations; and

On an order relative to a just and low rate of interest on money, mortgages, bonds, etc.;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to purchase or take a lease of the Hopkinton Railroad and increase its capital stock was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was postponed for further consideration until Friday, March 14, on motion of Mr. Stratton of Milford.

Bills :

Relating to the expense of recording probate proceedings in the county of Suffolk (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Relating to sessions of Probate Courts which occur on legal holidays (amended on motion of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, and in the title, on motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough by adding thereto the words, "and on the day of the national or state election");

To authorize the city of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds ; and

Conferring on the board of aldermen of Chelsea certain powers relating to abatement of taxes in said city ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the town of Holden ; and

In favor of the Soldiers' Messenger Corps ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize Fire District Number One of the town of Attleborough to purchase the property and franchise of the Attleborough Water District in said Attleborough and for other purposes ;

To incorporate the Trustees of Florence Kindergarten ; and

To authorize the city of Lynn to borrow money for the purpose of building drains and sewers ; and the

Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

At five o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 7, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motions to Reconsider.

Rate of interest.

Mr. Stow of Fall River moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, yesterday, accepted, in concurrence, the report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to a just and low rate of interest on money, mortgages, bonds, etc. The motion prevailed, and the question recurring on the acceptance of the report, it was accepted, in concurrence.

Mr. Tufts of New Braintree moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, yesterday, accepted, in concurrence, the report of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association for an act of incorporation, and for authority to take additional land for cemetery purposes. The motion was adopted, and on further motion of the same gentleman, pending the recurring question on the acceptance of the report, it was recommitted to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, and sent up for concurrence.

Pine Grove
Cemetery
Association.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Clark of Northampton, petition of W. Hamlin and others, for the repeal of section 4 of the act of incorporation of the trustees of the Smith Charities. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Trustees of the
Smith Charities.

By Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, petition of the Powell T. Lyman Post; by Mr. Potter of Enfield, petition of the E. J. Griggs Post, and by Mr. Cilley of Salisbury, petition of the E. B. Wallace Post, — severally, for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth.

Burial expenses
of certain sol-
diers and
sailors.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Gilbert of Southwick, petition of the assessors of Blandford; and by Mr. Cross of Newburyport, petition of the assessors of Newburyport, — severally, for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgage of real estate from taxation in certain cases.

Double
taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, petition of Walter Wellington and others for a change of name of the Church of the Redeemer in the town of Lexington. Referred to the next General Court, under the 12th Joint Rule.

Church of the
Redeemer in the
town of Lexing-
ton.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Weston of Newton, —

Ordered, That the committee on Claims be authorized to employ a stenographer to take the evidence to be submitted to the committee in the matter of Rogers Amero. Sent up for concurrence.

Rogers Amero.

Papers from the Senate.

Taxation of
military
property.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to exempting from taxation a certain portion of the real estate of military companies, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Resolves :

State almshouse at
Tewksbury.

In favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury (reported, in part, on the report of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity) ; and

State workhouse at Bridgewater.

In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater (reported on an order) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

The following papers were severally referred, in concurrence : —

District Court in north-western part of Worcester Co. Ibid.

Petition of Alpheus Harding and others for a district court in the north-west part of Worcester County.

Remonstrances of William Holden and others ; and of Wilder P. Clark and others, — severally, against a district court in Northern Worcester.

Severally to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Rogers Amero.

Petition of Rogers Amero, for compensation for imprisonment on the charge of murder. To the committee on Claims.

Food and drink.

Petition of T. E. Hancock and others for a change in the present law relating to the manufacture and sale of articles designed for food and drink. To the committee on Public Health.

Resolves Passed.

Resolves passed.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Valentine Bradshaw ; and

In favor of Bridget Slattery ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Returns relating to liquor licenses.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the abstract of returns received from the several cities and towns under the requirements of section 5 of chapter 100 of the Pub-

lic Statutes, showing the number of licenses issued for the sale of intoxicating liquor, the amounts received therefor and the number revoked during the year, etc., was taken from the table and was, on the further motion of the same gentleman, referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation providing a punishment for wife-beating, by flogging. Wife-beaters.

By Mr. Adams of Attleborough, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to married women disposing of their separate estates by will. Separate estates of married women.

By Mr. Cilley of Salisbury, from the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to a record and return of certain statistics relating to the crews of fishing vessels. Records, &c., of crews of fishing vessels.

By Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, from the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. C. Orne for such legislation as would require the adoption of a proper method of calculating vital statistics. Vital statistics.

By Mr. Carpenter of Springfield, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing the construction and operation of railroads and street railways of other gauge than are now authorized by law. Gauge of railroads and street railways.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, from the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate and Insolvency for the county of Dukes County. Salary of Judge of Probate and Insolvency of the county of Dukes Co.

By Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill in relation to change of names. Change of names.

Severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to authorize cities and towns to issue notes, bonds and scrip. Read and ordered to a second reading. Issuance of scrip, &c., by cities and towns.

Discharged from the Orders.

Poll-tax
qualification for
voting.

On motion of Mr. Foley of Fall River the Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators and Representatives was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was laid on the table, on further motion of Mr. Foley.

Broad-rimmed
wheels.

On motion of the same gentleman the report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Samuel A. Dean and others for legislation regulating the width of the rims of wheels of heavily loaded wagons was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was, on further motion of Mr. Foley, laid on the table.

Salary of Judge
of Probate and
Insolvency for
Suffolk Co.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea the Bill to establish the salary of the Judge of Probate and Insolvency for the county of Suffolk was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was referred to the committee on Finance, on further motion of Mr. Kimball.

Quincy.

On motion of Mr. Pattee of Quincy the Bill to authorize the town of Quincy to pay certain bounties was discharged from the orders of the day and considered under a suspension of the rules. It was read a third time, amended on motions of Mr. Pattee, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, as amended, and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments, Rule 15 having been suspended.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Reports of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice, for the passage of an act to punish attempts to corrupt females ; and

On the petition of Clark Swallow and others of East Bridgewater for a law fixing the time for Thanksgiving Day and Fast Day ; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending all existing statutes relating to costs in civil actions ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing an exhibit of the educational works of the State, in connection with the meeting of the National Educational Association to be held at Madison, Wisconsin, July 15-18, 1884 ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of the Representative Meeting of the Society of Friends for New England for the repeal of chapter 193 of the acts of the year 1881, relating to military drill in public schools ; and

On petitions of S. A. Gardner and others for legislation relative to scientific temperance instruction in public schools ;

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Walter Preston and others that the board of health of the city of Boston, be united with the State Board ; and

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. I. Rice and others, relative to the rebuilding of a bridge across the Westfield River at Chesterfield ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to taxation of buildings standing on leased land and owned by non-residents was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

In relation to the verification of the accounts of joint assignees in insolvency ;

To authorize the town of South Abington to make an additional water loan ;

Concerning the fisheries in the waters of the county of Dukes County ;

To incorporate the Sunderland Water Company ; and

Relating to the bonds of trustees under a will ; and the

Resolve in favor of the delegates to the Educational Convention at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, 1883; Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

In relation to deposits made by domestic insurance companies with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth;

Relating to reinsurance of risks taken by insurance companies on property in this Commonwealth; and

Resolves:

Granting an allowance to certain organizations for the erection of monuments on the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

In favor of Jane Parks;

In favor of Frances A. Hanscom;

In favor of Lebbeus W. Smith;

In favor of Artemas Raymond; and

In favor of Maria H. Sargent;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning contagious diseases was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. Amendments moved by Mr. Cummings of Boston were adopted and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill in relation to orders revoking locations of street railway tracks was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to authorize the town of Cottage City to appropriate money for the payment of expenses incurred in procuring the incorporation of said town was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill relative to the proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery, on motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon.

At eighteen minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, March 10, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Stow of Fall River moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Friday, March 7, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Bill concerning contagious diseases. The motion was lost.

Contagious diseases.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of the German Reformed Church Society in aid of a petition for legislation to remedy defects in the corporate organization of said society. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

German Reformed Church Society.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, remonstrance of George W. Gay and others against the repeal of the law to prevent the adulteration of articles of food, drink or medicine. Referred to the committee on Public Health.

Adulterations.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to removing fences in towns that the citizens may cross lots during times of snow blockades ;

Fences, — snow blockades.

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the State building costly bridges over tide waters ;

Bridges over tide waters.

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition of T. Garceau and others for an inquiry into the legality of the imprisonment of Emilie Victoria Martin ; and

Emilie Victoria Martin.

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for legislation authorizing the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association as real estate to the owners of such buildings ;

N. E. Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

Wellesley
College.

To authorize Wellesley College to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Boston &
Albany R. R.,—
Newton.

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take land and build a branch of its road through the city of Newton ;

(Severally reported on petitions) ; and

Sale of intoxi-
cating liquors
on election day.

In relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors (reported on several orders relative to making the day of the State election a legal holiday and to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors on that day) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Double tracking
of the T. & G.
R.R.

A Bill making appropriations for the completion of the double-tracking of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad (reported, in part, on the report of the manager of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and the Hoosac Tunnel), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Free text-books.

The House Bill to furnish free text-books to the pupils of the public schools came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the title, and inserting instead the words "An Act to provide for the furnishing of free text-books and school supplies to the pupils of the public schools," in which amendment the House concurred, under a suspension of the rules.

Meigs Elevated
Railway Co.

The House Bill to incorporate the Meigs Elevated Railway Company came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments. Placed in the order of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Lawrence street
commissioner.

The report of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw on the petition of John Breen, mayor of Lawrence, for legislation relative to providing that the street commissioner of said city may be elected by popular vote, recommitted in the House to the committee on Cities and sent up for concurrence, came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred. The House receded and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the town of Falmouth to purchase the Lawrence Academy in said town ; Bills enacted and resolves passed.

To prohibit the sale of firearms and other dangerous weapons to minors ;

To authorize the Boston Young Women's Christian Association to hold additional real and personal estate ; and

To authorize the town of East Bridgewater to pay certain bounties ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To provide for the appointment of trustees by churches or religious societies in certain cases ; and

To incorporate the Clinton Market Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary ;

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ; and

In favor of Lucy T. Langmaid ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hewins of Medford, from the committee on Minors. Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that minors under guardianship may authorize the payment of certain claims for necessities.

By Mr. Brown of Scituate, from the committee on Barbed wire fences. Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to prohibiting the use of barbed wire fences upon the boundary lines of highways.

By Mr. Shaw of Chelmsford, from the committee on Insurance referees. Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning the appointment of insurance referees, as provided for in the standard form of policy, and the effect of their decisions.

By Mr. Stratton of Milford, from the committee on Co-operative associations by employees of manufacturing corporations. Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing the formation of co-operative associations by persons employed by manufacturing corporations.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Monopolization
of land.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the order relative to legislation preventing the monopolization of land, and providing for the breaking up and just distribution of large estates at the death of the owners thereof, and recommending reference of the subject to the committee on Probate and Chancery. Read and accepted.

Boston
assessors.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, from the committee on Cities, on an order, a Bill in relation to assessors and assistant assessors in the city of Boston.

Division of
wards in cities.

By Mr. Bailey of Somerville, from the same committee, on an order relative to the eligibility of citizens to be elected to office, a Bill relating to the division of wards in cities.

Waltham water
supply.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Taxation of
military
property.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the report of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to exempting from taxation a certain portion of the real estate of military companies, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was, on his further motion, re-committed to the committee and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :

Orders of the
day.

Of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to a record and return of certain statistics relating to the crews of fishing vessels ;

Of the committee on Labor, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. C. Orne for such legislation as would require the adoption of a proper method of calculating vital statistics ;

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing the construction and operation of railroads and street railroads of other gauge than are now authorized by law ; and

Of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to cities providing ward-rooms for public meetings ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation providing a punishment for wife-beating, by flogging, was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to married women disposing of their separate estates by will, was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Cross of Newburyport.

Bills :

Relative to a standard measure for cranberries (amended on motions of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston and Mr. Spooner of Boston) ;

To amend the charter of the city of Springfield (amended on motion of Mr. Winter of Springfield) ;

Relating to the public cemeteries in the town of Woburn ;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money to build a new jail and house of correction ;

In relation to notices to be given of the meetings of savings bank corporations ;

In relation to the verification of the accounts of assignees in insolvency (amended on motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon, and its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

To authorize the town of South Abington to make an additional water loan ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the delegates to the Educational Convention at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, 1883 ; and

In favor of certain inhabitants of the towns of Gay Head and Chilmark ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill extending the authority to summon witnesses was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Millett of Malden, laid on the table.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge and to take land around Fresh Pond to preserve the purity of the water was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Mr. Hardy of Arlington moved to amend by substituting a bill with a similar title, pending which the bill was referred, with the pending amendment, to the committee on the Judiciary, on further motion of Mr. Hardy.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Bill to supply the town of Watertown with water was accepted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To fix the salary of the Treasurer of Hampden County ;
Relating to the eligibility to office of members of the City Council of the city of Boston ;

To enable cities and towns to prosecute or defend actions in the name of or against abolished school districts ; and

To authorize cities and towns to issue notes, bonds and scrip (amended on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly) ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To fix the salary of the Secretary of the Commonwealth ;

In relation to the salary of the engineer of the State Prison at Concord ;

To incorporate the Sunderland Water Company ;

To incorporate the Mansfield Lake Aqueduct Company (amended on motions of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston) ;

To incorporate the New England Assurance Association ;

To amend the charter of the city of Chelsea relating to the election of assessors (amended on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston) ; and

To legalize the doings of the town of Wakefield in accepting a bequest under the will of Cornelius Sweetser, late of Saco, in the State of Maine, deceased, and in raising money to purchase and beautify a public park in said town (amended in the title on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, by striking out the words "late of Saco, in the State of Maine, deceased") ;

Were severally read a third time, and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the four bills last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The Bill to prevent the fraudulent conversion and misuse of milk cans was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

At twenty minutes before four o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 11, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, petition of Rev. Julius H. Seelye and 98,125 others, that an amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, may be submitted to the people. Referred to the committee on the Liquor Law and sent up for concurrence.

Intoxicating
liquors.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, remonstrances of Henry Chase and 11 others; of Hiram Whitney and 49 others; of Mr. James Stevens and 54 others, and of Daniel A. Tainter and 28 others, all of Watertown,—severally, against granting authority to the city of Cambridge to take the waters of Stony Brook.

Cambridge
water supply,—
Stony Brook.

Severally placed on file.

Bills Enacted and Resolve Passed.

Engrossed bills:

Authorizing the New York and New England Railroad Company to make certain application of the proceeds of the sales of its second-mortgage bonds, and to issue preferred stock (which originated in the House);

Bills enacted,
resolve passed.

Requiring notice to authorities of cities and towns, upon applications for commitment or admission to the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded;

To authorize the town of Quincy to pay certain bounties ; and

To confirm certain acts of the Union Congregational Society in North Brookfield ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts (which originated in the Senate) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

By-laws, &c., of cities and towns. Of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to defining the powers of cities and towns with reference to by-laws, ordinances, etc. ;

Mayors. Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that a mayor of a city may be appointed a member of any committee of either branch of the city council to which he may be appointed by such body by express vote ;

Supplies for county prisons. Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to defining more clearly the authority for purchasing supplies for county prisons ;

Tellers. Of the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the appointment of tellers by selectmen of towns ; and

Dalton Water Company. Of the committee on Water Supply, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Zenas Crane, Jr., for an act of incorporation as the Dalton Water Company ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Annual report of the Mass. Agricultural College. The report of the committee on Agriculture, asking to be discharged from further consideration of so much of the annual report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College as relates to Military Affairs, and recommending its reference to the committee on Military Affairs, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence.

Bourne. A Bill to incorporate the town of Bourne (reported on petitions), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Brandt Island Club. A Bill to incorporate the Brandt Island Club, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The House Bill to prohibit the exhibition of deformities for hire came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule. Exhibition of deformities.

The House Bill to incorporate the Braintree Water Company, came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment. Braintree Water Company.

A petition of George H. Copeland and others for an act of incorporation as the Cambridge Police Mutual Aid Association, came down from the Senate, referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge the petition was laid on the table, pending the question on concurring with the Senate in the suspension of the rule. Cambridge Police Mutual Aid Association.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing executors or administrators, upon the petition of parties interested, to sell the real estate of deceased persons for the purposes of distribution or division of the proceeds thereof among the heirs. Executors and administrators, — sale of real estate of deceased persons.

By Mr. Brown of Scituate, from the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that every owner and keeper of a dog shall give to the town a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars for the payment of the damages caused by such dog. Dogs.

By Mr. Allis of Whately, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the encouragement of sheep industry by requiring dogs to be kept under restraint. [Messrs. Root and Sessions of the Senate, and Messrs. Potter of Worcester and Brown of Scituate, of the House, dissenting and recommending the passage of a bill as a substitute for the report.] Dogs, — sheep.

By Mr. Clark of Medway, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to promotion of pupils in the public schools from one grade to another on certificates of teachers. Promotions in public schools.

By Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, from the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the compensation of the inspectors of factories and public buildings after a certain term of service. Inspectors of factories.

Hours of labor
of railroad
employees.

By Mr. Bent of Gardner, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation fixing the hours of labor of railroad employees.

Pensioners of
the war of 1812.

By Mr. Smith of Ashfield, from the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing State aid for pensioners of the war of 1812.

Transportation
of the State
militia.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to establishing a uniform rate of transportation for the State militia on the railroads of the Commonwealth, and providing for the payment of the same directly by the Quartermaster General.

Safety frogs.

By Mr. Gordon of New Bedford, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling the railroads of the Commonwealth to place safety frogs on all places in their road-bed where a frog is required.

Railroad freight
rates.

By Mr. Huntoon of Lowell, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Atwood and others, for a repeal of the law to prevent discrimination in freight rates by railroad corporations.

Middleborough
water supply.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, from the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of N. D. Wilber and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of Middleborough with water for domestic and other purposes.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

School com-
mittees.

By Mr. Wadlin of Reading, from the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the mayor of Salem for legislation relative to a repeal of section 2, chapter 129, of the Acts of the year 1858, concerning the filling of vacancies in the Board of School Committee, and recommending its reference to the committee on Cities. Read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Employees of
railroad and
other corpora-
tions.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject-matter of the order relative to legislation to authorize and secure reasonable provision for the deserving employees of railroads and other corporations, in case of accident, sickness and old age, by

voluntary contribution by both said employees and corporations, and recommending its reference to the committee on Labor. Read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

By Mr. White of Taunton, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to authorize the town of Norton to receive and hold certain property in trust. Norton.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to repeal chapter 95 of the Acts of the year 1882, concerning appeals in the police, district and municipal courts in civil cases. Appeals,—
police, district
and municipal
courts.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill confirming certain acts of the town of Woburn, and authorizing it to increase its water debt. Woburn.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on Agriculture, on an order, a Bill requiring dog licenses to be recorded in the city or town where the dogs licensed are kept. Dogs.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on an order, a Bill relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal business. Savings banks.

By Mr. Nash of Abington, from the committee on Insurance, to whom was recommitted the Bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Title Insurance Company, with instructions to report a general law substantially in accordance with the principles of the bill, a Bill authorizing the formation of corporations to examine and guarantee titles to real estate. Massachusetts
Title Insurance
Company.—
Title insurance
companies.

By Mr. Butler of Lawrence, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize marine insurance companies with the requisite capital to do fire business. Marine insur-
ance companies.

By Mr. Bryant of Salem, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to give to the town of Concord an additional supply of pure water. Concord.

By Mr. Walker of Worcester, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of Taunton to increase its water loan. Taunton.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Francis Shurtleff ought to pass. Francis Shurt-
left.

Agnes S.
Goulding.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of Agnes S. Goulding ought to pass.

State Normal
School at
Salem.

By Mr. Clark of Peabody, from the same committee, that the Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Salem ought to pass.

Husband and
wife.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in relation to the property rights of husband and wife ought to pass.

Officers of Su-
perior Court of
Suffolk Co.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill concerning the officers of the Superior Court in the county of Suffolk ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Howard
Holland.

By Mr. Curry of Lynn, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Howard Holland. Read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

National
taxes.

By Mr. Chappelle of Boston, from the committee on Federal Relations, that the Resolution relative to the reduction of the national taxes and the abolition of all duties except for revenue ought not to be adopted. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the resolution.

Taken from the Table.

Boston water
supply, —
Shawsheen
River.

On motion of Mr. Frisbee of North Andover the petition of the city of Boston for authority to take the waters of Shawsheen River for a water supply was taken from the table. The House concurred with the Senate in its reference to the committee on Water Supply, and the petition was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Biennial
elections.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester the Senate order relative to amending the Constitution so as to provide for biennial elections of State officers was taken from the table and was adopted, in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to married women disposing of their separate estates by will, was further considered. Mr. Cross of Newburyport moved to

substitute a "Bill relating to the powers of married women in the disposal of their separate estate by will." pending which, the report was recommitted to the committee, on further motion of Mr. Cross.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that minors under guardianship may authorize the payment of certain claims for necessaries was accepted.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to prohibiting the use of barbed wire fences upon the boundary lines of highways, was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Morse of Sharou.

The report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning the appointment of insurance referees, as provided for in the standard form of policy, and the effect of their decisions was considered.

Mr. Williams of Foxborough moved to amend by substituting a "Bill making the award of referees in disputes concerning losses by fire prima facie evidence in a suit at law," and pending the amendment further consideration of the report was postponed until to-morrow on further motion of Mr. Williams.

The report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing the formation of co-operative associations by persons employed by manufacturing corporations, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the Bill to incorporate the Meigs Elevated Railway Company, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Reports :

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to removing fences in towns that the citizens may cross lots during times of snow blockades ;

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the State building costly bridges over tide waters ; and

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition of T. Garceau and others for an inquiry into the legality of the imprisonment of Emilie Victoria Martin ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

In relation to assessors and assistant assessors in the city of Boston (amended on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly) ;

Relating to the division of wards in cities ;

To authorize Wellesley College to hold additional real and personal estate (amended on motion of Mr. Willson of Salem) ;

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take land and build a branch of its road through the city of Newton ; and

In relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To supply the town of Watertown with water ;

To fix the salary of the treasurer of Hampden County ;

Relating to the eligibility to office of members of the City Council of the city of Boston ;

To enable cities and towns to prosecute or defend actions in the name of or against abolished school districts ; and

To authorize cities and towns to issue notes, bonds and scrip ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham.

The Bill relating to the bonds of trustees under a will was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so as to read "Bill exempting trustees under a will from giving a surety or sureties on their bonds,") it was, on motion of Mr. Bent of Cambridge, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for legislation authorizing the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association was considered, and was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Hazelton of Montague.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation providing a punishment for wife-beating, by flogging, was further considered. Mr. Gove of Boston moved to amend by substituting a "Bill to punish wife-beaters." After debate the bill was substituted by a vote of 96 to 24, and having been read once, was ordered to a second reading.

At nineteen minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 12, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Strong of Boston.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Kelly of Boston, remonstrance of John Atwood and 86 others against the proposed legislation for the protection of lobsters. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries, and sent up for concurrence. Lobsters.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, remonstrance of Mrs. Jared Sparks and 420 women of Cambridge, and 11 others, against any further extension of suffrage to women. Placed on file. Woman suffrage.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relating to submitting a constitutional amendment for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature to the people, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Biennial elections and biennial sessions.

Five-cent fares
on street rail-
ways.

A Bill to amend section 47 of chapter 113 of the Public Statutes, so as to provide for five-cent fares on street railways (reported on several orders and petitions), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

Distribution of
the laws and
public docu-
ments.

Relating to the printing and distribution of the laws and public documents, (reported on the communication of the Secretary of the Commonwealth relating to the printing and distribution of the laws and public documents); and

Decennial
census.

To provide for taking the decennial census and the industrial statistics of the Commonwealth (reported on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the Census);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Clinton, —
Lancaster.

The House Bill to authorize the town of Clinton to issue additional water bonds, and to furnish water to the inhabitants of Lancaster, or any corporation therein for fire, domestic and other purposes, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Lancaster
Water Com-
pany.

The House Bill to incorporate the Lancaster Water Company came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in which the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule.

The following papers were severally referred, in concurrence : —

Salem, — North
River.

Petition of the city of Salem for authority to construct a sewer from the North River. To the committee on Drainage.

Salem, — Pal-
mer's Cove
flats.

Petition of William M. Hill, mayor of Salem, for authority to take so much of the flats in Palmer's Cove as may be necessary to abate a nuisance. To the committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

District court
in Northern
Worcester.

Remonstrance of S. W. E. Goddard and others of Hubbardston against the establishment of a district court in Northern Worcester. To the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Laid on the Table.

Mr. Gilbert of Southwick presented the petition of Timothy Keefe and others for legislation legalizing the acts, doings, and proceedings of the Second Orthodox Congregational Society so that it may hold or sell real estate, and moved a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. Pending the question of suspending the rule the petition was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester.

Second Orthodox Congregational Society.

Mr. Swift of New Bedford offered a Resolution relative to the revenue marine service of the United States, and moved a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The resolution was read, and pending the question on suspending the rule, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough.

Revenue marine service.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Hyde Park Water Company (which originated in the House) ; and

Bills enacted.

To fix the salary of the secretary of the Commonwealth (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Files of Last Year.

On motion of Mr. Blyth of Wakefield, the petition of Dean Dudley and others for the appointment of a record commissioner for the various cities and towns, referred by the last legislature to the next General Court, was taken from the files and was, on his further motion, referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Record commissioners.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to recovery of damages by persons charged with insanity, who, on being examined, are not found to be insane.

Recovery of damages by persons wrongfully accused of insanity.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston for the East Boston district.

Salary of justice of the East Boston municipal court.

Salary of clerk
of the East Bos-
ton municipal
court.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the clerk of the East Boston municipal court.

Uniform court
system for the
inferior courts.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to abolishing all inferior courts and establishing in place thereof a uniform system of courts similar to the district courts.

Lynn police.

By Mr. Littlefield of Lynn, from the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on petitions of the mayor of the city of Lynn and others for an amendment of the city charter relative to the tenure of office of the police of said city.

Agawam cem-
etery.

By Mr. Toulmin of Leominster, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Samuel Flower and others for legislation relative to creating a board of trustees to take possession of a cemetery in the town of Agawam.

Compensation
of officers and
employees of
the State.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to a revision of the laws regarding the appointment and compensation of all officers, clerks and employees of the Commonwealth.

Transportation
of fish on the
Old Colony
Railroad.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Atwood and others relative to the charges made by the Old Colony Railroad Company for the transportation of fresh fish.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Sessions of the
probate court
in Holyoke.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject-matter of the order relative to holding sessions of the probate court in Holyoke, and recommending its reference to the joint committee on Probate and Chancery. Read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Mary Going.

By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve in favor of Mary Going, and recommending its recommittal to the committee on Claims. Read and accepted and the resolve was recommitted.

- By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relative to the disposition of residues from sales of real estate for unpaid taxes. Sales of real estate for unpaid taxes.
- By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill to establish the salary of the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden. Salary of register of probate and insolvency for Hampden County.
- By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for expenses authorized the present year. Appropriation bill.
- By Mr. Small of Provincetown, from the committee on the Fisheries, that the Bill (recommitted) to authorize and regulate the construction of fish weirs in tide waters ought to pass in a new draft with the same title. Fish weirs.
- By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Chelsea. Salary of clerk of Chelsea police court.
- By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Bradford Water Company. Bradford Water Company.
- By Mr. Reed of Milford, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to enable the Athol Water Company to improve and increase its water supply. Athol Water Company.
- By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the Mittineague Congregational Society. Mittineague Congregational Society.
- By Mr. O'Neil of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on an order, a Resolve relative to the gradual abolition of grade crossings in cities and the populous parts of towns. Grade crossings.
- Severally read and ordered to a second reading.
- By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill concerning shares held in trust ought to pass. Shares held in trust.
- By Mr. Hoynes of Boston, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Senate Bill to exempt administrators from giving sureties on bonds in certain cases ought to pass. Administrators.
- By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ought to pass. Tewksbury Almshouse.

Bridgewater
Workhouse.

By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve in favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Trustees of the
Forbes Library
at Northamp-
ton.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Forbes Library at Northampton. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Use of the Representatives' Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon, —

Use of the
Representa-
tives' chamber.

Voted, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to admit to the floor of the House all the ladies who desire to be present during the debate on the Woman Suffrage question.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on Woman Suffrage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Clara M. Bisbee and others for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections was considered. Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg moved to amend by substituting a "Bill giving to female citizens the right to vote for city and town officers, to hold city and town offices and to vote in town meetings." Pending this amendment, after debate, the House
At five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 13, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition Presented.

Woman
suffrage.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, remonstrance of Mrs. N. H. Crocker and 22 others against any further extension of suffrage to women. Placed on file.

Order.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Baker of Beverly, was laid over, at the request of Mr. Gove of Boston, —

Ordered, That the chairmen of House committees, and the House chairmen of joint committees, report to the Speaker, in writing, at or before 12 o'clock, noon, tomorrow, the state of business before their several committees, and at what time, in their judgment, final report can be made on matters already referred to them, and that the Speaker be requested to make report thereon to the House to-morrow afternoon.

Reports of committees.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

To exempt the Lynn Workingmen's Aid Association from taxation ;

Lynn Workingmen's Aid Association.

Concerning a water supply for the fire district of the town of Dalton ;

Dalton Fire District.

(Severally reported on petitions) ; and

To authorize railroad companies to take land for additional tracks, and for other purposes (reported on an order) ;

Land for railroad tracks.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The following orders, severally reported by the committee on Printing, on an order in each case, and severally adopted by the Senate, were severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance : —

Ordered, That eight thousand copies of the Report of the Board of Control of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station at Amherst be printed and distributed, as follows : Five hundred copies to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be distributed one to each town and incorporated library in the Commonwealth ; three thousand copies to the Board of Control of said station, and forty-five hundred copies for the use of the Legislature.

Report of the Board of Control of the Mass. Agricultural Experiment Station.

Ordered, That three thousand copies of the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College be printed, one-half of which number shall be distributed among the members of the Legislature, and the remainder to the officers and trustees of the college.

Report of the trustees of the Mass. Agricultural College.

Reports :

Of the committee on Cities asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the

Holyoke.

Petition of the mayor of the city of Holyoke for authority to establish an additional polling place in said city ; and the

Gloucester.

Petition of the mayor of Gloucester, for an amendment of the charter of said city, so that voting precincts may be supplied to the voters in wards six and seven ;

And recommending their reference severally to the committee on Election Laws ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and accepted, in concurrence.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly : —

Ordered, That Joint Rule No. 9 be suspended.

Joint Rule
No. 9.

Contagious
diseases among
cattle.

A Bill in addition to section 13 of chapter 90 of the Public Statutes concerning contagious diseases among cattle (reported on a petition), and

Resolves :

State Normal
School at Fram-
ingham.
State Normal
School at
Bridgewater.
Mass. Ag.
College.

In favor of the State Normal School at Framingham ;

In favor of the State Normal School at Bridgewater ;

(Severally reported on orders) ;

In aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (reported on a petition) ;

Index for the
Public Statutes.
Records of the
Colony of New
Plymouth.

To provide a new index to the Public Statutes ; and

Concerning the completion of the publication of the records of the Colony of New Plymouth ;

Were severally referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Expenditures.

The following papers were severally referred, in concurrence : —

Civil rights.

A report of the committee on Federal Relations, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edwin G. Walker, President of the Summer National Independent League, in behalf of the colored citizens of Massachusetts. To the committee on Public Service.

Lowell,
insane persons.

Petition of the mayor of Lowell asking for a change of the law relative to the care of persons adjudged insane by the police court of Lowell. To the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Taken from the Files.

On motion of Mr. Willson of Salem, so much of the report of the Board of Education as relates to the salary of the secretary of said board, referred by the last Legislature to the next General Court, was taken from the files and was, on his further motion, referred to the committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

Salary of the secretary of the Board of Education.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, the Bill to incorporate the town of Bourne was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until next Thursday, to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

Bourne.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge was taken from the table, and, pending the question on its engrossment, was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday, to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

Cambridge water supply.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham was taken from the table, and was, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday, to be placed second in the orders of the day for that day.

Waltham water supply.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the incorporation of the Meigs Elevated Railway Company ;

Bills enacted, — resolves passed.

To enable the Newton Theological Institution to hold additional property ;

To authorize the town of Belchertown to comply with the provisions of the will of Calvin Bridgeman, and to

legalize the action of said town accepting the bequest contained in said will ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Florence Kindergarten ;

To authorize the city of Lynn to borrow money for the purpose of building drains and sewers ;

In relation to the salary of the engineer of the State Prison at Concord ; and

To authorize Fire District Number One of the town of Attleborough to purchase the property and franchise of the Attleborough Water District in said Attleborough, and for other purposes ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Confirming the acts of Moses N. Arnold as a justice of the peace ; and

Granting county taxes ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Mileage of members,—free passes.

By Mr. Coffin of Boston, from the committee on Public Service, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending section 15 of chapter 2 of the Public Statutes with reference to the mileage of members, and relative to preventing railroad corporations from granting and members from receiving free passes on railroads.

Evening schools.

By Mr. Wheeler of Bernardston, from the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to so amending chapter 174 of the Acts of 1883 concerning the establishment and maintenance of evening schools as to provide a penalty for non-compliance with the provisions of said act.

Truant laws.

By Mr. Wadlin of Reading, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the truant laws of the Commonwealth.

Union truant school for Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to establishing a union truant school for the counties of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth for the reason that section 14, chapter 48 of the Public Statutes gives authority to establish such schools.

By Mr. Paton of Danvers, from the same committee, Employment of children.
 inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the laws concerning the employment of children.

By Mr. Searell of New Bedford, from the committee on Convict labor.
 Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to branding all goods or merchandise made by convict labor.

By Mr. Ball of Worcester, from the committee on Rail- Freight charges by the Boston & Albany R.R. Corporation.
 roads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John M. Seeley and others for an investigation of alleged wrongful discrimination by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in freight charges for carrying coal.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Spooner of Boston, from the committee on Horticultural societies.
 Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill to exempt certain property of horticultural societies from taxation.

By Mr. Howes of Gloucester, from the committee on Fisheries in Nantucket County.
 the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill repealing certain statutes relating to the taking of fish in the waters of the town and county of Nantucket.

By Mr. Adams of Adams, from the committee on Safety appliances in hotels, etc.
 Labor, on an order, a Bill relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings.

By Mr. Howland of Plymouth, from the committee on Clara Barton.
 Prisons, on an order, a Resolve for the relief of Clara Barton.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Sale, &c., of water by cities, &c.
 Judiciary, that the Bill to authorize cities, towns, fire districts, water and aqueduct companies to hold water for sale and to sell the same to other cities, towns, fire districts and individuals, ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Woman Suffrage, leave Orders of the day.
 to withdraw, on the petition of Clara M. Bisbee and others for a law enabling women to vote in all town and municipal elections was further considered. Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham moved that the debate be closed at four o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached. Mr. Bowker of Boston moved an amendment to the motion that the de-

bate be limited to twenty-minute speeches. The amendment prevailed and the motion, as amended, was adopted. On the pending amendment moved by Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, to substitute a bill, the yeas and nays were ordered at his request, and, the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 50 yeas to 144 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Howes, Erastus
Baker, Henry A.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Baker, John I.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Beard, Alanson W.	Littlefield, George W.
Bowker, Horace L.	Milne, John C.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Morse, Bushrod
Buckley, Michael J.	Morse, George P.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Paton, Andrew H.
Butler, Thomas C.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Rice, Augustus
Chapelle, Julius C.	Small, Edward E.
Clark, Charles N.	Smith, Oren B.
Coffey, John A.	Stone, Stillman
Coffin, Charles C.	Stow, T. Dwight
Cowdrey, George	Swift, Augustus
Crowell, Zenas E.	Toulmin, William B.
Curry, Patrick S.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Cushing, George A.	Ward, John E.
Davenport, James F.	Warner, John F.
Egleston, Eber A.	Webb, Elisha
Ernst, George A. O.	Wells, Daniel W.
Foley, Patrick E.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Freeman, Clarendon A.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Hartwell, Harris C.	Winter, Frank E.
Hewins, James	Woods, John M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Blyth, Robert
Adams, John S.	Boardman, Halsey J.
Almy, Edward C.	Bosworth, Benjamin S.
Atkins, Isaac	Bradlee, J. Walter
Bailey, Joseph W.	Brown, Charles E.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Bryant, Timothy
Ball, George H.	Burditt, Alfred A.
Bancroft, William A.	Burnham, Albert S.
Baker, Forrest E.	Burnham, Edwin L.
Barry, Patrick T.	Burr, Charles C.
Bent, George C.	Burr, Nathaniel M.
Bent, Roderic L.	Butterfield, Simeon
Blaney, Alexander	Carpenter, Frank E.

Messrs. Chapin, Francis L.
 Clark, Aaron F.
 Clark, Elijah C.
 Clark, John
 Clark, Sewall J.
 Cobb, George R.
 Collins, Edward
 Connor, James
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Creed, Michael J.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Cutler, Lucius A.
 Danforth, Henry P.
 Darling, Moses B.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dean, Wilbert T.
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Dodge, Joseph A.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Donovan, James
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Eaton, Thomas S.
 Eaton, William N.
 Elwell, George
 Farrell, John R.
 Flagg, Levi L.
 Flint, Charles H.
 Forbes, William A.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Foster, Joshua T.
 Francis, Henry H.
 Frisbee, Frank W.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gilbert, Edwin
 Gimlich, Jacob
 Gleason, George A.
 Gordon, William, Jr.
 Gove, Jesse M.
 Gray, Chester H.
 Gross, William H.
 Hardy, John H.
 Harrub, Fred M.
 Harvey, Edwin B.
 Hazelton, Charles W.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hosley, Henry E.

Messrs. Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howes, Lewis W.
 Hoynes, Edward F.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Jones, Frank W.
 Judkins, John B.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Kendrick, Edmund P.
 Killion, Michael J.
 Kimball, D. Frank
 Madden, John J.
 Maguire, John J.
 Martin, Charles B.
 McFarland, Cromwell
 McLaughlin, John A.
 Mead, John J.
 Melden, William R.
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Mooney, John F. H.
 Morrison, Peter
 Murdock, John N.
 Murphy, John R.
 Nash, George M.
 Oakes, Charles N.
 O'Brien, Francis
 Oman, Thomas A.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 Osborne, William H.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Pierce, John
 Potter, Burton W.
 Potter, Lyman D.
 Prime, Oliver
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Reed, Daniel
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richardson, C. Frederic
 Roads, Samuel, Jr.
 Salmon, Thomas
 Sanderson, George A.
 Sargent, Wingate P.
 Saunders, Franklin
 Searcell, William A.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Smith, Frederick H.
 Spooner, William H.
 Stafford, John H.

Messrs. Starbird, Charles D.	Messrs. Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Stratton, James F.	White, Lloyd E.
Tarbox, Joseph E.	Whiting, Albert T.
Tarone, James	Wilbur, Edward P.
Temple, Joseph W.	Willcomb, Frederic
Tufts, George K.	Williams, Fred H.
Walker, Aaron G.	Willson, Edmund B.
Warner, Emerson	Winslow, James A.
Wentworth, Alonzo B.	Wolcott, Roger

Yeas, 50 ; nays, 144.

On this question Messrs. Smith of Everett, Brackett of Boston, Carlton of Middleton, Cross of Newburyport, Douglas of Brockton, Wadlin of Reading, Crowell of Dennis, Reynolds of Brockton, Damon of Haverhill, Howland of Plymouth, and Stark of Hyde Park who, it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Kingsbury of Holliston, Fassett of Great Barrington, Randall of Boston, Savery of Middleborough, Peck of Taunton, Clark of Boston, Gifford of Falmouth, Hatch of Marshfield, Wright of Holyoke, Burdett of Hingham, and Towne of Orange.

The report was then accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Woman Suffrage, leave to withdraw, on the petition of W. J. Yates and others that women may have the right to vote on the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and for the election of officers who shall enforce the laws relating to the sale of such liquors was further considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Wentworth of Dedham to substitute a "Bill to authorize women to vote upon the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors" was rejected, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

At half past four o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 14, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Savings Bank Commissioners' Report.

The annual report of the Board of Commissioners of Savings Banks was received, and was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking and sent up for concurrence.

Savings bank commissioners.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. White of Taunton, petition of Walter D. Nichols and others for legislation concerning the fisheries in the Taunton Great River and Nemasket River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River.

By Mr. Freeman of Chatham, petition of the F. D. Hammond Post; by Mr. Cobb of Billerica, petition of the George H. Meade Post; by Mr. Pattee of Quincy, petition of the Paul Revere Post; and by Mr. Baker of Beverly, petition of the John H. Chipman, Jr., Post, — severally, for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth.

Burial expenses of certain soldiers and sailors.

Severally referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petition of the assessors of Hadley; and by Mr. Harvey of Westborough, petition of Daniel B. Johnson and others, — severally, for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgage of real estate from taxation in certain cases.

Double taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to purchasing and distributing Judge Story's Constitutional Class Book among the school districts of the Commonwealth;

Judge Story's Constitutional Class Book.

Of the committee on Federal Relations, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as refers to claims of the Commonwealth against the United States; and

Claims of the Commonwealth against the United States.

Chelsea and
Everett Street
Railway Com-
pany.

Of the committee on Street Railways, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Charles C. Hutchinson for incorporation as the Chelsea and Everett Street Railway Company;

Severally accepted by the Senate were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Eastern Rail-
road, — Essex.

A Bill authorizing the town of Essex to aid the Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road in said town (reported on a petition) passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

Travelling on
the Lord's Day.

To repeal section 3 of chapter 98 of the Public Statutes concerning travelling on the Lord's Day ; and

Public parks in
Worcester.

To provide for public parks in the city of Worcester ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Volunteer
militia.

A Bill concerning the volunteer militia (reported on a House order bearing date January 10, and on a Senate order bearing date February 11) passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Boston and
Lowell Railroad
Corporation.

The House Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Annual election
sermon.

Notice was received from the Senate that the Bill concerning the annual election sermon, introduced on leave in the Senate, had been indefinitely postponed by that branch.

Bill Enacted.

Wakefield, —
Cornelius
Sweetser.

An engrossed Bill to legalize the doings of the town of Wakefield in accepting a bequest under the will of Cornelius Sweetser, and in raising money to purchase and beautify a public park in said town (which originated in the Senate), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill to provide for the furnishing of free text-books and school supplies to the pupils of the public schools was put upon its final passage. At the request of Mr. Williams of Foxborough the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of enactment, pending which question, it was, on motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston, postponed until next Tuesday. Free text-books.

Order.

The order laid over from yesterday relative to chairmen of House committees and House chairmen of joint committees making report to the Speaker, in writing, the state of business before their several committees, was amended, on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, by striking out the word "to-morrow," wherever it occurred, and inserting instead the word "Tuesday," and as amended was adopted. Reports of committees.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bent of Cambridge, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to exempting executors from returning an inventory of an estate in all cases where the testator has specially so requested in his last will and testament. Executors, — inventories of estates of deceased persons.

By Mr. Jones of Lynn, from the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for a special tax to be known as the registration tax. Registration tax.

By Mr. Williams of Foxborough, from the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation to prevent discrimination against colored persons seeking insurance. Insurance of colored persons.

By Mr. Blaney of Natick, from the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John T. Wilson and others, for legislation to prohibit persons interested directly, or indirectly, in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors from voting or otherwise acting on any application for, or on the granting of, any license for the sale of such liquors. Intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Toulmin of Leominster, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that money paid for liquor licenses shall be paid to the county treasurers. Liquor licenses.

Intoxicating
liquors, — ad-
joining owners.

By Mr. Rice of Stow, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that objections of the adjoining owners of premises may not be sufficient to prevent the issuing of liquor licenses to persons applying for the same.

Liquor licenses.

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to withholding licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in cities, in wards voting against license.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Fishing in
North River.

By Mr. Linnell of Orleans, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill in addition to an "Act to regulate the taking of fish in North River, in the county of Plymouth."

Oysters.

By Mr. Kelly of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relating to the planting and growing of oysters. [Mr. Small of Provincetown dissenting.]

Mutual insur-
ance companies.

By Mr. Winslow of Plainfield, from the committee on Insurance, on an order, a Bill concerning notice of annual meetings of mutual insurance companies.

Ocean Terminal
Railroad Com-
pany, — Ocean
Terminal Rail-
road, Dock and
Elevator Com-
pany.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on two petitions, a Bill relating to the Ocean Terminal Railroad Company, the Ocean Terminal Railroad, Dock and Elevator Company, and the Mystic River Corporation.

Norwich and
Worcester Rail-
road.

By Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to discontinue a part of the location of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad in the city of Worcester.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Printing and
distribution of
the laws and
public docu-
ments.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill relating to the printing and distribution of the laws and public documents ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Union truant
school for Nor-
folk, Bristol and
Plymouth.

On motion of Mr. Wadlin of Reading, the report of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to establishing a union truant school for the counties of Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule,

and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommit-
 mitted to the committee on Education.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, the Reso-
 lution relative to the revenue marine service of the United
 States was taken from the table. The House suspended
 the 12th Joint Rule, and the resolution was sent to the
 Senate for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

Revenue marine
 service.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the petition of Tim-
 othy Keefe and others for legislation legalizing the acts,
 doings, and proceedings of the Second Orthodox Congre-
 gational Society so that it may hold or sell real estate, was
 taken from the table. The House suspended the 12th
 Joint Rule, and the petition was sent to the Senate for
 concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

Second Ortho-
 dox Congrega-
 tional Society.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Rail-
 road Company to purchase or take a lease of the Hop-
 kinton Railroad and increase its capital stock was further
 considered and ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the
 day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to legislation fixing the hours of
 labor of railroad employees ; and

On an order relative to increasing the compensation of
 the inspectors of factories and public buildings after a
 certain term of service ;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to
 legislate, on an order relative to providing State aid for
 pensioners of the war of 1812 ;

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legis-
 late :

On an order relative to compelling the railroads of the
 Commonwealth to place safety frogs on all places in their
 road-bed where a frog is required ; and

On an order relative to establishing a uniform rate of
 transportation for the State militia on the railroads of the
 Commonwealth ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of John Atwood and others for a repeal of the law to prevent discrimination in freight rates by railroad corporations ; and

On the petition of John Atwood and others relative to the charges made by the Old Colony Railroad Company for the transportation of fresh fish ;

Of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that every owner and keeper of a dog shall give to the town a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars for the payment of the damages caused by such dog ;

Of the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of N. D. Wilber and others for an act of incorporation for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of Middleborough with water for domestic and other purposes ;

Of the committee on Public Service, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the mileage of members, and relative to preventing railroad corporations from granting and members from receiving free passes on railroads ;

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to so amending chapter 174 of the Acts of 1883 concerning the establishment and maintenance of evening schools as to provide a penalty for non-compliance with the provisions of said act ;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the justice of the municipal court of the city of Boston for the East Boston district ;

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the clerk of the East Boston municipal court ; and

On an order relative to abolishing all inferior courts and establishing in place thereof a uniform system of courts similar to the district courts ;

Of the committee on Cities, leave to withdraw, on petitions of the mayor of the city of Lynn and others for an amendment of the city charter relative to the tenure of office of the police of said city ;

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Samuel Flower and others for legislation relative to creating a Board of Trustees to take possession of a cemetery in the town of Agawam ;

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to branding all goods or merchandise made by convict labor ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that a mayor of a city may be appointed a member of any committee of either branch of the city council to which he may be appointed by such body by express vote ;

Of the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relating to submitting a constitutional amendment for biennial elections and biennial sessions of the Legislature to the people ; and

On an order relative to the appointment of tellers by selectmen of towns ; and

Of the committee on Water Supply, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Zenas Crane, Jr., for an act of incorporation as the Dalton Water Company ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Confirming certain acts of the town of Woburn, and authorizing it to increase its water debt ;

To authorize the town of Norton to receive and hold certain property in trust ;

To authorize marine insurance companies with the requisite capital to do fire business ;

To incorporate the Bradford Water Company ;

To enable the Athol Water Company to improve and increase its water supply ;

To change the name of the Mitteneague Congregational Society ;

Making appropriations for expenses authorized the present year ; and

Concerning a water supply for the fire district of the town of Dalton ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the State Normal School at Salem ;

In favor of Francis Shurtleff ;

In favor of Agnes S. Goulding ; and

In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the fisheries in the waters of the county of Dukes County was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment, was recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries, on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to prohibiting the use of barbed wire fences upon the boundary lines of highways was, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

The report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning the appointment of insurance referees, as provided for in the standard form of policy, and the effect of their decisions was further considered. The pending amendment of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, who moved to substitute a "Bill making the award of referees in disputes concerning losses by fire *prima facie* evidence in a suit at law," was adopted, and the bill having been read once was ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for legislation authorizing the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association as real estate to the owners of such buildings was postponed for further consideration until Monday, on motion of Mr. Hazelton of Montague.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing executors or administrators, upon the petition of parties interested, to sell the real estate of deceased persons was accepted.

The report of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to promotion of pupils in the public schools from one grade to another on certificates of teachers was postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston.

The report of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to defining the powers of cities and towns with reference to by-laws, ordinances, etc., was, on motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to defining more clearly the authority for purchasing supplies for county prisons, was, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the encouragement of sheep industry by requiring dogs to be kept under restraint, was considered. Mr. Potter of Worcester moved to amend by substituting a "Bill requiring dogs to be kept on the premises of their owners or keepers or under their care and control." After debate the amendment was rejected and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to punish wife-beaters was read a second time and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, was postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge.

The House concurred with the Senate in its amendment to the House Bill to incorporate the Braintree Water Company, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

The Bill concerning the taxation of personal property held in trust out of the Commonwealth, was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take land and build a branch of its road through the city of Newton ; and

To authorize Wellesley College to hold additional real and personal estate ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the last named bill being sent up for concurrence in amendments previously adopted by the House.

The Bill to establish the salary of the Register of Probate and Insolvency for the county of Hampden, was referred to the committee on Finance, the Speaker stating that it was improperly in the orders of the day, for the reason that it should have been referred, in the first instance, to said committee, under Rule 42.

The House concurred with the Senate in its amendment to the House Bill to authorize the town of Clinton to issue additional water bonds, and to furnish water to the inhabitants of Lancaster, or any corporation therein for fire, domestic and other purposes, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

The Bill to authorize cities, towns, fire districts, water and aqueduct companies to hold water for sale and to sell the same to other cities, towns, fire districts and individuals, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

At thirty-five minutes past four o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, March 17, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Fire insurance
companies.

A communication was received from the Insurance Commissioner transmitting correspondence between the Attorney-General and the Insurance Department concerning certain fire insurance companies. Read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the Senate.

Committee on
Manufactures
authorized to
visit.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Manufactures be authorized to visit the city of New York in the consideration of the order relative to amending chapters 61 and 106 of the Public Statutes so far as relates to gas companies.

Reports :

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw :

Western Hamp-
den district
court.

On the petition of Edward B. Gillett and others for a district court in Western Hampden ;

New district
court in Berk-
shire County.

On the petition of Edward Craig and others for a judicial district in Berkshire County, to comprise the towns of Adams, Cheshire and Savoy, and for the establishment of a district court therein ;

On the petition of Henry A. Clapp, assistant clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, for an increase of salary ; and Salary of assistant clerk of the supreme judicial court for Suffolk County.

On the petition of the clerk of the Police Court of Newton for an increase of salary ; Salary of clerk of the Newton police court.

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the district attorney for the South-eastern District ; and Salary of district attorney for the South-eastern District.

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the first assistant clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in Suffolk County ; Salary of first assistant clerk of superior civil court for Suffolk County.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on so much of the Governor's address as refers to the liquor law ; Liquor law.

Of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on the orders relative to regulating the rates of fares on railroads and leased railroads ; Railroad fares.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lothrop Withington for regulation of fares on railroads ; and Ibid.

Of the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Winslow Warren and others for an amendment to chapter 110 of the Public Statutes, relating to aqueduct corporations ; Aqueduct corporations.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Labor, no legislation necessary, on the 41st annual registration report of births, marriages and deaths, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule. Registration report.

Bills :

To confirm the proceedings of certain town meetings of the town of Waltham ; Waltham.

To dissolve the Farm Pond Fishing Company in Edgartown ; and Farm Pond Fishing Company.

Concerning the penalty for fraudulently obtaining entertainment at an inn ; Entertainment at inns.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A Resolve to reimburse the Hillside Agricultural Society for certain bounties paid by it (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance. Hillside Agricultural Society.

Newburyport
and Amesbury
Horse Railroad
Company.

Bills :

Authorizing the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to issue mortgage bonds ;

First Congrega-
tional Parish of
Hamilton.

To dissolve the First Congregational Parish of Hamilton, and to confirm the conveyance of its property to the First Congregational Society of Hamilton ; and

South Pocasset
Cemetery Asso-
ciation.

To confirm the organization of the South Pocasset Cemetery Association and to enable said corporation to hold certain real estate ;

Severally reported on petitions, severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

District court
for Northern
Worcester.

A remonstrance of Dumont Marion and others of Hubbardston against the establishment of a district court in the northern part of Worcester County was referred, in concurrence, to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was laid over at the request of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston :—

Hampden
County probate
court.

Ordered, That the joint committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of changing the day of the week for holding probate court in Hampden County.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

To amend the charter of the city of Chelsea relating to the election of assessors ;

To authorize the city of Malden to issue additional water fund bonds ;

To incorporate the Granite Savings Bank in the town of Rockport ;

To authorize the town of Ipswich to raise money to celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation ; and

To prohibit the exhibition of deformities for hire ;
(Which severally originated in the House) ; and

Concerning contagious diseases (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Trustee process.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles G. Tibbetts and others for certain amendments to the law

relating to the trustee process. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Murdock of Leicester, from the committee on Public Health, on so much of the fifth annual report of the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity as refers to the public health, a Bill to amend chapter 26 of the General Statutes relating to boards of health. Boards of health.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to savings banks, in part, a Bill to limit the liability which may be incurred by any one person to savings banks and institutions for savings. Savings banks.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Whiting of Boston, the report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Samuel A. Dean and others for legislation regulating the width of the rims of wheels of heavily loaded wagons, was taken from the table. Pending a motion moved by the same gentleman to substitute a "Bill to authorize cities and towns to regulate the width of tires on wheels of loaded teams," the report was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on further motion of the same gentleman. Broad-rimmed wheels.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Freeman of Chatham, the Bill to authorize and regulate the construction of fish-weirs in tide waters was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Wednesday, to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day. Fish-weirs.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lynn, the report of the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for a special tax to be known as the registration tax, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was, on his further motion, laid on the table. Registration tax.

Ocean Terminal
Railroad, Dock
and Elevator
Company, —
Mystic River
Corporation.

On motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, the Bill relating to the Ocean Terminal Railroad Company, the Ocean Terminal Railroad, Dock and Elevator Company, and the Mystic River Corporation, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was laid on the table, on further motion of the same gentleman.

Mutual Insur-
ance companies.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, the Bill concerning notice of annual meetings of mutual insurance companies was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and, on further motion of the same gentleman, was recommitted to the committee on Insurance.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The report of the committee on Agriculture, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to prohibiting the use of barbed wire fences upon the boundary lines of highways, was further considered. Mr. Morse of Sharon moved to amend by substituting a "Bill to prevent the building and maintaining of barbed wire fences along or upon public streets and highways," which was carried, and the bill having been read, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

The report of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for legislation authorizing the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association as real estate to the owners of such buildings, was further considered, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Hazelton of Montague to substitute a "Bill relating to the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association," was on motion of Mr. Beard of Boston laid on the table.

Bills :

To give to the town of Concord an additional supply of pure water ;

To authorize the city of Taunton to increase its water loan (amended on motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge by substituting therefor a new bill with the same title) ;

Concerning the officers of the Superior Court in the county of Suffolk ;

In relation to the property rights of husband and wife ;
To authorize railroad companies to take land for additional tracks, and for other purposes ;

Relative to the disposition of residues from sales of real estate for unpaid taxes ; and

In addition to " An Act to regulate the taking of fish in North River in the county of Plymouth " ; and

Resolves :

Relative to the gradual abolition of grade crossings in cities and the populous parts of towns ; and

In favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Reports :

Of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to exempting executors from returning an inventory of an estate in all cases where the testator has specially so requested in his last will and testament ; and

Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to recovery of damages by persons charged with insanity, who, on being examined, are not found to be insane ;

Were severally accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John M. Seeley and others for an investigation of alleged wrongful discrimination by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company in freight charges for carrying coal ;

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that objections of the adjoining owners of premises may not be sufficient to prevent the issuing of liquor licenses to persons applying for the same ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John T. Wilson and others, for legislation to prohibit persons interested, directly or indirectly, in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors from voting or otherwise acting on any application for, or on the granting of, any license for the sale of such liquors ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to defining more clearly the authority for purchasing supplies for county prisons ;

Of the committee on Federal Relations, no legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as refers to claims of the Commonwealth against the United States ; and

Of the committee on Street Railways, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Charles C. Hutchinson for incorporation as the Chelsea and Everett Street Railway Company ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to repeal chapter 95 of the Acts of the year 1882 concerning appeals in the police, district and municipal courts in civil cases, was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected.

The Bill authorizing the formation of corporations to examine and guarantee titles to real estate, was read a second time and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Doherty of Boston, postponed for further consideration until next Thursday.

The Bill relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal business, was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected.

The Resolution relative to the reduction of the national taxes and the abolition of all duties except for revenue was, on motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Bills :

To authorize the town of Norton to receive and hold certain property in trust ;

To incorporate the Bradford Water Company ;

To change the name of the Mittineague Congregational Society ;

In relation to assessors and assistant assessors in the city of Boston ; and

Relating to the division of cities into wards (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ; and

Resolves :

In favor of the State Normal School at Salem ;

In favor of Francis Shurtleff ; and

In favor of Agnes S. Goulding ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors was read a third time and considered. Pending the main question on engrossment and pending amendments moved by Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Barker of Worcester and Wentworth of Dedham, the House

At five minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 18, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Condition of Business before Committees.

Under the order of the House the Speaker reported on the condition of business before the several committees, as reported to him by the chairmen thereof, to the effect that with the exception of the committees on the Judiciary, the Joint Judiciary, and Mercantile Affairs, there were but few matters remaining undisposed of ; and that in nearly all cases the committees could make final report on or before the 31st day of March. It was also reported by nearly all the committees that there would be nothing before them to prevent the House from holding morning sessions after next week.

Condition of
business before
committees.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Hardy of Arlington moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal business. The motion

Savings banks.

prevailed, and on his further motion the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Petitions Presented.

Taunton Great River and Nemasket River.

By Mr. White of Taunton, petition of Elisha Doane and others for legislation relative to the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River. Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Burial expenses of certain soldiers and sailors.

By Mr. Marden of Lowell, petition of the James A. Garfield Post for legislation relative to the defraying of the expense of the burial of soldiers and sailors by the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Double taxation.

By Mr. Homans of Gloucester, petition of the selectmen and assessors of the town of Essex for the repeal of the act to prevent double taxation in certain cases. Referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Framingham Water Company.

By Mr. Clark of Framingham, petition of Walter Adams for the inhabitants of the town of Framingham for legislation incorporating the Framingham Water Company. Referred to the committee on Water Supply, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Evening schools.

A report of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the laws relating to evening schools, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

North Attleborough Gas Light Company.

To authorize the North Attleborough Gas Light Company to lay pipes in Wrentham and to increase its capital stock ;

Salary of justice of Holyoke police court.

To establish the salary of the justice of the Police Court of Holyoke ;

Salary of clerk of the Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex.

To establish the salary of the clerk of the Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex ;

Salaries of justices of Brighton and Dorchester district courts. Housatonic Water Company.

To establish the salaries of the justices of the Municipal Courts of the Brighton and Dorchester districts ;

To incorporate the Housatonic Water Company ;
(Severally reported on petitions) ;

To establish the salary of the second assistant clerk of the Superior Court of Suffolk County ;

Salary of second assistant clerk of superior court of Suffolk County. Attorneys-at-law.

In relation to attorneys-at-law ;
(Severally reported on orders) ;

Relating to the district police (reported, in part, on an order relative to practice and procedure in the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts) ; and

District police.

To provide for the punishment of violent assaults upon officers (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate) ;

Assaults upon officers.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The House Bill to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of building a new jail and house of correction, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule.

Franklin County jail and house of correction.

The Bill in relation to the exemption from taxation of plantations of timber trees was recommitted, in concurrence, to the committee on Agriculture with instructions to report the same in the House.

Taxation, — timber trees.

The Resolution relative to the revenue marine service of the United States came down from the Senate concurred in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations, and sent up for concurrence.

Revenue marine service.

The Senate order, laid over from yesterday, relative to changing the day for holding probate court in Hampden County was referred, under the 12th Joint Rule, to the next General Court, the House having refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the rule.

Hampden County probate court.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Rand, Avery & Co. relative to an amendment of chapter 280 of the Acts of the year 1879, relating to publication of the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court.

Publication of the supreme court decisions, — Rand, Avery & Co.

By Mr. Curry of Lynn, from the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to exempting from taxation so much of the real estate of a military company or organization as is actually used as an armory by such company or organization.

Taxation of military property.

Pine Grove
Cemetery Asso-
ciation.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association for an act of incorporation and for authority to take additional land for cemetery purposes.

Inspectors of
food.

By Mr. Cutler of Brimfield, from the committee on Public Health, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the appointment of inspectors of articles of food.

Examination of
druggists and
physicians.

By Mr. Peakes of Georgetown, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to examination by the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity of persons who prescribe, dispense or sell medicine.

Practice of
medicine.

By Mr. Stow of Fall River, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation relative to regulating the practice of medicine.

Ibid.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Oliver Brown and others for legislation relative to the practice of medicine and petitions in aid of the same.

Leasing of rail-
roads.

By Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on orders relative to repealing the law allowing one railroad corporation to lease and operate the railroad of another corporation, and allowing the consolidations of railroads.

Narrow gauge
railroad in
Marshfield,
Plymouth and
Duxbury.

By Mr. Cross of Newburyport, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles F. Parker and others for legislation relative to the formation of a narrow-gauge railroad corporation with a location in Marshfield, Plymouth and Duxbury.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Gift enterprises.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to suppress and prevent the sale or exchange of property under the inducement that a gift or prize is to be part of the transaction.

Records, &c., in
the State de-
partment.

By Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Resolve relating to the records, files, papers and documents in the State Department.

Union county
truant schools.

By Mr. Wadlin of Reading, from the committee on Education, on an order, a Bill relating to the establishment of union county truant schools.

Employment of
minors.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill relating to the employment of minors.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill to remedy defects in the corporate organization of the German Reformed Church Society and to confirm a deed of mortgage.

German Reformed Church Society.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill concerning the removal of the remains of the dead from the Adams Street Cemetery in Abington.

Adams Street Cemetery in Abington.

By Mr. O'Neil of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on two orders, a Bill concerning the use of safety couplers on freight cars.

Safety couplers on freight cars.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill to provide for taking the decennial census and the industrial statistics of the Commonwealth, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow for a second reading.

Decennial census.

By Mr. Snow of Boston, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition and an order, a Resolve in addition to a "Resolve making appropriations for the completion of the records of Massachusetts officers, sailors and marines." Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Records of Massachusetts officers, sailors and marines.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the town of South Abington to make an additional water loan (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motions of Mr. Pattee of Quincy the Senate report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the district attorney for the South-eastern District, was discharged from the orders of the day, and was recommended to the joint committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence in the reference.

Salary of the district attorney for the South-eastern District.

On motion of Mr. Harvey of Westborough, the engrossed Bill to provide for the furnishing of free text-books and school supplies to the pupils of the public schools, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. A motion of Mr. Gove of Boston

Free text-books.

that the rule be suspended which provides that no engrossed bill shall be amended, was lost. On the question of the enactment of the bill the roll was called, the yeas and nays having been ordered by a previous vote of the House, and the bill was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The vote was as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Davenport, James F.
Almy, Edward C.	Davis, Everett A.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Davis, Samuel G.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Dean, Wilbert T.
Baker, John I.	Devney, Patrick F.
Ball, George H.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Bancroft, William A.	Doherty, Philip J.
Barry, Patrick T.	Dolan, Michael J.
Barstow, Henry	Donehue, John T.
Beard, Alanson W.	Donovan, James
Bent, George C.	Douglas, William L.
Bishop, George P.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Blaney, Alexander	Dunham, Henry J.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Dwyer, Patrick D.
Bowker, Horace L.	Eaton, William N.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Egleston, Eber A.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Elwell, George
Bryant, Timothy	Farrell, John R.
Buckley, Michael J.	Flagg, Levi L.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Flint, Charles H.
Butler, Thomas C.	Fossitt, Edward J.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Foster, Joshua T.
Clark, Aaron F.	Francis, Henry H.
Clark, George L.	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Clark, Sewall J.	Frisbee, Frank W.
Coffin, Charles C.	Gaffney, Frank H.
Collins, Edward	Gilbert, Edwin
Connor, James	Gimlich, Jacob
Cowdrey, George	Gordon, William, Jr.
Creed, Michael J.	Hallett, John W.
Cross, Henry M.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Crowell, Joshua	Hastings, Joseph W.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Hazen, Herman S.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Hewins, James
Curry, Patrick S.	Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Cushing, George A.	Hosley, Henry E.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Daly, William, Jr.	Howard, Nathaniel
Damon, Calvin	Howes, Erastus

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 Huntoon, George L.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Johnson, Thomas B.
 Jones, Frank W.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Littlefield, George W.
 Madden, John J.
 Maguire, John J.
 McLaughlin, John A.
 Melden, William R.
 Milne, John C.
 Mooney, John F. H.
 Morse, Bushrod
 Murphy, John R.
 Nash, George M.
 Oakes, Charles N.
 O'Brien, Francis
 Oman, Thomas A.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Paton, Andrew H.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Peakes, Simeon T.
 Pierce, John
 Potter, Burton W.
 Prime, Oliver
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 Tarbox, Joseph E.
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 Wentworth, Alonzo B.
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 Carlton, O. Loring
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Chapin, Francis L.
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 Cummings, Prentiss
 Daggett, Handel N.
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that the rule be suspended which provides that no engrossed bill shall be amended, was lost. On the question of the enactment of the bill the roll was called, the yeas and nays having been ordered by a previous vote of the House, and the bill was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

The vote was as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Davenport, James F.
Almy, Edward C.	Davis, Everett A.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Davis, Samuel G.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Dean, Wilbert T.
Baker, John I.	Devney, Patrick F.
Ball, George H.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Bancroft, William A.	Doherty, Philip J.
Barry, Patrick T.	Dolan, Michael J.
Barstow, Henry	Donehue, John T.
Beard, Alanson W.	Donovan, James
Bent, George C.	Douglas, William L.
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 Melden, William R.
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 Daggett, Handel N.
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Messrs. Gleason, George A.	Messrs. Savery, Albert T.
Gove, Jesse M.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Gray, Chester H.	Smith, Oren B.
Hazelton, Charles W.	Temple, Joseph W.
Kendrick, Edmund P.	Towne, Charles A.
Kimball, D. Frank	Tufts, George K.
Kingsbury, Willis A.	Walker, Aaron G.
Linnell, Solomon, 2d	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
McFarland, Cromwell	Wilbur, Edward P.
Millett, Joshua H.	Willcomb, Frederic
Morrison, Peter	Williams, Fred H.
Morse, George P.	Winslow, James A.
Osborne, William H.	Wolcott, Roger.
Palmer, Moses P.	

Yeas, 149 ; nays, 51.

On this question Messrs. Blyth of Wakefield, Batcheller of North Brookfield, Killion of Boston and Ernst of Boston, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Wadlin of Reading, Hardy of Arlington, Cook of New Bedford, and Gifford of Falmouth.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :

Orders of the day.

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to purchasing and distributing Judge Story's Constitutional Class Book among the school districts of the Commonwealth ;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of Edward B. Gillett and others for a district court in Western Hampden ;

On the petition of the clerk of the Police Court of Newton for an increase of salary ;

On the petition of Edward Craig and others for a judicial district in Berkshire County, to comprise the towns of Adams, Cheshire and Savoy, and for the establishment of a district court therein ; and

On the petition of Henry A. Clapp, assistant clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, for an increase of salary ; and

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on so much of the Governor's address as refers to the liquor law ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to dissolve the First Congregational Parish of Hamilton, and to confirm the conveyance of its property to the First Congregational Society of Hamilton, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors Point of order. was further considered, the main question being on engrossment. Mr. Potter of Worcester raised the point of order that the pending amendment moved by Mr. Wentworth of Dedham was broader in its scope than the subject-matter referred to the committee. The Speaker declared the point well taken, stating that the effect of the amendment, if adopted, would be to repeal a portion of the Public Statutes not contemplated in the several orders on which the bill was reported. The amendment was accordingly laid aside.

After debate the pending amendments of Messrs. Baker of Beverly and Bent of Cambridge were rejected, and the bill was rejected and notice of its rejection was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. Pending amendments moved by Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, the House Cambridge water supply.

At fifteen minutes past four o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 19, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Dowse, chaplain of the Senate.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule on the Senate order relative to changing the day of the week for holding probate court in Hampden County. The motion prevailed, and the question recurring on the suspension of the rule, the House concurred and the order was adopted, in concurrence. Hampden County probate court.

Petitions Presented.

Swampscott
water supply,—
Lynn,

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, petition of the selectmen of Swampscott for legislation authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Swampscott with water for domestic purposes. Referred to the committee on Water Supply under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Cambridge
water supply,
Stony Brook.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, remonstrance of Henry S. Milton and 1,125 others of Waltham, against the granting of the petition of the city of Cambridge for authority to take the waters of Stony Brook for a water supply. Placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Melden of Lynn, —

Committee on
Claims author-
ized to visit.

Ordered, That the committee on Claims, in the matter of investigating the petition of Jonathan Sparrow and others, in reference to compensation for certain property taken for the building of forts during the civil war, be and are hereby authorized to visit Provincetown, Mass., at such time as may suit their convenience.

Member Qualified.

Mr. Harkins
qualified
as a member
of the House.

Mr. Harkins of Boston, a member-elect from the seventh Suffolk representative district, being present and ready to be qualified, Mr. Dwyer of Boston was appointed a committee to conduct him to the council chamber, and he having been duly qualified report was made accordingly.

*Papers from the Senate.**Reports :*

Lowell.

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Lowell for reimbursement of money paid for the maintenance of State paupers ; and

Liquor licenses.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the statutes so that licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors may be granted to persons other than those holding a victualler license ;

Severally accepted by the Senate were severally read and placed in the order of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

To incorporate the Greenfield Rural Club (reported on a petition); Greenfield Rural Club.

To increase the number of the trustees of the state lunatic hospitals (being a new draft of a House bill with the title "Bill to increase the number of the trustees of the state lunatic hospitals by the appointment of women"); State lunatic hospitals.

To require co-operative saving fund and loan associations to establish a guaranty fund (reported on an order); and Coöperative saving fund and loan associations.

In relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors (reported on an order relative to prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to town paupers by amending section 99, chapter 100 of the Public Statutes); Intoxicating liquors.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A Bill relating to the transfer of stock in corporations, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Transfer of stock in corporations.

The Senate Bill to authorize Wellesley College to hold additional real and personal estate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments, and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Willson of Salem, the House insisted on its amendments, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly. Wellesley College.

The House Bill in relation to notices to be given of the meetings of savings bank corporations came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments. Savings banks

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Richardson of Athol, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William C. Manter and Rebecca Manter for the payment of certain claims against the town of Gay Head. William C. and Rebecca Manter.

By Mr. Blaney of Natick, from the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to so amending section 6 of chapter 101 of the Public Intoxicating liquors, — liquor licenses.

Statutes, that the second and third lines of said section shall not apply to any person holding a license for the sale of liquor under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes.

Burial expenses
of certain sol-
diers and sail-
ors.

By Mr. Palmer of Groton, from the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommended) of A. E. Perkins and others of Post 7, G. A. R., for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Minors, —
wills.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill to allow minors who are above the age of eighteen years and of sound mind, to make wills.

Change of
names.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill in relation to the change of names ought to pass in a new draft, with the title, "Bill providing for the publication of a list of persons whose names have been changed in this Commonwealth."

Manchester.

By Mr. Gaffney of Gloucester, from the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Manchester to lay out a town way and build a bridge across a tide-water creek in said town.

Swampscott
beaches.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in addition to "An Act concerning beaches in the town of Swampscott."

Temporary re-
lief of the poor
in Boston.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on an order, a Bill to amend "An Act to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the temporary relief of the poor." [Mr. Hodges of the Senate, and Mr. Murphy of Boston, of the House, dissenting.]

Drunkenness.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order, a Resolve in relation to the care, keeping and reformation of persons arrested for or convicted of drunkenness.

Nahant water
supply, — Lynn.

By Mr. Walker of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Nahant with water.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Murdock of Leicester, the Bill to amend chapter 26 of the General Statutes relating to boards of health was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommitted to the committee on Public Health.

Boards of health.

On motion of Mr. Freeman of Chatham, the Bill to authorize and regulate the construction of fish-weirs in tide waters was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until next Monday, pending the question on engrossment.

Fish-weirs.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Rand, Avery & Co. relative to an amendment of chapter 280 of the Acts of the year 1879, relating to publication of the decisions of the supreme judicial court, was accepted.

Orders of the day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of the Pine Grove Cemetery Association for an act of incorporation and for authority to take additional land for cemetery purposes ;

Of the committee on Military Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to exempting from taxation so much of the real estate of a military company or organization as is actually used as an armory by such company or organization ; and

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the laws relating to evening schools ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Public Health, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to the appointment of inspectors of articles of food ;

On an order relative to legislation relative to regulating the practice of medicine ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the peti-

tion of Oliver Brown and others for legislation relative to the practice of medicine and petitions in aid of the same ;

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles F. Parker and others for legislation relative to the formation of a narrow-gauge railroad corporation with a location in Marshfield, Plymouth and Duxbury ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning the removal of the remains of the dead from the Adams Street Cemetery in Abington ;

To remedy defects in the corporate organization of the German Reformed Church Society and to confirm a deed of mortgage ; and

To authorize the North Attleborough Gas Light Company to lay pipes in Wrenham and to increase its capital stock ;

Were severally read a-second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to dissolve the First Congregational Parish of Hamilton, and to confirm the conveyance of its property to the First Congregational Society of Hamilton, was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge was further considered, the main question being on engrossment. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Hurlbut of Sudbury and Kingsley of Cambridge, the House

At five minutes before five o'clock adjourned, the Speaker announcing that Mr. Brackett of Boston would occupy the chair to-morrow.

THURSDAY, March 20, 1884.

Met according to adjournment, Mr. Brackett of Boston in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edwin G. Walker and others and of the Sumner National Independent League, that the gover-

Equal rights.

nors of the several States be requested, by special message, to give all citizens equal rights before the law ; and

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation upon certain rules of evidence ;

Rules of evidence.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the clerk of the municipal court of the city of Boston for the transaction of criminal business ; and

Salary of clerk of municipal criminal court of Boston.

To incorporate the Orange Water Works ;
(Severally reported on petitions) ; and

Orange Water Works.

To authorize towns and cities to compensate inspectors of vinegar (reported on an order) ;

Inspectors of vinegar.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Notice was received from the Senate that the House Bill respecting the liability of cities and towns owing to defects in the highways caused by snow and ice had been rejected by that branch ;

Highway damages, — snow and ice.

Also that the petition of Timothy Keefe and others had been referred to the next General Court under the 12th Joint Rule by that branch.

Timothy Keefe.

Bills :

To establish the salaries of the judge and the register of the probate court for the county of Berkshire (reported on a petition) ;

Salaries of the judge and register of the probate court for Berkshire County.

To establish the salary of the secretary of the Board of Education (reported on so much of the 21st annual report of the Board of Education as relates to the salary of the secretary of said board, taken from the files of last year) ; and

Salary of secretary of the Board of Education.

To assist students at the Agricultural College in procuring uniforms (reported, in part, on so much of the 21st annual report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College as relates to military affairs) ;

Uniforms for Agricultural College Students.

Were severally referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Expenditures.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Gustavus T. Fisher and others for legislation to exempt posts of G. A. R. from the provisions of the law relating to lot-

Lotteries. — G. A. R. Posts.

teries. Read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Pawnbrokers.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on two orders, a Bill further defining the business of pawnbrokers and regulating the sale of wearing apparel deposited in pawn.

Taunton.

By Mr. White of Taunton, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill to amend "An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to construct a way through land held by the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital."

Election of aldermen in Boston.

By Mr. Gove of Boston, from the committee on Cities, on an order and petitions, a Bill concerning the election of aldermen in the city of Boston.

Boards of health.

By Mr. Murdock of Leicester, from the committee on Public Health, that the Bill (recommitted) relating to Boards of Health ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Robert Mullen.

By Mr. Burr of Seekonk, from the committee on Claims, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Robert Mullen. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Table.

Fire insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, the communication from the Insurance Commissioner transmitting correspondence between the Attorney-General and the Insurance Department concerning certain fire insurance companies was taken from the table and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, referred to the committee on Insurance and sent up for concurrence.

Discharged from the Orders.

Aqueduct corporations.

On motions of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, the report of the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of Winslow Warren and others for an amendment to chapter 110 of the Public Statutes, relating to aqueduct corporations was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was recommitted to the committee on Water Supply, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge, was further considered, the main question being on its engrossment. Mr. Wolcott of Bos-

ton moved an amendment, which was adopted. The pending amendments moved by Messrs. Hurlbut of Sudbury and Kingsley of Cambridge were adopted. After debate the bill was rejected by a vote of 66 to 76.

At seven minutes past five o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 21, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Brackett of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Bowker of Boston:—

Hour of meeting, — noon recess and adjournment.

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday, April 1, the House, until otherwise ordered, shall meet at 11 o'clock A.M., except on Mondays and Saturdays; and whenever the House is in session at quarter before 1 o'clock P.M., the Speaker shall declare a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.; and whenever the House is in session at 5 o'clock P.M., the Speaker shall declare an adjournment upon the completion of the matter of business upon which the House is engaged at that time.

Papers from the Senate.

The Senate Bill to authorize Wellesley College to hold additional real and personal estate came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate insisted and asked for a committee of conference, Messrs. Thayer, Root and Burden being appointed on its part. The House concurred in the appointment of a committee, and Messrs. Willson of Salem, Hewins of Medfield, and Spooner of Boston were joined on the part of the House.

Wellesley College.

The Bill to incorporate the Holliston Water Company, passed to be enacted by the House, came down from the Senate for concurrence in an amendment adopted by that branch. On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the rules were suspended, the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted was reconsidered and the House concurred in the Senate amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Holliston Water Company.

Prison commis-
sioners' report.

The 30th annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Prisons.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills:

Bills enacted, —
resolves passed.

To authorize the town of Clinton to issue additional water bonds, and to furnish water to the inhabitants of Lancaster, or any corporation therein, for fire, domestic and other purposes;

In relation to deposits made by domestic insurance companies with the Treasurer of the Commonwealth;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Franklin to borrow money for the purpose of building a new jail and house of correction;

To incorporate the Braintree Water Company;

Providing for the appointment of female assistant physicians in the state lunatic hospitals;

Relating to the eligibility to office of the members of the city council of the city of Boston;

To fix the salary of the treasurer of Hampden County;

Relating to the reinsurance of risks taken by insurance companies on property in this Commonwealth;

Relating to the expense of recording probate proceedings in the county of Suffolk;

To incorporate the Lancaster Water Company;

Relating to the public cemeteries in the town of Woburn; and

Conferring on the board of aldermen of Chelsea certain powers relating to abatement of taxes in said city;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To incorporate the New England Assurance Association;

To incorporate the Mansfield Lake Aqueduct Company;

To incorporate the Sunderland Water Company; and

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to take land and build a branch of its road through the city of Newton;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Granting an allowance to certain organizations for the erection of monuments on the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania;

In favor of Lebbeus W. Smith ;
 In favor of Artemas Raymond ;
 In favor of the town of Holden ;
 In favor of Maria H. Sargent ; and
 In favor of the Soldiers' Messenger Corps ;
 (Which severally originated in the House) ; and
 In favor of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater (which
 originated in the Senate) ;
 Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Expenditures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Middlesex County for an increase of salary. [Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Burr of Newton, Dresser of Boston and Chapin of Southbridge dissenting.]

Salary of county
 commissioners:
 Middlesex
 County.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Worcester County for an increase of salary. [Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Burr of Newton, Dresser of Boston and Chapin of Southbridge dissenting.]

Worcester
 County.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Hampshire County for an increase of salary.

Hampshire
 County.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Franklin County for an increase of salary.

Franklin
 County.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Essex County for an increase of salary.

Essex County.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Plymouth County for an increase of salary.

Plymouth
 County.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Bristol County for an increase of salary.

Bristol County.

Severally read and placed in the order of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Expenditures, on an order, a Bill authorizing advances to officers entrusted with the disbursement of public moneys.

Disbursements
 of public
 moneys.

Episcopal
parish in
Marblehead.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition, a Bill relating to the Episcopal parish in Marblehead.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Revenue marine
service.

By Mr. Tarbox of Lynn, from the committee on Federal Relations, that the Resolution relative to the revenue marine service of the United States, ought to be adopted. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on the adoption of the resolution.

Motion to Reconsider.

Cambridge
water supply.

Mr. Bent of Cambridge moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge, and on further motion of the same gentleman, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Taken from the Table.

Report of
Deputy Tax
Commissioner.

On motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River the annual report of the Deputy Tax Commissioner was taken from the table and was, on further motion of the same gentleman referred to the committee on Finance.

Divorce, — su-
perior court.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston the Bill to give the superior court original jurisdiction of causes of divorce and other proceedings kindred thereto was taken from the table, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Monday, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The Bill to incorporate the town of Bourne was further considered, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. A motion of Mr. Davis of Tisbury that debate be closed at 5 o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached was rejected. Mr. Kimball of Chelsea moved that further consideration of the matter be postponed until next Tuesday and specially assigned for half-past two o'clock on that day, and that debate be closed at half-past four o'clock, which motion was also rejected. Mr. Davis of Tisbury moved to amend by striking out section 13 and inserting instead a new section which provided for the acceptance of the act by a majority of the voters of the town of Sandwich, at a legal town meeting

called for that purpose within one year from its passage. Mr. Hallett of Nantucket moved an amendment to section one, providing for a boundary line different from that contained in the pending bill.

On the amendment moved by Mr. Davis, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, and, the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 72 yeas to 73 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Hosley, Henry E.
Atkins, Isaac	Hoynes, Edward F.
Barry, Patrick T.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Batcheller, Aldin	Killion, Michael J.
Bent, Roderic L.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Blaney, Alexander	Littlefield, George W.
Blyth, Robert	Madden, John J.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Maguire, John J.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Martin, Charles B.
Brown, Charles E.	Millett, Joshua H.
Buckley, Michael J.	Mooney, John F. H.
Burnham, Albert S.	Morse, Bushrod
Butterfield, Simeon	Murphy, John R.
Carlton, O. Loring	O'Brien, Francis
Clark, John	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Collins, Edward	Pattee, William G. A.
Connor, James	Randall, Charles L.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Cowdrey, George	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Creed, Michael J.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Cross, Henry M.	Salmon, Thomas
Crowley, Dennis J.	Sanderson, George A.
Curry, Patrick S.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Cushing, George A.	Stafford, John H.
Danforth, Henry P.	Stark, Henry C.
Davis, Everett A.	Stone, Stillman
Devney, Patrick F.	Stow, T. Dwight
Dolan, Michael J.	Stratton, James F.
Donavan, James	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Farrell, John R.	Tarone, James
Fossitt, Edward J.	Walker, Aaron G.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Ward, John E.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Gleason, George A.	Willcomb, Frederic
Harkins, Dominick J.	Willson, Edmund B.
Harrub, Fred M.	Woods, John M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Gleason, George A.
Barry, Patrick T.	Harkins, Dominick J.
Batcheller, Aldin	Harrub, Fred M.
Bent, Roderic L.	Hosley, Henry E.
Blaney, Alexander	Hoynes, Edward F.
Blyth, Robert	Killion, Michael J.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Littlefield, George W.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Madden, John J.
Brown, Charles E.	Maguire, John J.
Buckley, Michael J.	Millett, Joshua H.
Burnham, Albert S.	Mooney, John F. H.
Butterfield, Simeon	Murphy, John R.
Carlton, O. Loring	O'Brien, Francis
Clark, Charles N.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Clark, John	Pattee, William G. A.
Collins, Edward	Rantoul, Robert S.
Connor, James	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Salmon, Thomas
Creed, Michael J.	Sanderson, George A.
Cross, Henry M.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Stafford, John H.
Curry, Patrick S.	Stark, Henry C.
Cushing, George A.	Stone, Stillman
Daggett, Handel N.	Stow, T. Dwight
Daly, William, Jr.	Stratton, James F.
Danforth, Henry P.	Tarone, James
Davis, Everett A.	Temple, Joseph W.
Devney, Patrick F.	Walker, Aaron G.
Dolan, Michael J.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Donovan, James	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Farrell, John R.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Willcomb, Frederic
Frisbee, Frank W.	Willson, Edmund B.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Woods, John M.

Yeas, 71; nays, 68.

On this question Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Bradley of Milton, Hastings of Worcester, Eaton of Quincy, Potter of Worcester, Cook of New Bedford, Gimlich of Pittsfield, Freeman of Chatham, Eaton of Auburn, Wells of Hatfield, Searell of New Bedford and Nash of Abington, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Doherty of Boston, Foster of Medford, Warner of Northampton,

Adams of Attleborough, Melden of Lynn, Allis of Whately, Ward of Boston, Hallett of Nantucket, Barstow of Muttapoisett, Tarbox of Lynn, Roads of Marblehead, and Kingsbury of Holliston.

At ten minutes past five o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, March 24, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petitions of the assessors of Amherst and others, and of the assessors of Pelham and others; by Mr. Johnson of Raynham, petition of the assessors of Raynham; by Mr. Richardson of Athol, petition of the assessors of Athol; and by Mr. Homans of Gloucester, petition of John H. Cheever and others, — severally, for the repeal of laws exempting loans on mortgage of real estate from taxation in certain cases. Double taxation.

By Mr. Wells of Hatfield, petition of C. F. Severance and others for a revision of the laws relating to taxation. Taxation.

Severally referred to the committee on Taxation.

By Mr. Warner of Northampton, petition of R. M. Branch and others for legislation relative to the repeal of section 4 of the act of incorporation of the Trustees of the Smith Charities. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary. Trustees of the Smith Charities.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Willson of Salem: —

Ordered, That House Document No. 129, being the Bill to provide free text books and school supplies to pupils in the public schools, be re-printed as a House document. Free text-books.

The order relative to the House meeting at 11 o'clock A.M., except on Mondays and Saturdays on and after Tuesday, April 1, and relative to the noon recess and hour of adjournment, laid over from Friday, was adopted. Hour of meeting, noon recess and hour of adjournment.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Fishing in the
Merrimack
River.

Of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning fishing in the Merrimack River at Newburyport and other tide waters of the Commonwealth ;

Ibid.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of R. B. Hawley and others for an extension of time within which certain fish may be taken in the Merrimack River ;

State Industrial
School.

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the trustees of the State Industrial School for an appropriation for said institution ; and

Liquor licenses.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation providing for the exercise of a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in a place other than that for which said license was granted ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Civil service.

A Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof (reported on so much of the Governor's address as relates to civil service reform, on an order and a petition) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Free Evangelical
Society at
Attleborough.

The petition of J. A. Wood and others for the confirmation of certain acts of the Free Evangelical Society at Attleborough, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

*Revenue Marine Service.*Revenue marine
service.

On motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston, a Bill to promote the efficiency of the Revenue Marine Service, being a bill pending before the National Congress, was ordered to be printed as a House document. (See House, No. 266.)

*Taken from the Table.*Ocean Terminal
Railroad, Dock
and Elevator
Company, —
Mythic River
Corporation.

On motion of Mr. Boardman of Boston the Bill relating to the Ocean Terminal Railroad Company, the Ocean Terminal Railroad Dock and Elevator Company, and the

Mystic River Corporation was taken from the table, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Starbird of Lowell the report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Lowell for the reimbursement for money expended in the maintenance of state paupers, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was, on his further motion, recommitted to the committee on Claims and sent up for concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Atkins of Marblehead, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to promoting the shipping interests of the State.

Shipping interests.

By Mr. Flint of Haverhill, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James G. Buttrick and others for an act of incorporation as the Highland Congregational Church, with the power to hold real and personal estate. [Messrs. Willson of Salem and Toulmin of Leominster, of the House, dissenting,]

Highland Congregational Church.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Flint of Haverhill, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition (recommitted) a Bill to incorporate the Needham Cemetery Association. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Needham Cemetery Association.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings;

Orders of the day.

Authorizing the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to issue mortgage bonds ;

To confirm the organization of the South Pocasset Cemetery Association and to enable said corporation to hold certain real estate ;

Relating to the establishment of union county truant schools ;

Concerning the use of safety couplers on freight cars ;
 To incorporate the Housatonic Water Company ;
 To authorize the town of Manchester to lay out a town way and build a bridge across a tide-water creek in said town ;
 To increase the number of the trustees of the state lunatic hospitals ;
 Further defining the business of pawnbrokers and regulating the sale of wearing apparel deposited in pawn ;
 To incorporate the Orange Water Works ; and
 Authorizing advances to officers entrusted with the disbursements of public moneys ; and the
 Resolve in relation to the care, keeping and reformation of persons arrested for or convicted of drunkenness ;
 Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham was further considered, and was, on motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, postponed for further consideration until next Wednesday, to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

The report of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to promotion of pupils in the public schools from one grade to another on certificates of teachers, was further considered. Mr. Randall of Boston moved to amend by substituting a " Bill to regulate the promotion of children in school." After debate the amendment was rejected, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles G. Tibbetts and others for certain amendments to the law relating to the trustee process was accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to withholding licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in cities, in wards voting against license ; and

On an order relative to amending section 6 of chapter 101 of the Public Statutes, that the second and third lines of said section shall not apply to any person holding a

license for the sale of liquor under chapter 100 of the Public Statutes ;

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of William C. Manter and Rebecca Manter for the payment of certain claims against the town of Gay Head ;

Of the committee on Expenditures, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of the county commissioners of Franklin County for an increase of salary ;

On the petition of the county commissioners of Plymouth County for an increase of salary ; and

On the petition of the county commissioners of Bristol County for an increase of salary ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the first assistant clerk of the Superior Court for civil business in Suffolk County ; and

On an order relative to legislation upon certain rules of evidence ; and

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the statutes so that licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors may be granted to persons other than those holding a victualler's license ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Confirming certain acts of the town of Woburn in relation to its water supply and authorizing it to increase its water debt (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

To enable the Athol Water Company to improve and increase its water supply ;

Making appropriations for expenses authorized the present year ;

To authorize the city of Taunton to increase its water loan ; and

Relative to the disposition of residues from sales of real estate for unpaid taxes ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to purchase or take a lease of the Hopkinton Railroad and increase its capital stock ;

To authorize railroad companies to take land for additional tracks, and for other purposes ; and

To authorize the North Attleborough Gas Light Company to lay pipes in Wrentham and to increase its capital stock ; and the

Resolve in favor of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to authorize and regulate the construction of fish-weirs in tide waters was further considered, and after debate, the bill was refused a third reading by a vote of 50 to 53, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to punish wife-beaters was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Mr. Baker of Beverly moved an amendment providing that "whenever such beating shall be given by a man in an intoxicated condition, whoever shall have sold or given any intoxicating liquors, which shall have caused the intoxication in whole or in part, and any person or persons owning, renting or leasing, or permitting the occupation of any building or premises, and having knowledge that intoxicating liquors are to be sold therein, or who, having leased the same for other purposes, shall knowingly permit therein the sale of any intoxicating liquors, if any such liquors sold or given therein have caused, in whole or in part, the intoxication, shall each be publicly whipped in the same manner as is provided in the first instance."

Mr. Harvey of Westborough moved an amendment providing that whoever should beat another should be publicly flogged.

Point of order.

Mr. Williams of Foxborough raised the point of order that neither of these amendments was germane. The Chair declared the point well taken, stating that the subject considered by the committee related to the punishment of wife-beaters only, and by flogging.

An amendment moved by Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge, who moved to substitute a bill with the same title, providing a term of imprisonment for wife-beaters, was also ruled out, for the same reason, on a question of order raised by Mr. Morse of Sharon.

After further debate the bill was rejected by a vote of 22 to 57. Mr. Gove of Boston raised the point of order that a quorum was not present. A count of the House showed that less than a quorum was present, and, pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading,

At ten minutes past five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 25, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Small of Provincetown moved to reconsider the Fish-weirs. vote by which the House, yesterday, rejected the Bill to authorize and regulate the construction of fish-weirs in tide waters. The motion was lost.

Petition Presented.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, remonstrance of District court of northern Worcester. Othello A. Fay and others against the establishment of a district court in northern Worcester County. Referred to the joint committee on the Judiciary and sent up for concurrence.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Holliston Water Bill enacted. Company (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Expenditures, inexpedient Extra compensation of committee on Public Charitable Institutions of 1883. to legislate, on an order relative to compensation for extra services rendered by the committee on Public Charitable Institutions during the session of 1883 in the investigation of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills:

To prevent the pollution of sources of water supply Pollution of sources of water supply. (reported on an order); and

Boston Special
Capital Com-
pany.

To incorporate the Boston Special Capital Company (reported on a petition); and

Resolves:

Boundary line
between Massa-
chusetts and
Rhode Island.

Providing for the payment of the expense attending the establishment of a portion of the boundary line between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Rhode Island (reported on a message of the Governor and the report of the Commissioners on the Rhode Island Boundary); and

State Normal
School at
Bridgewater.

In favor of the State Normal School at Bridgewater (reported on an order);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Jane Parks.

The House Resolve in favor of Jane Parks came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule.

Brookline.

A Bill to authorize the town of Brookline to issue additional water scrip, being a new draft of a House Bill with a similar title, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed by that branch. The bill was read, and under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, it was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent at once to the Senate, Rule 15 having been suspended on further motion of Mr. Kingsley.

The following order, adopted by the Senate, was laid over at the request of Mr. Bowker of Boston:—

Reports of joint
committees.

Ordered, That during the remainder of the session joint committees report all matters in the Senate except money bills.

Reports of Committees.

Laying out
town ways and
private ways.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to notice in cases of laying out town ways and private ways.

Conditional
sales of per-
sonal property.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to conditional sales of personal property.

Telegraph
poles.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the recovery of damages for the digging of holes and placing telegraph poles in front of estates.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the same com-
 mittee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to
 the election of directors or managers of corporations.

Corporations.

By Mr. Warren of Worcester, from the committee on
 Drainage, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to
 the pollution of the Blackstone River by the sewage of the
 city of Worcester.

Pollution of
 Blackstone
 River.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for
 to-morrow.

By Mr. Doherty of Boston, from the committee on
 Drainage, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the city of
 Lawrence to incur debts in establishing a system of sew-
 ers, and to issue bonds and to establish a sinking fund for
 the payment thereof.

Lawrence.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on
 the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relative to the appoint-
 ment of receivers of corporations.

Receivers of
 corporations.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that
 the Senate Bill to permit adjournment of sales on execu-
 tion for more than seven days, ought to pass in a new
 draft with the same title.

Sales on execu-
 tion.

By Mr. Bowker of Boston, from the committee on
 Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to amend chapter 263
 of the Acts of the year 1882 relating to the adulteration
 of food and drugs. [Messrs. Hastings of Warren, Mur-
 dock of Leicester, Hazen of Shirley, and Cutler of Brim-
 field dissenting, and recommending the passage of a sub-
 stitute bill.]

Adulterations.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee
 on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to confirm the pro-
 ceedings of certain town meetings of the town of Waltham
 ought to pass.

Waltham.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the same commit-
 tee, that the Senate Bill to dissolve the Farm Pond
 Fishing Company in Edgartown ought to pass.

Farm Pond
 and Fishing
 Company.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that
 the Senate Bill concerning the penalty for fraudulently
 obtaining entertainment at an inn ought to pass.

Entertainment
 at an inn.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow
 for a second reading.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee
 on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill for the speedy dis-

Discharge of
 certain prison-
 ers.

charge of prisoners not indicted by the grand jury ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Alice S. Holbrook.

By Mr. Curry of Lynn, from the committee on Military Affairs, on a petition, a Resolve in favor of Alice S. Holbrook. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Robert Mullen.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve in favor of Robert Mullen, and recommending its recommittal to the committee on Claims. Read and accepted, and the resolve was recommitted as recommended by the committee.

Discharged from the Orders.

Nahant water supply, —
Lynn.

On motion of Mr. Tarbox of Lynn, the Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Nahant with water was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was recommitted to the committee on Water Supply, on further motion of the same gentleman.

Bourne.

On motion of Mr. Hallett of Nantucket, the Bill to incorporate the town of Bourne was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Thursday next, and specially assigned for half-past two o'clock on that day. It was also voted that debate be closed at half-past four o'clock on that day, unless a vote should be sooner reached.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to punish wife beaters was rejected by a vote of 23 to 82.

The Bill authorizing the formation of corporations to examine and guarantee titles to real estate was further considered and was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolution relative to the reduction of the national taxes and the abolition of all duties except for revenue, was further considered, and, after debate, was rejected as recommended by the committee on Federal Relations, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The report of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to a revision of the laws regarding the appointment and compensation of all officers, clerks and employees of the Commonwealth was, on motion of Mr. Coffin of Boston, laid on the table.

The Bill concerning shares held in trust was read a second time, and, after debate, was rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to exempt administrators from giving sureties on bonds in certain cases was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

Bills :

To exempt certain property of horticultural societies from taxation ;

Requiring dog licenses to be recorded in the city or town where the dogs licensed are kept ;

To establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Chelsea ; and

To discontinue a part of the location of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad in the city of Worcester ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to promoting the shipping interests of the State was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on Public Service, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edwin G. Walker and others that the governors of the several States be requested, by special message, to give all citizens equal rights before the law ;

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation providing for the exercise of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in a place other than that for which said licenses were granted ;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of R. B. Hawley and others for an extension of time within which certain fish may be taken in the Merrimack River ; and

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the trustees of the State Industrial School for an appropriation for said institution ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning the removal of the remains of the dead from the Adams Street Cemetery in Abington ;

Relating to the establishment of union county truant schools ; and

To authorize the town of Manchester to lay out a town way and build a bridge across a tide-water creek in said town ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend section 47 of chapter 113 of the Public Statutes, so as to provide for five-cent fares on street railways was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, the House,

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 26, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Dowse, Chaplain of the Senate.

Petition Presented.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, remonstrance of Gurdon Bill and others against the building of a new jail, or the repair of the old one, in Hampden County. Referred to the committee on Prisons, and sent up for concurrence.

Hampden
County jail.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on the Liquor Law, who were instructed to obtain the Report of the Assayer and Inspector of Liquors, that they obtained and considered the same, and that it was inexpedient to legislate thereon, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Report of As-
sayer and In-
spector of
Liquors.

On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston the Report of the Assayer of Liquors was ordered to be printed as a House document. (See House, No. 275.)

The report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John M. Seeley and others, for legislation concerning freight charges for carrying coal on the Boston and Albany Railroad, came down with the endorsement "recommitted to the committee on Railroads." On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, it was laid on the table, pending the question on concurring with the Senate in recommitting the report.

Freight charges on the Boston and Albany R. R.

A Bill relating to the release of prisoners upon probation (reported in part on the annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Release of prisoners.

The House Bill to authorize cities and towns to issue notes, bonds and scrip came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule.

Issuance of notes, &c., by cities and towns.

The Senate order relative to joint committees reporting all matters in the Senate except money bills, laid over from yesterday, was adopted, in concurrence with an amendment, moved by Mr. Davis of Boston, adding at the end thereof the words "and except in cases where two-thirds of the committee present and voting shall decide the public interest requires that the matter be reported in the House" and was sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Reports of joint committees.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :

Relating to the division of cities into wards ;

In relation to assessors and assistant assessors in the city of Boston ; and

To change the name of the Mittineague Congregational Society ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To dissolve the First Congregational Parish of Hamilton, and to confirm the conveyance of its property to the First Congregational Society of Hamilton ;

To enable cities and towns to prosecute or defend actions in the name of or against abolished school districts ; and

Bills enacted, — resolves passed.

To authorize the town of Brookline to issue additional water scrip ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Frances A. Hanscom (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Cambridge
water supply.

On motion of Mr. Bent of Cambridge, the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Thursday, March 20, rejected the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge, was taken from the table and adopted. Pending the recurring question on the engrossment of the bill, it was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston.

Reports of Committees.

Taxation, —
timber trees.

By Mr. Webb of Petersham, from the committee on Agriculture, that the Senate Bill in relation to the exemption from taxation of plantations of timber trees (which was recommitted with instructions that it be reported in the House) ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Robert Mullen.

By Mr. Burr of Seekonk, from the committee on Claims, that the Resolve (recommitted) in favor of Robert Mullen ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the resolve.

Discharged from the Orders.

Lawrence.

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, the Bill to authorize the city of Lawrence to incur debts in establishing a system of sewers, and to issue bonds and to establish a sinking fund for the payment thereof, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time and, under a further suspension of the rules moved by the same gentleman, it was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence, Rule 15 having been suspended.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, the Bill to discontinue a part of the location of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad in the city of Worcester was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, amended on motion of the same gentleman by striking out section 7, passed to be engrossed, as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

Norwich &
Worcester R. R.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham was discharged from the orders of the day and considered under a suspension of the rule. Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury moved to amend by inserting a new section, to be numbered section 12. Mr. Paine of Waltham moved to amend by substituting therefor a new bill with the title, "Bill in addition to 'An Act to supply the town of Waltham with water.'" Mr. Hurlbut moved an amendment, and pending the main question on ordering to a third reading, the House

Waltham water
supply.

At a quarter before five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 27, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Worcester Herdic Phaeton Company for a change of name ;

Herdic Phaeton
Company.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex ;

Salary of Justice
of the First
District Court
of Northern
Middlesex.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the constables of the municipal court of Boston (criminal session) for an increase of salary ; and

Salaries of con-
stables of the
municipal criminal
court of
Boston.

Salaries of constables of municipal civil court of Boston.

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the constables of the municipal court (civil business) of Boston for increase of salaries;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

Woburn Public Library.
Salaries of judge and register of probate of Berkshire County.
State normal school at Framingham.

To incorporate the Woburn Public Library; and

To establish the salaries of the judge and the register of the probate court for the county of Berkshire; (Severally reported on petitions); and a

Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Framingham (reported on an order);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills of lading.

Notice was received from the Senate that the Bill relating to bills of lading and receipts of property for transportation, introduced on leave, had been rejected by that branch.

Royalston.

The petition of George Whitney and others of Royalston for legislation to make valid the proceedings of the last town meeting came down from the Senate for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The House concurred, and the petition was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Reports of Committees.

Religious freedom.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to repealing all laws which militate, in any manner or degree, against equality in the rights of persons on account of their differences of belief and action in matters of religion and conscience.

Fisheries in Nantucket

By Mr. Howes of Gloucester, from the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. H. Adams and others for a law to protect the fisheries in the waters around Nantucket and certain other islands.

Fortnightly payments.

By Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, from the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring manufacturing corporations to pay their employees fortnightly. [Mr. Baldwin of the Senate, and Messrs. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, Stratton of Milford, and Tarone of Boston, dissenting.]

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for a claim upon the estate of a deceased person who in his lifetime has concealed taxable property.

Taxation, — estates of deceased persons.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in addition to a "Resolve making appropriations for the completion of the records of Massachusetts officers, sailors and marines," ought to pass in a new draft with the title, "Resolve providing for the completion of the list of Massachusetts officers, sailors and marines who served in the navy in the late civil war."

Records of Mass. officers, sailors and marines.

By Mr. Winter of Springfield, from the committee on the Fisheries, on an order, a Bill to limit the time within which trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout may be taken.

Trout, land-locked salmon and lake-trout.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill concerning the volunteer militia ought to pass in a new draft with the title, "Bill amending chapter 14 of the Public Statutes relating to the volunteer militia."

Volunteer militia.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill relating to the credibility of witnesses ought to pass.

Witnesses.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Howard Holland ought to pass.

Howard Holland.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

By Mr. Smith of Everett, from the committee on Taxation, that the Bill to encourage forestry ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

Forestry.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Resolve in favor of Alice S. Holbrook. The report was read and accepted and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Alice S. Holbrook.

Hillside Agri-
cultural Society.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve to reimburse the Hillside Agricultural Society for certain bounties paid by it ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the resolve.

Mutual insur-
ance companies.

By Mr. Winslow of Plainfield, from the committee on Insurance, that the Bill (recommitted) concerning notice of annual meetings of mutual insurance companies ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Discharged from the Orders.

Oysters.

On motion of Mr. Small of Provincetown, the Bill relating to the planting and growing of oysters was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

Bills :

Repealing certain statutes relating to the taking of fish in the waters of the town and county of Nantucket ;
 To limit the liability which may be incurred by any one person to savings banks and institutions for savings ;
 Relating to the employment of minors ;
 In relation to attorneys-at-law ;
 In relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors ;
 To incorporate the Needham Cemetery Association ;
 To confirm the proceedings of certain town meetings of the town of Waltham ;
 To dissolve the Farm Pond Fishing Company in Edgartown ;
 Concerning the penalty for fraudulently obtaining entertainment at an inn ; and
 Relating to the release of prisoners upon probation ; and the
 Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Bridge-water ;
 Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Resolution relative to the revenue marine service of the United States, was adopted and sent up for concurrence, as follows : —

Resolved, That the Legislature of Massachusetts is fully impressed with the importance of the Revenue Marine and the efficient and valuable service it has rendered to the government and to the ocean, lake and river commerce of the country, as well as in saving the lives and property of hundreds of those engaged therein ; and

Resolved, That as there is no provision of law whereby those who may become disabled by age, injuries, or other cause in said service, may be retired, as is the case in the naval and military service of the government, which in the judgment of this Legislature should be remedied ; therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Legislature of this Commonwealth that the bill (H. R. 4,483) now before Congress, entitled " A Bill to promote the efficiency of the Revenue Marine Service," is one which commends itself to us as a wise and just measure, and one which we would be glad to see the senators and representatives from the State support.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the senators and representatives in Congress from Massachusetts.

Reports :

Of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Gustavus T. Fisher and others for legislation to exempt posts of G. A. R. from the provisions of the law relating to lotteries ; and

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the election of directors or managers of corporations ;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Drainage, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the pollution of the Blackstone River by the sewage of the city of Worcester, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compensation for extra services rendered by the committee on Public

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Charitable Institutions during the session of 1883 in the investigation of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill authorizing advances to officers entrusted with the disbursement of public moneys ; and the

Resolve relative to the gradual abolition of grade-crossings in cities and the populous parts of towns ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the property rights of husband and wife, was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

At twenty minutes past two o'clock the special assignment was taken up, it being the Bill to incorporate the town of Bourne, and was considered. Amendments moved by Mr. Davis of Tisbury were rejected. On the main question of engrossment the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Davis, and the roll being called the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by a vote of 107 yeas to 84 nays, as follows : —

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Clark, Sewall J.
Almy, Edward C.	Coffin, Charles C.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Cook, Thomas W.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Cowdrey, George
Ball, George H.	Crowell, Joshua
Batcheller, Aldin	Crowell, Zenas E.
Bent, George C.	Cummings, Prentiss
Bishop, George P.	Cutler, Lucius A.
Bowker, Horace L.	Damon, Calvin
Brackett, John Q. A.	Darling, Moses B.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Davenport, James F.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Davis, Samuel G.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Dean, Wilbert T.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Burnham, Albert S.	Dunham, Henry J.
Burr, Charles C.	Dwyer, Patrick D.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Egleston, Eber A.
Butler, Richard T.	Ernst, George A. O.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Fassett, Alfred S.
Chapin, Francis L.	Flagg, Levi L.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Flint, Charles H.
Clark, George L.	Forbes, William A.

<p>Messrs. Freeman, Clarendon A. Gifford, Meltiah Gilbert, Edwin Gimlich, Jacob Gordon, William, Jr. Gray, Chester H. Gross, William H. Hardy, John H. Hartwell, Harris C. Hastings, Joseph W. Hatch, Luther P. Hazelton, Charles W. Hazen, Herman S. Hewins, James Homans, Wm. A., Jr. Hosmer, Henry J. Howard, Nathaniel Howes, Lewis W. Kelly, Daniel F. Kendrick, Edmund P. Kimball, D. Frank Linnell, Solomon, 2d McLaughlin, John A. Milne, John C. Morrison, Peter Murdock, John N. Oakes, Charles N. Oman, Thomas A. O'Neil, Joseph H. Paine, Robert Treat, Jr. Palmer, Moses P.</p>	<p>Messrs. Peck, Herbert L. Pierce, John Potter, Lyman D. Randall, Charles L. Reynolds, Enos H. Rice, Augustus Richards, Charles W. Richardson, C. Frederic Saunders, Franklin Savery, Albert T. Searell, William A. Smith, George E. Smith, Oren B. Snow, Edmund F. Spooner, William H. Swift, Augustus Toulmin, William B. Towne, Charles A. Tufts, George K. Wadlin, Horace G. Warner, John F. Wells, Daniel W. Wentworth, Alonzo B. Wheeler, Orswell A. Whitcomb, Charles B. Whitcomb, Francis E. White, Lloyd E. Whiting, Albert T. Williams, Fred H. Wolcott, Roger.</p>
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NAVS.

<p>Messrs. Adams, George A. Atkins, Isaac Baker, Henry A. Barker, Forrest E. Barry, Patrick T. Bent, Roderic L. Boardman, Halsey J. Bosworth, Benjamin S. Brown, Charles E. Bryant, Timothy Burnham, Edwin L. Butler, Thomas C. Butterfield, Simeon Carlton, O. Loring Clark, Aaron F. Clark, John Coffey, John A.</p>	<p>Messrs. Collins, Edward Connor, James Coveney, Jeremiah W. Creed, Michael J. Cross, Henry M. Curry, Patrick S. Cushing George A. Daggett, Ilandel N. Daly, William, Jr. Danforth, Henry P. Davis, Everett A. Devney, Patrick F. Doherty, Philip J. Dolan, Michael J. Donehue, John T. Donovan, James Eaton, William N.</p>
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Messrs. Farrell, John R.	Messrs. Peakes, Simeon T.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Potter, Burton W.
Foster, Joshua T.	Prime, Oliver
Francis, Henry H.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Gleason, George A.	Reed, Daniel
Hallett, John W.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Harkins, Dominick J.	Salmon, Thomas
Harvey, Edwin B.	Sanderson, George A.
Howland, Charles H.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Hoynes, Edward F.	Smith, Frederick H.
Jones, Frank W.	Stafford, John H.
Killion, Michael J.	Stebbins, Erastus
Kingsbury, Willis A.	Stone, Stillman
Littlefield, George W.	Stow, T. Dwight
Madden, John J.	Stratton, James F.
Maguire, John J.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Mead, John J.	Tarone, James
Melden, William R.	Temple, Joseph W.
Millett, Joshua H.	Walker, Aaron G.
Mooney, John F. H.	Ward, John E.
Murphy, John R.	Warner, Emerson
O'Brien, Francis	Wilbur, Edward P.
O'Sullivan, Edward F.	Willcomb, Frederic
Paton, Andrew H.	Willson, Edmund B.
Pattee, William G. A.	Woods, John M.

Yeas, 107; nays, 84.

On this question, Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Winslow of Plainfield, Clark of Northampton, Osborne of East Bridgewater, Keyes of New Marlborough, Beard of Boston, Winter of Springfield, Morse of Acushnet, Gove of Boston, Nash of Abington, Wallis of Fitchburg, Howes of Gloucester, and Eaton of Auburn, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Frisbee of North Andover, O'Gorman of Worcester, Hurlbut of Sudbury, Harrub of Plympton, Small of Provincetown, Blyth of Wakefield, Cilley of Salisbury, Allis of Whately, Hosley of Boston, Reilly of Uxbridge, Webb of Petersham, Gaffney of Gloucester, and Barstow of Mattapoisett.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham was further considered, the main question being on ordering to a third reading. Pending this question and pending amendments moved by Messrs. Hurlbut of Sudbury and Paine of Waltham, the House
At five o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 23, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Clark of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Hardy of Arlington:—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance inquire into the expediency of restraining or forbidding life insurance companies from taking risks upon the lives of infants or children. Insurance of infants.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling fire insurance companies to fix, by appraisal or otherwise, the value of property before the issuing of policies of insurance, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Fire insurance.

A report of the committee on Insurance asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Fidelity insurance.

Petition of John A. Cummings and others for an act of incorporation as a guarantee insurance company; and of the

Order relative to the formation of fidelity insurance companies;

And recommending a reference of the petition and subject-matter of the order to the joint committee on the Judiciary, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence.

A Bill concerning public and private burial places and lots therein (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Burial places.

The Senate order relative to joint committees reporting during the remainder of the session all matters in the Senate except money bills, adopted by the House in concurrence, with an amendment, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, the House insisted on its amendment, and the order was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly. Reports of joint committees.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :
Bills enacted, —
resolves passed. To authorize cities and towns to issue notes, bonds and scrip ; and
 To incorporate the Bradford Water Company ;
 (Which severally originated in the House) ;
 To authorize railroad companies to take land for additional tracks, and for other purposes ;
 To authorize the North Attleborough Gas-Light Company to lay pipes in Wrentham and to increase its capital stock ; and
 To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to purchase or take a lease of the Hopkinton Railroad and increase its capital stock ;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate) ;
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :
 In favor of the State Normal School at Salem ;
 In favor of Agnes S. Goulding ;
 In favor of the delegates to the educational convention at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, eighteen hundred and eighty-three ; and
 In favor of Jane Parks ;
 (Which severally originated in the House) ; and
 In favor of the State almshouse at Tewksbury (which originated in the Senate) ;
 Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Trust estates. By Mr. Adams of Attleborough, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reference to the next General Court on an order relative to legislation concerning trust estates.

Executors, administrators, guardians and trustees. By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to giving to the probate courts exclusive jurisdiction to grant licenses for the sale or mortgage of real estate by executors, administrators, guardians or trustees who may be appointed to their office by such courts.

Births, marriages and deaths. By Mr. Bent of Cambridge, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 32 of the Public Statutes, concerning the registry and return of births, marriages, and deaths.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the same committee, Monopolization of land.
 inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to preventing the monopolization of land and to provide for the taking up and just distribution of large estates at the death of the owners thereof.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the same committee, Enforcement of certain claims against administrators.
 inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing a remedy for the enforcement of claims that do not become due until after two years from the granting of letters of administration against heirs, devisees or legatees of the debtor.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on Divorce.
 the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relating to divorce in cases of long and unexplained absence of the libellee.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Public records.
 Probate and Chancery, on a petition, a Resolve in relation to public records.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the same committee, Distribution of personal estate of deceased husbands.
 on an order, a Bill relative to the distribution of the personal estate of a husband dying intestate and without kindred.

By Mr. Cilley of Salisbury, from the committee on the Mashpee fisheries.
 Fisheries, on an order, a Bill to protect the fisheries of the town of Mashpee.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Harvey of Westborough, from the committee on Bridgewater workhouse.
 Public Charitable Institutions, on an order, a Resolve providing for the construction of additional buildings for the State Workhouse at Bridgewater. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Boston, the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge Cambridge water supply.
 was taken from the table, and pending the recurring question on its engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, the Bill Dalton.
 concerning a water supply for the fire district of the town

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A Bill was discharged from the order of the day, under a suspension of the rules. It was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Williams of Exeter, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent to the Senate for concurrence on the same day, June 13. It was read a second time in further motion of Mr. Dunham.

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On motion of Mr. Stevens of South Berwick, the Bill to give to the town of South Berwick an additional supply of fire water was discharged from the order of the day, under a suspension of the rules. It was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Stevens, passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

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of the
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On motion of Mr. Smith of Marshfield, the Bill relating to the Judicial Power in Government was discharged from the order of the day, under a suspension of the rules. It was read a second time, amended in further motion of Mr. Smith, and was read a third time under a further suspension of the rules, moved by the same gentleman, and was passed to be engrossed and sent to the Senate.

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The Bill to amend section 47 of chapter 113 of the Public Statutes, so as to provide for five-cent fares on street car ways, was, on motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, postponed for further consideration until Monday, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

Reports:

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the truant laws of the Commonwealth; and

Of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for a claim upon the estate of a deceased person who in his lifetime has concealed taxable property;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to repealing all laws which militate, in any manner or degree, against equality in the rights of persons on account of their differences of belief and action in matters of religion and conscience, was accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Worcester Herdic Phaeton Company for a change of name ;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of the constables of the municipal court of Boston (criminal session) for an increase of salary ; and

On the petition of the constables of the municipal court (civil business) of Boston for increase of salary ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill concerning notice of annual meetings of mutual insurance companies was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Insurance, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend "An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to construct a way through land held by the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital" ; and the

Resolve in favor of Howard Holland ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings was read a third time, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the release of prisoners upon probation ; and the

Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Bridgewater ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. On motion of Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, it was voted that debate be closed at half-past three o'clock, unless a vote should be sooner reached. The various amendments moved by Messrs. Kingsley of Cambridge and Hurlbut of Sudbury, were adopted. The amendment moved by Mr. Hurlbut to the substitute bill moved by Mr. Paine of Waltham was adopted. On the question of amending the original bill

by substituting therefor the substitute bill, as amended, moved by Mr. Paine, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of that gentleman, and the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 67 yeas to 80 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Almy, Edward C.	Hosley, Henry E.
Ball, George H.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Barker, Forrest E.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Batcheller, Aldin	Johnson, Thomas B.
Beard, Alanson W.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	McFarland, Cromwell
Brackett, John Q. A.	Millett, Joshua H.
Buckley, Michael J.	Morrison, Peter
Burdett, Joseph O.	Osborne, William H.
Burnham, Albert S.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Burr, Charles C.	Palmer, Moses P.
Butterfield, Simeon	Pierce, John
Carlton, O. Loring	Rantoul, Robert S.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Rice, Augustus
Clark, Aaron F.	Sanderson, George A.
Clark, George L.	Saunders, Franklin
Clark, Sewall J.	Smith, George E.
Coffey, John A.	Spooner, William H.
Coffin, Charles C.	Stone, Stillman
Collins, Edward	Stow, T. Dwight
Cook, Thomas W.	Stratton, James F.
Damon, Calvin	Wadlin, Horace G.
Davenport, James F.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Davis, Samuel G.	Wells, Daniel W.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Dunham, Henry J.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Flint, Charles H.	White, Lloyd E.
Francis, Henry H.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Freeman, Clarendon A.	Willson, Edmund B.
Gleason, George A.	Winslow, James A.
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Harvey, Edwin B.	Woods, John M.
Hatch, Luther P.	

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Baker, Benjamin F.	Bowker, Horace L.
Baker, Henry A.	Briggs, Fordyce W.
Bancroft, William A.	Brown, Charles E.
Bent, George C.	Bryant, Timothy
Bent, Roderic L.	Burditt, Alfred A.

Messrs. Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Messrs. Kimball, D. Frank
Clark, Elijah C.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Clark, John	Kingsley, Chester W.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Littlefield, George W.
Cowdrey, George	Madden, John J.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Maguire, John J.
Cummings, Prentiss	Mead, John J.
Curry, Patrick S.	Morse, Bushrod
Cutler, Lucius A.	Morse, George P.
Daly, William, Jr.	Nash, George M.
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Devney, Patrick F.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Paton, Andrew H.
Dolan, Michael J.	Pattee, William G. A.
Donehue, John T.	Potter, Burton W.
Donovan, James	Reed, Daniel
Eaton, Thomas S.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Elwell, George	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Farrell, John R.	Salmon, Thomas
Foley, Patrick E.	Sargent, Wingate P.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Savery, Albert T.
Foster, Joshua T.	Snow, Edmund F.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Stafford, John H.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Starbird, Charles D.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Stark, Henry C.
Hardy, John H.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Hastings, Joseph W.	Tarone, James
Hazen, Herman S.	Toulmin, William B.
Hewins, James	Towne, Charles A.
Howes, Erastus	Walker, Aaron G.
Howes, Lewis W.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Howland, Charles H.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Jones, Frank W.	Willcomb, Frederic
Kelly, Daniel F.	Williams, Fred H.

Yeas, 67; nays, 80.

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At fifteen minutes past four o'clock adjourned.

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Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Hovey of Newton.

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Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that newspaper articles commenting upon citizens by name be signed by the writer.

Newspaper articles.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to increasing the salary of the district attorney for the South-eastern District.

Salary of district attorney for the South-eastern District.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on the report of the Auditor of Accounts, in part, a Bill relating to the annual report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth.

Report of the Auditor of Accounts.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on a Senate order, a Resolve providing for the printing of additional copies of the report of the trustees of the Agricultural College.

Report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on a Senate order, a Resolve providing for printing the report of the Board of Control of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experimental Station at Amherst.

Report of the Board of Control of the Mass. Agricultural Experimental Station.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Messrs. Farrell, John R.	Messrs. Peakes, Simeon T.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Potter, Burton W.
Foster, Joshua T.	Prime, Oliver
Francis, Henry H.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Gleason, George A.	Reed, Daniel
Hallett, John W.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Harkins, Dominick J.	Salmon, Thomas
Harvey, Edwin B.	Sanderson, George A.
Howland, Charles H.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Hoynes, Edward F.	Smith, Frederick H.
Jones, Frank W.	Stafford, John H.
Killion, Michael J.	Stebbins, Erastus
Kingsbury, Willis A.	Stone, Stillman
Littlefield, George W.	Stow, T. Dwight
Madden, John J.	Stratton, James F.
Maguire, John J.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Mead, John J.	Tarone, James
Melden, William R.	Temple, Joseph W.
Millett, Joshua H.	Walker, Aaron G.
Mooney, John F. H.	Ward, John E.
Murphy, John R.	Warner, Emerson
O'Brien, Francis	Wilbur, Edward P.
O'Sullivan, Edward F.	Willcomb, Frederic
Paton, Andrew H.	Willson, Edmund B.
Pattee, William G. A.	Woods, John M.

Yeas, 107; nays, 84.

On this question, Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Winslow of Plainfield, Clark of Northampton, Osborne of East Bridgewater, Keyes of New Marlborough, Beard of Boston, Winter of Springfield, Morse of Acushnet, Gove of Boston, Nash of Abington, Wallis of Fitchburg, Howes of Gloucester, and Eaton of Auburn, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Frisbee of North Andover, O'Gorman of Worcester, Hurlbut of Sudbury, Harrub of Plympton, Small of Provincetown, Blyth of Wakefield, Cilley of Salisbury, Allis of Whately, Hosley of Boston, Reilly of Uxbridge, Webb of Petersham, Gaffney of Gloucester, and Barstow of Mattapoisett.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham was further considered, the main question being on ordering to a third reading. Pending this question and pending amendments moved by Messrs. Hurlbut of Sudbury and Paine of Waltham, the House
At five o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 23, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Clark of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Hardy of Arlington:—

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance inquire into the expediency of restraining or forbidding life insurance companies from taking risks upon the lives of infants or children. Insurance of infants.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling fire insurance companies to fix, by appraisal or otherwise, the value of property before the issuing of policies of insurance, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Fire insurance.

A report of the committee on Insurance asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Fidelity insurance.

Petition of John A. Cummings and others for an act of incorporation as a guarantee insurance company; and of the

Order relative to the formation of fidelity insurance companies;

And recommending a reference of the petition and subject-matter of the order to the joint committee on the Judiciary, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence.

A Bill concerning public and private burial places and lots therein (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Burial places.

The Senate order relative to joint committees reporting during the remainder of the session all matters in the Senate except money bills, adopted by the House in concurrence, with an amendment, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, the House insisted on its amendment, and the order was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly. Reports of joint committees.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted, —
resolves passed.

To authorize cities and towns to issue notes, bonds and scrip ; and

To incorporate the Bradford Water Company ;
(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To authorize railroad companies to take land for additional tracks, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the North Attleborough Gas-Light Company to lay pipes in Wrentham and to increase its capital stock ; and

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to purchase or take a lease of the Hopkinton Railroad and increase its capital stock ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of the State Normal School at Salem ;

In favor of Agnes S. Goulding ;

In favor of the delegates to the educational convention at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, eighteen hundred and eighty-three ; and

In favor of Jane Parks ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ; and

In favor of the State almshouse at Tewksbury (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

Trust estates.

By Mr. Adams of Attleborough, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reference to the next General Court on an order relative to legislation concerning trust estates.

Executors, administrators,
guardians and trustees.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to giving to the probate courts exclusive jurisdiction to grant licenses for the sale or mortgage of real estate by executors, administrators, guardians or trustees who may be appointed to their office by such courts.

Births, marriages and deaths.

By Mr. Bent of Cambridge, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending chapter 32 of the Public Statutes, concerning the registry and return of births, marriages, and deaths.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the same committee, Monopolization of land.
 inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to preventing the monopolization of land and to provide for the taking up and just distribution of large estates at the death of the owners thereof.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the same committee, Enforcement of certain claims against administrators.
 inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing a remedy for the enforcement of claims that do not become due until after two years from the granting of letters of administration against heirs, devisees or legatees of the debtor.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on Divorce.
 the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill relating to divorce in cases of long and unexplained absence of the libellee.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Public records.
 Probate and Chancery, on a petition, a Resolve in relation to public records.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the same committee, Distribution of personal estate of deceased husbands.
 on an order, a Bill relative to the distribution of the personal estate of a husband dying intestate and without kindred.

By Mr. Cilley of Salisbury, from the committee on the Mashpee fisheries.
 Fisheries, on an order, a Bill to protect the fisheries of the town of Mashpee.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Harvey of Westborough, from the committee on Bridgewater workhouse.
 Public Charitable Institutions, on an order, a Resolve providing for the construction of additional buildings for the State Workhouse at Bridgewater. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Boston, the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge Cambridge water supply.
 was taken from the table, and pending the recurring question on its engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, the Bill Dalton.
 concerning a water supply for the fire district of the town

of Dalton was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, amended on motions of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments, Rule 15 having been suspended on further motion of Mr. Dunham.

Concord.

On motion of Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, the Bill to give to the town of Concord an additional supply of pure water was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Frisbee, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Episcopal
Parish in
Marblehead.

On motion of Mr. Roads of Marblehead, the Bill relating to the Episcopal Parish in Marblehead was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, amended on further motion of Mr. Roads, and was read a third time under a further suspension of the rules, moved by the same gentleman, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The Bill to amend section 47 of chapter 113 of the Public Statutes, so as to provide for five-cent fares on street railways, was, on motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, postponed for further consideration until Monday, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

Reports :

Of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the truant laws of the Commonwealth; and

Of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for a claim upon the estate of a deceased person who in his lifetime has concealed taxable property;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to repealing all laws which militate, in any manner or degree, against equality in the rights of persons on account of their differences of belief and action in matters of religion and conscience, was accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Worcester Herdic Phaeton Company for a change of name ;

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex ;

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of the constables of the municipal court of Boston (criminal session) for an increase of salary ; and

On the petition of the constables of the municipal court (civil business) of Boston for increase of salary ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill concerning notice of annual meetings of mutual insurance companies was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Insurance, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to amend "An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to construct a way through land held by the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital" ; and the

Resolve in favor of Howard Holland ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings was read a third time, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the release of prisoners upon probation ; and the

Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Bridgewater ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. On motion of Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, it was voted that debate be closed at half-past three o'clock, unless a vote should be sooner reached. The various amendments moved by Messrs. Kingsley of Cambridge and Hurlbut of Sudbury, were adopted. The amendment moved by Mr. Hurlbut to the substitute bill moved by Mr. Paine of Waltham was adopted. On the question of amending the original bill

by substituting therefor the substitute bill, as amended, moved by Mr. Paine, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of that gentleman, and the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 67 yeas to 80 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Almy, Edward C.	Hosley, Henry E.
Ball, George H.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Barker, Forrest E.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Batcheller, Aldin	Johnson, Thomas B.
Beard, Alanson W.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	McFarland, Cromwell
Brackett, John Q. A.	Millett, Joshua H.
Buckley, Michael J.	Morrison, Peter
Burdett, Joseph O.	Osborne, William H.
Burnham, Albert S.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Burr, Charles C.	Palmer, Moses P.
Butterfield, Simeon	Pierce, John
Carlton, O. Loring	Rantoul, Robert S.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Rice, Augustus
Clark, Aaron F.	Sanderson, George A.
Clark, George L.	Saunders, Franklin
Clark, Sewall J.	Smith, George E.
Coffey, John A.	Spooner, William H.
Coffin, Charles C.	Stone, Stillman
Collins, Edward	Stow, T. Dwight
Cook, Thomas W.	Stratton, James F.
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Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

In relation to the verification of the accounts of assignees in insolvency (which originated in the House) ; and

To incorporate the town of Bourne (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Discharged from the Orders.*Fishing in
North River.

On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the Bill in addition to an act to regulate the taking of fish in North River, in the county of Plymouth, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and was on further motion of the same gentleman recommitted to the committee on the Fisheries.

Highland Con-
gregational
Church.

On motions of Mr. Willson of Salem, the report of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, leave to withdraw, on the petition of James G. Buttrick and others for an act of incorporation as the Highland Congregational Church, with power to hold real and personal estate, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was recommitted to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Telegraph
poles.

On motions of Mr. Hewins of Medfield, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the recovery of damages for the digging of holes and placing telegraph poles in front of estates, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Volunteer
militia.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, the Bill amending chapter 14 of the Public Statutes relating to the volunteer militia, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, amended on further motion of the same gentleman, and was ordered to a third reading.

*Orders of the Day.*Orders of the
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The report of the committee on Education, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the laws

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Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to notice in cases of laying out town ways and private ways ; and

On an order relative to conditional sales of personal property ;

Were severally accepted.

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Bills :

To exempt the Lynn Workingmen's Aid Association from taxation ;

Relating to the printing and distribution of the laws and public documents ;

Relating to the district police ;

To provide for the punishment of violent assaults upon officers ;

To incorporate the Greenfield Rural Club ;

To authorize towns or cities to compensate inspectors of vinegar ;

To prevent the pollution of sources of water supply ;

To limit the time within which trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout may be taken ;

To protect the fisheries of the town of Mashpee ; and

Concerning public and private burial places and lots therein ; and

Resolves :

Providing for the completion of the list of Massachusetts officers, sailors and marines who served in the navy in the late civil war ;

Providing for the payment of the expense attending the establishment of a portion of the boundary line between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Rhode Island ;

In favor of the State Normal School at Framingham ; and

For the relief of Clara Barton ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to amend section 47 of chapter 113 of the Public Statutes, so as to provide for five-cent fares on street railways was further considered, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. An amendment moved by Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge was adopted. Mr. O'Neil of Boston moved to amend by substituting therefor a "Bill concerning cash fares upon street railways in the city of Boston." After debate the amendment was adopted and the substitute bill was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation to prevent discrimination against colored persons seeking insurance was considered. Mr. Chappelle of Boston moved to amend by substituting a "Bill to prevent discrimination by life insurance companies against persons of color." After debate the amendment was adopted, and the bill having been read once was ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that money paid for liquor licenses shall be paid to the county treasurers was considered. Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich moved to amend by substituting a "Bill concerning fees received for liquor licenses." After debate, the amendment was rejected, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the planting and growing of oysters was, on motion of Mr. Freeman of Chatham, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill further defining the business of pawnbrokers and regulating the sale of wearing apparel deposited in pawn; and the

Resolve in favor of Howard Holland;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To confirm the proceedings of certain town meetings of the town of Waltham; and

To dissolve the Farm Pond Fishing Company in Edgartown;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Senate Bill for the speedy discharge of prisoners not indicted by the grand jury was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 1, 1884.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John H. Lee and another for an increase of salary for the constables of the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston;

Salaries of constables of the municipal court of the Brighton district of Boston.

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate:

On an order relative to extending the provisions of chapter 157 of the Public Statutes concerning insolvent corporations to foreign corporations having a place of business in this Commonwealth;

Insolvent corporations, — foreign corporations.

On an order relative to attachments of shares in corporations; and

Shares in corporations.

On an order relative to service of process on foreign insurance companies;

Foreign insurance companies.

Of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate:

Dogs.

On an order relative to providing that chiefs of police in cities shall take a list of dogs owned or kept therein ; and

Lists of persons liable to be enrolled.

On an order relative to enabling cities to have the chief of police make a list of all persons liable to enrolment ; and

Wellesley College.

Of the committee of conference on the Bill to authorize Wellesley College to hold additional real and personal estate, that the bill ought to pass with certain amendments ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

Mount Hope Cemetery in Boston.

To provide for the management of Mount Hope Cemetery in the city of Boston ; and

Royalston.

To confirm the proceedings of the last annual town meeting of the town of Royalston ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills :

Waltham.

To authorize the town of Waltham to issue additional water bonds ;

Steam engines and steam boilers.

To provide for the public safety in the use of steam engines and steam boilers ;

Contagious diseases among cattle.

Concerning contagious diseases among cattle ;

First district court of Northern Worcester. Malden.

To establish the first district court of Northern Worcester ; and

Conferring certain powers upon the city council of the city of Malden ;

(Severally reported on petitions) ;

Salary of justice of first district court of Eastern Worcester. Embezzlement.

To establish the salary of the justice of the first district court of Eastern Worcester ;

To provide for the punishment of embezzlement by officers and servants of voluntary associations ;

Children.

In relation to the better protection of children ;

Salary of sheriff of county of Dukes County.

In relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Dukes County ;

Husband and wife.

Concerning proceedings in cases in which husband and wife are interested adversely to each other ; and

Bathing in public ponds.

To prevent bathing in public ponds ;

(Severally reported on orders) ;

Salary of Secretary of Board of Education.

To establish the salary of the secretary of the Board of Education (reported on so much of the annual report of

the Board of Education as relates to the salary of the secretary of said board, taken from the files of last year); and

Concerning the order of trials in criminal cases (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate); Order of trials in criminal cases.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A Bill to establish a reformatory for male prisoners was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Expenditures. Male reformatory.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills:

Concerning costs and expenses in probate proceedings; Bills enacted,— resolves passed. and

To authorize the city of Lawrence to incur debts in establishing a system of sewers, to issue bonds, and to establish a sinking fund for the payment thereof;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

In relation to the property rights of husband and wife (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Francis Shurtleff (which originated in the House) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill concerning a water supply for the fire district of the town of Dalton was put upon its final passage. On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, the bill was amended, under a suspension of the rule, and was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment. Dalton.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, from the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning sureties on bonds of executors, administrators or trustees, and relative to their removal by probate courts. Executors, administrators and trustees.

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, from the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring persons licensed to sell intoxicating Intoxicating liquors.

liquors to keep posted in their places of business printed lists of persons to whom they are not licensed to sell, also relative to authorizing towns to offer rewards to persons furnishing evidence of illegal sales.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Guardians,—
minors.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill in relation to the appointment of guardians of minors in certain cases. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Officers of the
Superior Court
in Suffolk Co.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the Bill concerning the officers of the Superior Court in the county of Suffolk was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

German Re-
formed Church
Society.

On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the Bill to remedy defects in the corporate organization of the German Reformed Church Society and to confirm a deed of mortgage was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, it was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading.

Inspectors of
vinegar.

On motion of Mr. Dwyer of Boston, the Bill to authorize towns or cities to compensate inspectors of vinegar was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that newspaper articles commenting upon citizens by name be signed by the writer, was accepted.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Marblehead for authority to take water for

fire, domestic and other purposes, was adopted, and the question recurring on suspending the rule, it was carried, and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply.

Reports :

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order (recommitted) relative to increasing the salary of the district attorney for the South-eastern District ; and

Of the committee on Public Health, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to examination by the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity of persons who prescribe, dispense or sell medicine ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Making the award of referees in disputes concerning losses by fire *prima facie* evidence in a suit at law ;

Authorizing the town of Essex to aid the Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road in said town (amended on motions of Mr. Baker of Beverly, including an amendment to the title so that it read, "Bill authorizing the Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road in the town of Essex") ;

To prevent the building and maintaining of barbed-wire fences along or upon public streets and highways (amended on motions of Messrs. Morse of Sharon and Kendrick of Springfield) ;

To suppress and prevent the sale or exchange of property under the inducement that a gift or prize is to be part of the transaction ;

To permit adjournment of sales on execution for more than seven days ;

Relative to the appointment of receivers of corporations ;

To enable the Haverhill Aqueduct Company to increase its water supply ; and

To provide for taking the decennial census and the industrial statistics of the Commonwealth ; and

Resolves :

Providing for the printing of additional copies of the report of the trustees of the Agricultural College ;

Providing for printing the report of the Board of Control of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experimental Station at Amherst ; and

Relating to the records, files, papers and documents in the state department (amended on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester) ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the planting and growing of oysters, was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Mr. Small of Provincetown moved to amend by substituting a " Bill relating to planting, growing and digging oysters in the flats, creeks and waters of the Commonwealth." After debate the amendment was rejected and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To authorize marine insurance companies with the requisite capital to do fire business (amended on motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough) ; and

To limit the liability which may be incurred by any one person to savings banks and institutions for savings ; and the

Resolve providing for the completion of the list of Massachusetts officers, sailors and marines who served in the navy in the late civil war ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors ; and the

Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Framingham ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on the orders relative to regulating the rates of fares on railroads and leased railroads, was considered. Mr. Baker of Beverly moved to substitute for the report a " Bill relating to fares and freight charges on railroads which may be operated under leases or contracts." After debate the amendment was rejected, and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Lothrop Withington for regulation of fares on railroads, was considered. Mr. Baker of Beverly, moved to substitute for the report a " Bill to establish a uniform rate of fares on the railroads

of the Commonwealth." After debate the amendment was rejected, and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The House concurred with the Senate in its amendments to the Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor.

Subsequently, the orders of the day having been laid on the table, Mr. Wentworth of Dedham moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House concurred in the amendments. The motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Samuel A. Dean and others for legislation regulating the width of the rims of wheels of heavily loaded wagons, was considered. Mr. White of Taunton moved to substitute for the report a "Bill to authorize cities and towns to regulate the width of tires on the wheels of loaded teams and to pay a bounty therefor." After debate the amendment was rejected, and the report was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal business, was, on motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington, laid on the table, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on orders relative to repealing the law allowing one railroad corporation to lease and operate the railroad of another corporation, and allowing the consolidations of railroads, was, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, laid on the table.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the justice of the police court of Holyoke ;

To establish the salary of the clerk of the Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex :

To establish the salaries of the justices of the municipal courts of the Brighton and Dorchester districts ; and

To establish the salary of the second assistant clerk of the superior court of Suffolk County ;

Were severally read a second time, and, after debate in each case, were severally rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Resolve in favor of Robert Mullen was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Claims, and notice was sent to the Senate.

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 2, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

Mr. Bowker of Boston offered the following order :—

Hour of meet-
ing.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns on Friday next, it be to meet on the following Tuesday, at two o'clock P.M.

Mr. Barker of Worcester moved to amend by substituting for the words "two o'clock P.M." the words "eleven o'clock A.M." The amendment was adopted and the order, as amended, was then rejected.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :

Salary of justice
of Central Berk-
shire district
court.

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the justice of the district court of central Berkshire ;

Salary of sheriff
of Plymouth
County.

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the sheriff of the county of Plymouth ;

Salary of district
attorney of the
Western
District.
Hampshire
district court.

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the district attorney of the Western District ;

On an order relative to providing for a third special justice for the district court of Hampshire ;

State treasury,
— disbursement
of public mo-
neys.

On an order relative to protecting the treasury of the Commonwealth in the disbursement and accounting for public moneys ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Simeon Guilford and others, that the town of Lanesborough may be placed in the jurisdiction of the Middle Registry District of Berkshire County; Lanesborough, — Middle Registry District of Berkshire County.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate:

On an order relating to the erection and use of wires used to convey electricity for light or power or otherwise; Electricity.

On an order relative to compelling, after a reasonable time, all individuals and corporations using or controlling electrical wires, to cause such wires to be laid underground; and Electrical wires.

On an order relative to the placing of telegraph, telephone and electric-light wires by individuals or corporations upon dwelling-houses and other private buildings without the consent of the owners; Telegraph, telephone, &c., wires.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Bills:

To supply the town of Abington with water (reported on a petition); Abington.

Concerning the assessment and collection of taxes for fire district purposes (reported on an order); and Assessment of taxes for fire district purposes.

In relation to fire and marine insurance companies (reported on a communication from the Insurance Commissioner transmitting certain correspondence between the attorney-general and the insurance department concerning foreign insurance companies, with a capital of less than \$300,000, doing business in this State); Fire and marine insurance companies.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A Bill to dissolve attachments of the real estate of non-residents in certain cases (passed to be engrossed by the Senate) was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Attachments of real estate,—non-residents.

The Bill to supply the town of Watertown with water came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments, in which the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule. Watertown water supply.

The House Bill relating to a standard measure for cranberries came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments at Cranberry measure.

[A] and [B]. On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the rule was suspended and the House concurred with the Senate in the amendment at [B], and in the amendment at [A] with an amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the

Patent
medicines.

Bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines and proprietary articles, introduced on leave; also of the

Telephones and
telephone companies.

Bill relating to telephone companies and to regulate the use and rental of telephones, taken from the files of last year.

Reports of Committees.

Trustees of the
Smith Charities.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of R. M. Branch and others, and petitions in aid of the same, for legislation relative to the repeal of section 4 of the act of incorporation of the Trustees of the Smith Charities, and recommending their reference to the committee on Taxation. Read, accepted and sent at once to the Senate, Rule 15 having been suspended on further motion of the same gentleman.

Executors and
administrators.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill empowering probate courts to authorize executors or administrators to purchase real estate at public auction. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Salary of judge
of probate and
insolvency for
the county of
Dukes County.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill to establish the salary of the judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Dukes County ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Royalston.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to confirm the proceedings of the last annual town meeting of the town of Royalston ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Friday for a second reading. On motion of Mr. Cummings, the rules were suspended, and the bill was read a second and a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent at once to the Senate, Rule 15 having been suspended, on further motion of the same gentleman.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill to confirm the proceedings of the Bill enacted. last annual town meeting of the town of Royalston (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House Orders of the day. concurred with the Senate in its amendments to the Bill to authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads, and increase its capital stock therefor, was rejected.

The report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of A. E. Perkins and others of Post 7, G. A. R., for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth, was considered. Mr. Hoynes of Boston moved to substitute for the report a "Bill to authorize cities and towns to defray funeral expenses of certain soldiers, sailors and marines." After debate the bill was rejected, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to allow minors who are above the age of eighteen years and of sound mind, to make wills, was read a second time and considered. Mr. Kendrick of Springfield moved to amend by substituting therefor a bill with a similar title. The amendment was adopted, and, after debate, the bill was rejected.

The Bill in addition to "An Act concerning beaches in the town of Swampscott," was read a second time and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, was postponed for further consideration until Friday, on motion of Mr. Smith of Everett.

The Bill concerning the election of aldermen in the city of Boston was read a second time and considered. Pending an amendment of Mr. Bowker of Boston, who moved to substitute a bill with the same title, and pending the

main question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Dwyer of Boston, postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday.

The report of the committee on Expenditures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Middlesex County for an increase of salary, was considered. Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge moved to substitute a "Bill fixing the salaries of the county commissioners of Middlesex County." After debate the amendment was rejected by a vote of 32 to 83, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Expenditures, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the county commissioners of Worcester County for an increase of salary, was considered. Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge moved to substitute for the report a "Bill fixing the salaries of the county commissioners of Worcester County." After debate the bill was rejected and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish the salary of the clerk of the Municipal Court of the city of Boston for the transaction of criminal business, was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

Reports of the committee on Expenditures, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of the county commissioners of Hampshire County for an increase of salary ; and

On the petition of the county commissioners of Essex County for an increase of salary ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to give the superior court original jurisdiction of causes of divorce and other proceedings kindred thereto was considered and, after debate, was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 66 to 36.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning fishing in the Merrimack River at Newburyport and other tide-waters of the Commonwealth was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to require co-operative saving fund and loan associations to establish a guaranty fund, was read a

second time and considered. Mr. Brackett of Boston moved certain amendments, which were adopted. Its title was also amended, on further motion of the same gentleman, so that it read "Bill to require co-operative banks to establish a guaranty fund," and, after debate, the bill was rejected, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill relating to the Ocean Terminal Railroad Company, the Ocean Terminal Railroad Dock and Elevator Company, and the Mystic River Corporation, was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Providing for the publication of a list of persons whose names have been changed in this Commonwealth ;

Relating to boards of health ;

To provide for the punishment of embezzlement by officers and servants of voluntary associations ;

Conferring certain powers upon the city council of the city of Malden ; and

To authorize the town of Waltham to issue additional water bonds ; and

Resolves :

In favor of Alice S. Holbrook ; and

In relation to public records ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee of conference, on the Bill to authorize Wellesley College to hold additional real and personal estate, that the bill ought to pass with certain amendments was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning the use of safety couplers on freight cars (amended on motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston) ;

Repealing certain statutes relating to the taking of fish in the waters of the town and county of Nantucket ;

To incorporate the Needham Cemetery Association ;

To limit the time within which trout, land-locked salmon and lake trout may be taken ;

Amending chapter 14 of the Public Statutes relating to the volunteer militia ; and

To permit adjournment of sales on execution for more than seven days ; and

Resolves :

In relation to the care, keeping and reformation of persons arrested for or convicted of drunkenness ; and

For the relief of Clara Barton (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so that it read "Resolve authorizing the treasurer to return certain bonds to Clara Barton") ; and

Relating to the records, files, papers and documents in the state department ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To increase the number of the trustees of the state lunatic hospitals ;

To incorporate the Greenfield Rural Club ;

Authorizing the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to issue mortgage bonds ;

To confirm the organization of the South Pocasset Cemetery Association and to enable said corporation to hold certain real estate (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ; and

To incorporate the Housatonic Water Company (amended on motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge) ; and the

Resolve providing for the payment of the expense attending the establishment of a portion of the boundary line between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Rhode Island ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the two bills last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to amend "An Act to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the temporary relief of the poor," was read a second time and considered. Mr. Murphy of Boston raised the point of order that the bill was not germane to the order on which the bill was reported.

Point of order

The Speaker stated that under the order the committee were instructed to consider the expediency of prohibiting the free distribution of soup by cities and towns. The bill reported proposed to amend chapter 374 of the acts of the year 1874, which in no way related to the distribution of soup. Moreover, the order was a general one, applying to all cities and towns, and a bill specially ap-

plying to Boston could not be reported thereon. The Speaker therefore declared that the point was well taken.

Mr. Paine of Waltham moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. The Speaker entertained the motion and it was rejected. The bill was then laid aside, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill in relation to notices to be given of the meetings of savings bank corporations was considered, the question being on concurring with the Senate in certain amendments.

Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge raised the point of order Point of order. that the amendment to section 1 was not germane to the order on which the bill was reported.

The Speaker ruled that it was not proper for the House to question the order of an amendment adopted by the Senate, the only question before the House being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments, and therefore declared the point not well taken.

After debate the House concurred with the Senate in the amendments and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

At five o'clock adjourned until Friday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, April 4, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motions to Reconsider.

Mr. Woods of Somerville moved to reconsider the vote Burial expenses of certain soldiers and sailors. by which the House on Wednesday, April 2, accepted the report of the committee on Military Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of A. E. Perkins and others of Post 7, G. A. R., for legislation relative to granting G. A. R. Posts an appropriation to defray the expense attending the burial of any needy soldier or sailor who may die within the limits of this Commonwealth. The motion was lost.

Temporary
relief for the
poor of Boston.

Mr. Paine of Waltham moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on Wednesday, April 2, refused to recommit to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions the Bill to amend "An Act to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the temporary relief of the poor." The motion was lost.

Militia.

Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on Wednesday, April 2, passed to be engrossed the Bill amending chapter 14 of the Public Statutes relating to the volunteer militia. The motion prevailed. The question recurring on its engrossment, the same gentleman moved an amendment, which was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Mr. Gove of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on Wednesday, April 2, rejected the following order:—

Hour of meet-
ing.

Ordered, That when the House adjourn on Friday, it be to meet on Tuesday next, April 8, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The motion prevailed, and the question recurring on the adoption of the order, it was adopted.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Cross of Newburyport, was laid over at the request of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston:—

Fisheries.

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of having a committee of the Legislature sit during the recess, for the purpose of considering all of the fishery laws of the State, and reporting to the next General Court such repeal and amendment of the said laws as they may deem to be expedient.

Papers from the Senate.

Returns of
savings banks.

A report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring savings banks to make annual returns to the commissioners in detail of all deposits on which no dividends have been claimed within ten years prior to such returns, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Tuesday.

Bills :

Relating to the compensation of the clerk of the Fourth District Court of Plymouth ; and

Relating to the compensation of the special justices of the District Court of Hampshire ;

Severally reported on orders and severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Salary of clerk of the Fourth District Court of Plymouth. Salaries of special justices of Hampshire district court.

The Bill to amend an act relating to supplying the city of Worcester with pure water, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down from the Senate for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The House concurred in the suspension of the rule, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Worcester water supply.

Report of Committee.

By Mr. Harrub of Plympton, from the committee on Manufactures, on an order, a Bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the manufacture and sale of water gas for light and fuel. [Messrs. Hodges and Parker of the Senate, and Mr. Judkins of Merrimac, of the House, dissenting and submitting their views.] Read and ordered to a second reading.

Water gas companies.

*Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.***Engrossed bills :**

To authorize the town of Norton to receive and hold certain property in trust ;

To provide for the attendance of an officer at the sessions of the probate court and the court of insolvency in the county of Suffolk ; and

To authorize the town of Manchester to lay out a town way and build a bridge across a tide-water creek in said town ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Concerning a water supply for the fire district of the town of Dalton ;

To incorporate the New England Assurance Association ;

Relating to the release of prisoners upon probation ;

To confirm the proceedings of certain town meetings of the town of Waltham ; and

Bills enacted, — Resolves passed.

Relating to sessions of probate courts which occur on legal holidays or on the day of the national or state election ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Resolve passed.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Bridgewater (which originated in the Senate), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

Haverhill
Aqueduct Com-
pany.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, the Bill to enable the Haverhill Aqueduct Company to increase its water supply, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommitted to the committee on Water Supply.

Taken from the Table.

Cambridge
Police Mutual
Aid Association.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, the petition of Geo. H. Copeland and others for an act of incorporation as the Cambridge Police Mutual Aid Association, was taken from the table. The House concurred with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, and the petition was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :

Orders of the
day.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the state assayer of liquor ; and

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to extending the provisions of chapter 157 of the Public Statutes concerning insolvent corporations to foreign corporations having a place of business in this Commonwealth ;

On an order relative to attachments of shares in corporations ;

On an order relative to service of process on foreign insurance companies ;

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the justice of the district court of Central Berkshire ;

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the sheriff of the county of Plymouth ;

On an order relative to increasing the salary of the district attorney of the Western District ;

On an order relative to providing for a third special justice for the district court of Hampshire ; and

On an order relative to protecting the treasury of the Commonwealth in the disbursement and accounting for public moneys ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Simeon Guilford and others, that the town of Lanesborough may be placed in the jurisdiction of the Middle Registry District of Berkshire County ;

Of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to providing that chiefs of police in cities shall take a list of dogs owned or kept therein ; and

On an order relative to enabling cities to have the chief of police make a list of all persons liable to enrolment ; and

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling, after a reasonable time, all individuals and corporations using or controlling electrical wires, to cause such wires to be laid underground ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Reports :

Of the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning sureties on bonds of executors, administrators or trustees, and relative to their removal by probate courts ; and

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring persons licensed to sell intoxicating liquors to keep posted in their places of business printed lists of persons to whom they are not licensed to sell, also relative to authorizing towns to offer rewards to persons furnishing evidence of illegal sales ; .

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

In addition to " An Act concerning beaches in the town of Swampscott " ; and

To encourage forestry ;
 Were severally considered and were ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Relating to the credibility of witnesses ;
 In relation to the exemption from taxation of plantations of timber trees ;

Relating to harbors and harbor masters ;
 Concerning Alewife Brook and certain sewers in Cambridge and Somerville ;

To prevent bathing in public ponds ;
 In relation to fire and marine insurance companies ;

To supply the town of Abington with water ; and
 Concerning the assessment and collection of taxes for fire district purposes ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

Authorizing the formation of corporations to examine and guarantee titles to real estate ;

To exempt certain property of horticultural societies from taxation ;

Requiring dog licenses to be recorded in the city or town where the licensed dogs are kept (amended on motion of Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, and its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ; and

To establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Chelsea ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to the printing and distribution of the laws and public documents ;

To provide for taking the decennial census and the industrial statistics of the Commonwealth ;

To authorize the town of Waltham to issue additional water bonds ;

Authorizing the town of Essex to aid the Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road in said town ; and

To incorporate the Orange Water Works (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

Were severally read a third time, and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the two bills last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to amend chapter 263 of the Acts of the year 1882, relating to the adulteration of food and drugs, was read a second time and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Harvey of Westborough, postponed for further consideration until Wednesday next, to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

The Bill to incorporate the Boston Special Capital Company was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring manufacturing corporations to pay their employees fortnightly, was, on motion of Mr. Stratton of Milford, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. H. Adams and others for a law to protect the fisheries in the waters around Nantucket and certain other islands, was, on motion of Mr. Gifford of Falmouth, postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday.

The Bill to establish the salaries of the judge and the register of the probate court for the county of Berkshire was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday.

The Bill to incorporate the Woburn Public Library was read a second time and considered. Mr. Paton of Danvers moved to amend by substituting therefor a "Bill providing for trustees of the Woburn Public Library." The amendment was adopted and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve to reimburse the Hillside Agricultural Society for certain bounties paid by it was, on motion of Mr.

Frisbee of North Andover, postponed until next Tuesday, pending the question on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Finance.

At twenty minutes before five o'clock adjourned until Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M.

TUESDAY, April 8, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition Presented.

Palmer's Cove. By Mr. Collins of Salem, remonstrance of E. A. Emerton and 188 others, against the filling up of Palmer's Cove, in South Salem Harbor. Referred to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, and sent up for concurrence.

Order.

Fisheries. The order, laid over from Friday, relative to the committee on the Fisheries considering the expediency of having a committee of the Legislature sit during the recess, for the purpose of considering all of the fishery laws of the State, and reporting to the next General Court such repeal and amendment of the said laws as they may deem to be expedient, was, on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, laid on the table, pending the question on suspending the 12th Joint Rule.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Foreign life insurance companies, — non-forfeitable policies.

Of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring foreign life insurance companies to issue a non-forfeitable policy, such as is required of home companies ; and

Liquor licenses.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the fees to be paid for liquor licenses ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

- Concerning sales of land by cities and towns for taxes ; Tax sales. District and police courts.
- To authorize sheriffs and their deputies to adjourn sessions of district and police courts ;
- To authorize the county commissioners of Essex County to provide a new jail at Salem ; Essex County jail.
- Relating to warrants in criminal cases ; and Warrants in criminal cases.
- To establish the salary of the justice of the police court of Brookline ; Salary of Justice of Brookline police court.
- (Severally reported on orders ;) and
- To confirm the proceedings of the Free Evangelical Society of Attleborough (reported on a petition) ; and Free Evangelical Society of Attleborough.
- To enable the Athol Water Company to improve and increase its water supply (being a new draft of a House bill with the same title) ; Athol Water Company.
- Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A Bill to establish and incorporate the Masonic Education and Charity Trust, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Masonic Education and Charity Trust.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the

Bill to amend section 54 of chapter 35 of the Public Statutes, relative to assessment of taxes in fire districts ; and the Assessment of taxes for fire district purposes.

Bill concerning the taxation of personal property held in trust out of the Commonwealth, being a new draft of the House Bill of the same title. Taxation of personal property.

Report of Committee.

By Mr. Shaw of Chelmsford, from the committee on Insurance, on an order, a Bill relating to life and casualty insurance upon the co-operative or assessment plan. [Messrs. Parker and Washburn of the Senate, and Messrs. Williams of Foxborough, Nash of Abington, and Bucklin of Cheshire dissenting and recommending a substitute bill.] Read and ordered to a second reading. Life and casualty insurance.

Orders of the Day.

Bills :

Relating to divorce in cases of long and unexplained absence of the libellee ; Orders of the day.

Relating to the annual report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth; and

To provide for the public safety in the use of steam-engines and steam-boilers;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to prevent the pollution of sources of water supply, was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring savings banks to make annual returns to the commissioners in detail of all deposits on which no dividends have been claimed within ten years prior to such returns, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill concerning the election of aldermen in the city of Boston, was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Bowker of Boston, to substitute a bill with the same title, was adopted by a vote of 123 to 43. On the main question of ordering the bill as amended to a third reading, the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Dwyer of Boston, and the roll being called the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 116 yeas to 74 nays, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Briggs, Fordyce W.
Adams, John S.	Brown, Charles E.
Almy, Edward C.	Burdett, Joseph O.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Burditt, Alfred A.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Burnham, Albert S.
Baker, Henry A.	Burnham, Edwin L.
Baker, John I.	Burr, Charles C.
Barker, Forrest E.	Burr, Nathaniel M.
Barstow, Henry	Butterfield, Simeon
Batcheller, Aldin	Carleton, O. Loring
Beard, Alanson W.	Chamberlain, Geo. D.
Bent, George C.	Chapin, Francis L.
Bent, Roderic L.	Chappelle, Julius C.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Clark, Charles N.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Clark, Elijah C.
Bowker, Horace L.	Clark, John
Brackett, John Q. A.	Clark, Sewall J.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Coffin, Charles C.

Messrs. Collins, Edward
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Cowdrey, George
 Crowell, Zenas E.
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Cushing, George A.
 Cutler, Lucius A.
 Daggett, Handel N.
 Damon, Calvin
 Danforth, Henry P.
 Darling, Moses B.
 Davenport, James F.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dodge, Joseph A.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Fassett, Alfred S.
 Flagg, Levi L.
 Foster, Joshua T.
 Freeman, Clarendon A.
 Frisbee, Frank W.
 Gilbert, Edwin
 Gordon, William, Jr.
 Gove, Jesse M.
 Gray, Chester H.
 Hallett, John W.
 Harrub, Fred M.
 Hastings, Joseph W.
 Hazelton, Charles W.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hosley, Henry E.
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howard, Nathaniel
 Howes, Lewis W.
 Huntoon, George L.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Johnson, Thomas B.
 Judkins, John B.
 Kendrick, Edmund P.
 Kingsbury, Willis A.
 McFarland, Cromwell

Messrs. Milne, John C.
 Morrison, Peter
 Morse, George P.
 Murdock, John N.
 Osborne, William H.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Pierce, John
 Potter, Burton W.
 Prime, Oliver
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Reed, Daniel
 Rice, Augustus
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richardson, C. Frederic
 Savery, Albert T.
 Searell, William A.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Small, Edward E.
 Smith, Frederick H.
 Smith, George E.
 Smith, Oren B.
 Snow, Edmund F.
 Spooner, William H.
 Stafford, John H.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Stone, Stillman
 Temple, Joseph W.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Wentworth, Alonzo B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Whitcomb, Charles B.
 White, Lloyd E.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Willson, Edmund B.
 Winslow, James A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.
 Bancroft, William A.
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Blaney, Alexander
 Blyth, Robert
 Bryant, Timothy
 Buckley, Michael J.

Messrs. Butler, Richard T.
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Clark, George L.
 Connor, James
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Creed, Michael J.
 Cross, Henry M.

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Messrs. Crowell, Joshua
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Daly, William, Jr.
 Dean, Wilbert T.
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Donovan, James
 Dunham, Henry J.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Eaton, William N.
 Elwell, George
 Ernst, George A. O.
 Farrell, John R.
 Flint, Charles H.
 Forbes, William A.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Francis, Henry H.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gimlich, Jacob
 Gleason, George A.
 Gross, William H.
 Harkins, Dominick J.
 Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
 Hoynes, Edward F.
 Jones, Frank W.
 Killion, Michael J.
 Littlefield, George W.
 Madden, John J.

Messrs. Maguire, John J.
 McLaughlin, John A.
 Mead, John J.
 Melden, William R.
 Murphy, John R.
 Nash, George M.
 Oakes, Charles N.
 O'Brien, Francis
 Oman, Thomas A.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Paton, Andrew H.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Peakes, Simeon T.
 Randall, Charles L.
 Reilly, Michael, 2d
 Reynolds, Enos H.
 Roads, Samuel, Jr.
 Salmon, Thomas
 Sanderson, George A.
 Saunders, Franklin
 Stark, Henry C.
 Stebbins, Erastus
 Stratton, James F.
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Ward, John E.
 Wells, Daniel W.
 Wheeler, Orswell A.
 Whitcomb, Francis E.
 Wolcott, Roger
 Woods, John M.

Yeas, 116; nays, 74.

On this question Messrs. Williams of Foxborough, Millett of Malden, Harvey of Westborough, Clark of Peabody, and Warner of Worcester, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Peck of Taunton, Atkins of Marblehead, O'Neil of Boston, Douglas of Brockton, and Kelly of Boston.

The report of the committee on the Fisheries, leave to withdraw, on the petition of A. H. Adams and others for a law to protect the fisheries in the waters around Nantucket and certain other islands, was further considered. Mr. Hallett of Nantucket, moved to substitute a "Bill to amend an act for the protection of the fisheries in the vicinity of Nantucket." The amendment was adopted,

and the bill having been read once was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

The Bill to establish the salaries of the judge and the register of the probate court for the county of Berkshire, was further considered, and, after debate, was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 95 to 15.

The Resolve to reimburse the Hillside Agricultural Society for certain bounties paid by it, was considered, the question being on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Finance. After debate, its rejection was negatived, and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

The Bill relating to the employment of minors was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Willson of Salem.

Bills:

Concerning the penalty for fraudulently obtaining entertainment at an inn; and

In relation to attorneys-at-law (its title having been amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, so as to read "Bill to prevent attorneys at law from appearing as counsel in certain cases");

Were severally read a third time, and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the bill last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Cobb of Billerica, petition of W. G. Webber and others of Bedford for legislation authorizing said town to contribute money towards the construction of a branch road of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation through said town.

Boston and
Lowell R. R., -
Bedford.

Billerica.

By the same gentleman, petition of Paul Hill and others of Billerica for legislation authorizing said town to contribute towards the construction of a branch road of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation through said town.

Severally referred to the committee on Railroads, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Liquor licenses.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to reducing the fees paid for liquor licenses ; and

Brockton,
Bridgewater,
Plymouth
County.

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of C. W. Sumner and others, that the city of Brockton may be established as a shire town ; and of Joshua E. Crane and others, that a permanent term of the Superior Court be established at Bridgewater, and that said town be made a half-shire, if any such is to be established ; and of Charles D. Nash and others for a committee to locate a new county seat in Plymouth County ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :

North River, —
Salem.

To authorize the city of Salem to take, dredge and fill certain lands or flats in the North River in said city (reported on a petition) ;

Annual state-
ments of insur-
ance companies.

To fix the time of filing the annual statements of insurance companies (reported, in part, on the report of the insurance commissioner) ; and a

Biennial elec-
tions.

Resolve providing for biennial elections (reported on order) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Safety
appliances in
hotels and
public build-
ings.

The House Bill relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

The House Bill to amend chapter 17 of the Public Statutes in relation to the duties of the Attorney-General came down from the Senate, with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the substitution of this bill by the House for the bill in relation to the same subject passed by the Senate, Messrs. Pillsbury, Andrew and Mason being appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing vote of the two houses. The House concurred in the appointment of a committee.

Attorney-General.

The House Bill confirming certain acts of the town of Woburn in relation to its water supply and authorizing an increase of its water debt came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, which was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Woburn.

A Bill to authorize the formation of land companies (reported on the petitions of Ira Copeland and others, for an act of incorporation as the Brockton Real Estate and Improvement Company; of Edwin W. Gay and others for an act of incorporation as the Newton Associates; and of Horatio G. Parker, Jr., and others for incorporation of the Somerville Wharf and Improvement Company) was laid on the table, pending the question on concurring with the Senate in its recommittal to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, with instructions to report upon the subject matter of each petition separately.

Land companies.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Linnell of Orleans, from the committee on the Fisheries, that the Bill (recommitted), in addition to "An Act to regulate the taking of fish in North River in the county of Plymouth," ought to pass with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the engrossment of the bill.

Fishing in North River.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation to unite and consolidate with certain railroads now leased or operated by it, and to purchase the property, rights and franchises of said railroads and increase its capital stock therefor;

Bills enacted, Resolves passed.

Concerning meetings of savings banks and institutions for savings;

Providing for the removal of the remains of the dead from the Adams Street Cemetery in Abington;

To increase the number of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospitals;

Relating to the Episcopal parish in Marblehead;

To supply the town of Watertown with water; and

Making appropriations for expenses authorized the present year;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To incorporate the Greenfield Rural Club; and

To authorize the Wellesley College to hold additional real and personal estate;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In favor of the State Normal School at Framingham; and

Providing for the payment of the expense attending the establishment of a portion of the boundary line between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Rhode Island;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Bills:

To authorize sheriffs and their deputies to adjourn sessions of district and police courts;

To confirm the proceedings of the Free Evangelical Society of Attleborough;

To enable the Athol Water Company to improve and increase its water supply;

To amend "An Act for the protection of the fisheries in the vicinity of Nantucket"; and the

Resolve to reimburse the Hillside Agricultural Society for certain bounties paid it;

Were severally read a second time and were ordered to a third reading.

Reports:

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John H. Lee and another for an increase of salary for the constables of the municipal court of the Brighton district of the city of Boston; and

Orders of the Day.

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the fees to be paid for liquor licenses ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Providing for the publication of a list of persons whose names have been changed in this Commonwealth ;

Relating to the Ocean Terminal Railroad Company, the Ocean Terminal Railroad, Dock and Elevator Company, and the Mystic River Corporation ; and

Resolves :

Providing for the printing of additional copies of the report of the trustees of the Agricultural College ; and

Providing for printing the report of the Board of Control of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experimental Station at Amherst ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Conferring certain powers upon the city council of the city of Malden ;

Relating to harbors and harbor masters ;

To prevent bathing in public ponds ; and

In relation to fire and marine insurance companies ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 263 of the acts of the year 1882 relating to the adulteration of food and drugs was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Mr. Hastings of Warren moved to amend by substituting a " Bill to amend an act relating to the adulteration of food and drugs." Pending this amendment, and pending an amendment moved to the proposed substitute bill by Mr. Cummings of Boston, the House

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 10, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Petitions Presented.*Hampden
County jail and
house of cor-
rection.

By Mr. Gilbert of Southwick, remonstrance of the selectmen of Southwick; and by Mr. Cutler of Brimfield, remonstrance of the selectmen of Wales,—severally, against any legislation compelling the county commissioners of Hampden County to erect a new jail and house of correction in said county.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Adulterations.

By Mr. Hurlbut of Sudbury, remonstrance of William H. Fairbanks and others against the passage of the Bill to amend chapter 263 of the acts of the year 1882 relating to the adulteration of food and drugs. Placed on file.

*Resolution Presented.*Peaked Hill Bar
Life Saving
Station, Prov-
incetown.

By Mr. Small of Provincetown, a Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to keeper Isaac G. Fisher and crew of the Peaked Hill Bar Life Saving Station, Provincetown. Read, and, on motion of Mr. Small, the 12th Joint Rule was suspended, and the resolution was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

*Papers from the Senate.*Inspectors of
plumbing in
Boston.

A report of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that inspectors of plumbing in the city of Boston may be placed under the control of the board of health of said city, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills :Birds and
animals.

For the protection and preservation of certain birds and animals (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate, on an order, relative to ruffed grouse, and on two petitions of the State Board of Agriculture relative to the amendment of section 99 of chapter 203 and the repeal of the last clause of section 6, chapter 92 of the Public Statutes);

Concerning the sale of dressed poultry (reported on petitions); and Dressed poultry.

To prevent the use of nets in ponds (reported on an order); and a Nets in ponds.

Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College (reported in part on the twenty-first annual report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College and the petition of the Board of Control of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station); Massachusetts Agricultural College.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The House Bill amending chapter 14 of the Public Statutes relating to the volunteer militia came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment to the title, in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly. Militia.

A Bill to amend "An Act relating to supplying the city of Worcester with pure water," came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed by that branch. On motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester, the rules were suspended, and the bill took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and was sent at once to the Senate, Rule 15 having been suspended on further motion of the same gentleman. Worcester water supply.

The House Resolve relative to the gradual abolition of grade crossings in cities and the populous parts of towns came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments, in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule. Grade crossings.

The petition of the county commissioners and others, of Franklin County, for the appointment of an additional medical examiner for said county, came down from the Senate for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The House concurred, and the petition was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly. Medical examiner for Franklin County.

A Bill to confirm the proceedings of the last annual town meeting of the town of Otis (introduced on leave in the Senate), came down for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The House concurred, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly. Otis.

Sigma Phi
Society of
Williams Col-
lege.

The petition of Parker C. Chandler and another for an act to amend chapter 135 of the Acts of 1873, so that the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College may be authorized to hold real and personal estate, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Education, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

Springfield
charter.

The House Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendment.

Housatonic
Water Com-
pany.

The Senate Bill to incorporate the Housatonic Water Company came down from the Senate, with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the House amendment. On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, the bill was laid on the table.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Relating to the establishment of union county truant schools ;

To discontinue a part of the location of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad in the city of Worcester ;

To authorize the city of Taunton to increase its water loan ;

To establish a standard measure for cranberries ; and

Relative to the disposition of residues from sales of real estate for unpaid taxes ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

In relation to the sale of intoxicating liquors ;

Authorizing the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to issue mortgage bonds ;

To authorize towns or cities to compensate inspectors of vinegar ;

To dissolve the Farm Pond Fishing Company in Edgartown ;

To confirm the organization of the South Pocasset Cemetery Association, and to enable said corporation to hold certain real estate ; and

To amend an act to supply the city of Worcester with pure water ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Private ways. Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the discontinuance of private ways.

By Mr. Richardson of Athol, from the committee on Jonathan Sparrow et als. Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Jonathan Sparrow and others for legislation relative to compensation for the taking of certain property for the building of forts during the late war.

By Mr. Coffey of Boston, from the committee on the Intoxicating liquors. Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending or changing the statute laws of the Commonwealth in reference to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, Ibid. leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Daniel Dorchester and others that the question of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be submitted to the people. [Mr. Root of the Senate, and Messrs. Toulmin of Leominster, Stone of Lunenburg and Rice of Stow, of the House, dissenting and submitting their views and recommending the passage of a resolve as a substitute for the report.] [See House No. 313.]

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on Highland Congregational Church in Lowell. Parishes and Religious Societies, on a petition (recommitted), a Bill to incorporate the Highland Congregational Church in Lowell.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Married women. Probate and Chancery, on an order, a Bill relating to the powers of married women in the disposal of their separate estate by will.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the com- Travelling on the Lord's Da mittee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to repeal section 3 of chapter 98 of the Public Statutes concerning travelling on the Lord's Day ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the committee on Fi- Bridgewater workhouse. nance, that the Resolve providing for the construction of additional buildings for the State Workhouse at Bridgewater ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Proof of
equitable liabil-
ties against in-
solvent estates.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill relative to the proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Assaults upon
officers.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston the Bill to provide for the punishment of violent assaults upon officers was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time and, pending the question on its engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommitted to the joint committee on the Judiciary.

Guardians.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington, the Bill in relation to the appointment of guardians of minors in certain cases was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Bills :

Concerning the order of trials in criminal cases ;
In relation to the better protection of children ;
Relating to warrants in criminal cases ;
To fix the time of filing the annual statements of insurance companies ; and
To authorize the city of Salem to take, dredge and fill certain lands or flats in the North River in said city ;
Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing a remedy for the enforcement of claims that do not become due until after two years from the granting of letters of administration against heirs, devisees or legatees of the debtor was, on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, laid on the table.

Bills :

Relative to the appointment of receivers of corporations ;

Relating to divorce in cases of long and unexplained absence of the libellee; and

Relating to the annual report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth; and the

Resolve in relating to public records (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so as to read "Resolve in relation to public records of parishes, towns and counties");

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To provide for the punishment of embezzlement by officers and servants of voluntary associations; and

Concerning the assessment and collection of taxes for fire district purposes;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Reports:

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to reducing the fees paid for liquor licenses; and

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of C. W. Sumner and others, that the city of Brockton may be established as a shire town; and of Joshua E. Crane and others, that a permanent term of the superior court be established at Bridgewater, and that said town be made a half-shire, if any such is to be established; and of Charles D. Nash and others for a commission to locate a new county seat in Plymouth County;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The House concurred with the Senate in its amendments to the House Bill relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

The Bill in addition to "An Act to regulate the taking of fish in North River in the County of Plymouth," was further considered, and was amended as recommended by the committee on the Fisheries and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve to reimburse the Hillside Agricultural Society for certain bounties paid by it was read a third

time. The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported recommending as a substitute therefor a "Resolve in favor of the Hillside Agricultural Society." The resolve was substituted and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend chapter 263 of the Acts of the year 1882 relating to the adulteration of food and drugs was further considered the main question being on ordering to a third reading. On motion of Mr Willson of Salem the House voted that debate on the main question be closed at three o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached. On motion of Mr. Hosley of Boston it was voted that speeches be limited to ten minutes each.

Mr. Cummings of Boston moved to amend the bill moved as a substitute by Mr. Hastings of Warren by inserting a new section to be numbered section 6. The amendment was adopted. An amendment moved by Mr. Randall of Boston to the substitute bill was also adopted. The substitute bill as amended was then substituted for the original bill and was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, under Rule 61, the question being on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. On motion of Mr. Wadlin of Reading it was voted that debate be closed at half-past four o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached, and on motion of Mr. Starbird of Lowell, it was voted that the speeches be limited to ten minutes each. An amendment moved by Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge was adopted. Mr. Coffin of Boston moved to amend by inserting two new sections. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 53 to 86. After debate the bill was passed to be engrossed, as amended, and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to preventing the monopolization of land and to provide for the taking up and just distribution of large estates at the death of the owners thereof was considered. Pending an amendment moved by Mr. Stow of Fall River who moved to substitute a "Bill to check and further prevent the monopolization of land, or the natural water-courses in the Commonwealth," the House,

At ten minutes past five o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 11, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Hardy of Arlington, was laid over until Monday at the request of Mr. Williams of Foxborough:—

Ordered, That in debate of all matters coming before the House, speeches be limited to ten minutes each. This rule shall not be suspended except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. If this rule is suspended it shall entitle the member speaking to ten minutes additional, and no more, without the consent of four-fifths of the members present. Limit of debate.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Kendrick of Springfield moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Bill concerning the assessment and collection of taxes for fire district purposes. The motion prevailed, and the question recurring on the engrossment of the bill, it was rejected, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate. Assessment of taxes for fire district purposes.

Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday concurred with the Senate in certain amendments to the House Bill relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings. On further motion of the same gentleman the motion to reconsider was laid on the table. Safety appliances in hotels and public buildings.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to additional legislation to secure the exemption from taxation of the personal property of literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions incorporated within the Commonwealth, when said personal property is invested in the stock of corporations chartered, organized, or doing business in the Commonwealth and subject to taxation laws, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Taxation of personal property of literary and other institutions.

Lobsters.

A Bill for the better protection of lobsters (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Needham Cemetery Association.

The House Bill to incorporate the Needham Cemetery Association came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule.

Intoxicating liquors.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch, of the Bill relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, introduced on leave in that branch.

*Reports of Committees.***Drunkenness.**

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending sections 25, 26, 27 and 28 of chapter 207 of the Public Statutes relating to drunkenness. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Salary of register of probate and insolvency for Hampden County.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill to establish the salary of the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden, ought to pass. [Messrs. Davenport of Fall River, Douglas of Brockton, Clark of Peabody, and Saunders of Methuen, dissenting.] Placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Double tracking of the Troy & Greenfield R. R.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the last named committee, that the Bill making appropriations for the completion of the double tracking of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

*Bill Enacted.***Bill enacted.**

An engrossed Bill to prevent the pollution of sources of water supply (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

*Taken from the Table.***Plymouth County jail and house of correction.**

On motion of Mr. Howland of Plymouth, the order relative to authorizing or requiring the county commissioners of Plymouth County to rebuild the jail and house

of correction at Plymouth, or to construct a new jail and house of correction in said town, was taken from the table, and was adopted, in concurrence.

On motions of Mr. Hardy of Arlington, the Bill relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal business, was taken from the table, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until Monday. Savings banks.

On motions of the same gentleman the Bill to incorporate the Boston Special Capital Company, was taken from the table, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until Monday. Boston Special Capital Company.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to preventing the monopolization of land and to provide for the taking up and just distribution of large estates at the death of the owners thereof, was further considered. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Stow of Fall River, to substitute a bill, was rejected, and the report was accepted. Orders of the day.

The Bill to amend, "An Act relating to the adulteration of food and drugs," was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the distribution of the personal estate of a husband dying intestate and without kindred, was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery, on motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham.

The Bill to establish the salary of the treasurer of the county of Worcester, was read a second time, and was postponed for further consideration until Monday, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

The Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the district court of southern Berkshire, was read a second time and considered. Mr. Ernst of Boston raised the point of order that the bill was not properly before the House, for the reason that a portion of the bill related to a subject entirely different from the bill referred to the com- Point of order.

mittee. The Chair stated that it was not the practice of the House to consider a point of order on a bill which had been passed to be engrossed by the Senate, and therefore ruled that the point was not well taken. After debate the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the discontinuance of private ways, was accepted.

Reports :

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Jonathan Sparrow and others for legislation relative to compensation for the taking of certain property for the building of forts during the late war; and

Of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending or changing the statute laws of the Commonwealth in reference to the sale of intoxicating liquors;

Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to providing that inspectors of plumbing in the city of Boston may be placed under the control of the board of health of said city, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

To prevent discrimination by life insurance companies against persons of color (amended on motion of Mr. Chappelle of Boston);

To establish the first district court of Northern Worcester;

To establish the salary of the justice of the first district court of Eastern Worcester;

To incorporate the Highland Congregational Church in Lowell; and

To prevent the use of nets in ponds;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates was further considered and was ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To amend " An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to construct a way through land held by the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital " ;

To provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham (amended on motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham) ;

Concerning cash fares upon street railways in the city of Boston (amended on motion of Mr. Dresser of Boston) ; and

To protect the fisheries of the town of Mashpee (amended on motion of Mr. Crowell of Barnstable) ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To exempt the Lynn Workingmen's Aid Association from taxation ;

Concerning public and private burial places and lots therein ;

To supply the town of Abington with water ;

To authorize sheriffs and their deputies to adjourn sessions of district and police courts ;

To confirm the proceedings of the Free Evangelical Society of Attleborough ;

To enable the Athol Water Company to improve and increase its water supply ;

Concerning the order of trials in criminal cases ;

To fix the time of filing the annual statements of insurance companies ;

To authorize the city of Salem to take, dredge and fill certain lands or flats in the North River in said city ;

Relating to the district police (amended in the title as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so as to read " Bill relating to examinations of candidates for the district police ") ; and

Concerning Alewife Brook and certain sewers in Cambridge and Somerville (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the last two bills named being sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The Bill to establish the salary of the secretary of the Board of Education was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected by a vote of 36 to 48.

At twenty minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, April 14, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Bolton of Boston.

Motion to Reconsider.

Salary of secretary of the Board of Education.

Mr. Willson of Salem moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Friday, April 11, rejected the Bill to establish the salary of the secretary of the Board of Education, and moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Both motions were rejected. Notice of the rejection of the bill was sent to the Senate.

Petitions Presented.

Lamson Cash Railway Company.

By Mr. Starbird of Lowell, petition of the Lamson Cash Railway Company for authority to increase its capital stock.

Washburn Iron Company.

By Mr. Ball of Worcester, petition of the Washburn Iron Company for a change of its corporate name.

Severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

South Church in Dedham, — First Congregational Church in Norwood.

By Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, petition of Rev. Ellis Wendell and others that the religious society known as the South Church in Dedham may be authorized to take the name of the First Congregational Church in Norwood, with power to hold real and personal estate. Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Committee of Conference.

Attorney-General.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Wentworth of Dedham, Williams of Foxborough, and Pattee of Quincy, the committee of conference on the part of the House on the matters of difference between the two branches on the Bill to define the duties of the Attorney-General.

Order.

Limit of debate.

The order relative to limit of debate, laid over from Friday, was rejected by a vote of 54 to 89.

Papers from the Senate.

Intoxicating liquors, — Tenement houses.

A report of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor in buildings used for tene-

ment houses, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring persons licensed to keep posted in their places of business printed lists of persons to whom they are not licensed to sell, also so as to authorize towns to offer rewards to persons furnishing evidence of illegal sales, etc., came down from the Senate with the endorsement, recommitted to the committee on the Liquor Law. On motion of Mr. Roads of Marblehead, the House non-concurred, and the report was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Intoxicating liquors.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the Bill (introduced on leave), extending the right of litigants to bring or defend suits in courts of equity.

Equity.

A Resolve in relation to the indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, and the mortgage of said corporation to the Commonwealth, reported on a petition and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Melden of Lynn, from the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of David Pulsifer for compensation for services in preparing for the press the Colonial records of the General Court and the New Plymouth Colony records.

David Pulsifer.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the claim of David Pulsifer against the Commonwealth.

Ibid.

By Mr. Whiting of Boston, from the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the employment of matrons in police stations.

Matrons in police stations.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills:

To limit the time within which trout, land-locked salmon, and lake trout may be taken;

Bills enacted. Resolves passed.

To authorize marine insurance companies with the requisite capital to insure against loss or damage by fire and lightning; and

In relation to investments on personal securities by savings banks and institutions for savings;

(Which severally originated in the House);

In relation to attorneys-at-law;

Relating to the printing and distribution of the laws and public documents;

Concerning the penalty for fraudulently obtaining entertainment at an inn;

To authorize the town of Waltham to issue additional water bonds;

To prevent bathing in public ponds;

To incorporate the Orange Water Works;

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road in the town of Essex; and

To provide for taking the decennial census and the industrial statistics of the Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

Relative to the gradual abolition of grade crossings in cities and the populous parts of towns;

In relation to the care, keeping and reformation of persons arrested for or convicted of drunkenness; and

In favor of certain inhabitants of the town of Gay Head and Chilmark;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Leasing of rail
roads.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on orders relative to repealing the law allowing one railroad corporation to lease and operate the railroad of another corporation, and allowing the consolidation of railroads, was taken from the table and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

*Orders of the Day.**

The Bill to establish the salary of the treasurer of the county of Worcester was further considered, and, after debate, was refused a third reading by a vote of 44 to 67, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate. Orders of the day.

The Bill relating to warrants in criminal cases was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Highland Congregational Church in Lowell was read a third time, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

For the better protection of lobsters ; and

Making appropriations for the completion of the double tracking of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad (amended as recommended by the committee on Finance) ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending sections 25, 26, 27 and 28 of chapter 207 of the Public Statutes relating to drunkenness, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to additional legislation to secure the exemption from taxation of the personal property of literary, benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions incorporated within the Commonwealth, when said personal property is invested in the stock of corporations chartered, organized, or doing business in the Commonwealth and subject to taxation laws, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill concerning contagious diseases among cattle was read a second time and considered. Pending the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, the orders of the day were laid on the table.

Message from the Governor.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor announcing the death of Hon. Charles R. McLean, a member of the Executive Council from the Third Councillor District. It was read and sent to the Senate. Death of Councillor Charles R. McLean.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order came down from the Senate:—

Whereas, The Commonwealth has sustained a serious loss in the death of the Hon. Charles R. McLean, a member of the Executive Council and a former member of each branch of the legislature, it is

Ordered, That a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to represent the Legislature at the funeral services.

Messrs. Pillsbury, Campbell, and H. H. Gilmore being appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

After remarks by Messrs. Bowker of Boston, Baker of Beverly, and Gove of Boston, the order was adopted, in concurrence, and on motion of Mr. Bowker, the House

At a quarter before four o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 15, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Strong of Boston.

Petitions Presented.

Care of trees in Boston.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petition of James L. Little and others that the care of the trees in the public squares and streets of Boston be transferred to the Park Commissioners. Referred to the committee on Cities.

Hampden County jail and house of correction.

By Mr. Oakes of Westfield, remonstrances of the selectmen of Granville and of the selectmen of Westfield,— severally, against the passage of any act compelling the county commissioners of the county of Hampden to erect a new jail and house of correction for said county. Referred to the committee on Prisons.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Adulterations.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, remonstrances of A. Hosmer and others and of David M. Cheever and others,— severally, against any change in the present laws relating to the adulteration of food and drugs.

By Mr. Richardson of Athol, petitions of S. C. Goddard and others and of George W. Whitney and others, — severally, against the establishment of a district court in the northern part of Worcester County.

District court
for Northern
Worcester.

Severally placed on file.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Bowker of Boston, was laid over at the request of Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich: —

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms make suitable arrangements for a visit of the Legislature to the Hoosac Tunnel on Friday, April 25, 1884.

Visit of the
Legislature to
the Hoosac
Tunnel.

Veto Message.

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor: —

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, April 15, 1884.

To the House of Representatives:

Upon revision of the bill to supply the town of Watertown with water, I deem it my duty to withhold my approval thereof, and therefore I return it, with a statement of my objections, to your honorable body, in which it originated.

Veto message.

The bill authorizes the town by a majority vote to accept the act, and also to incur an indebtedness of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, payable within thirty years.

The legislature of 1875 expressed in a statute the general judgment of the people in favor of regulating and limiting municipal indebtedness, and the subsequent enactment of the Public Statutes preserved the restrictions in the provisions of section 7, chapter 29, requiring a two-thirds vote for the incurrence of any debt except for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes of the year in which the debt is incurred and of the year next ensuing. By section 18 of said chapter 29, originally enacted in 1876, a city which at a meeting of its voters has accepted by a vote of two-thirds any act to supply said city with water may, by a majority vote of each branch of the city council, contract debts and issue bonds for the purposes and to the extent authorized by such act.

This is the only amendment affecting the portion now in point made to the original statute; and but two other propositions for a change have been brought to the consideration of the Legislature since 1875, and these were rejected without a count. The policy of the Commonwealth is indeed well settled.

I believe that the tax-payers in the towns and cities rely with great confidence on the maintenance of these safeguards against unnecessary and extravagant expenditures, and that if they be ignored or destroyed a most dangerous precedent will be established and serious consequences become probable.

Referring to House Document No. 175 of the current session, I find that the committee on the Judiciary, having the bill in question under consideration by special reference, advised the House that the general laws, hereinbefore cited, apply to any indebtedness authorized by a special act unless there be express provision to the contrary; and they further informed the House that since the passage of the act of 1875 no exemption from the operation of this general law has been granted to any town.

It is evident that in the opinion of said committee, a town's power to contract permanent debts for water supply purposes depends, not upon the acceptance of the special act in accordance with its terms, whether by a two-thirds vote or by a majority vote, but upon the authority of the general laws applicable thereto, unless otherwise specifically declared in the special act. This view of the law shows clearly that the special acts for Taunton, Hingham and Middleborough, giving original rights to take water, passed in 1875, 1876 and 1879, respectively, are not in point to prove that the legislature has set aside the general rule. It will be found further, upon examination, that the Hingham Water Company was created in 1879, and given the right to take the same sources that were granted to the town in 1876, and under the later act a two-thirds vote is requisite to enable the town to purchase the company's franchise. A similar course has been taken with the town of Middleborough, as will appear by the terms of chapter 59 of the acts of the present legislature.

My own careful investigation confirms the report made by the committee. More than one hundred special water acts have been passed since 1875, a full proportion of

which have become laws during the present session. The statutes conferring upon fire districts, water supply districts and other closely populated communities within towns the power to furnish water, are not affected by the general laws in force and for obvious reasons; but nevertheless, in nearly all these the two thirds vote is required. So remarkable concurrence of judgment and so repeated affirmations demonstrate that a departure from the approved course is justifiable only upon the clearest proofs of necessity.

I am unable to discover that the circumstances or needs of Watertown are exceptional to that degree that a plain distinction can be made between it and the other towns that have supplied themselves with water in conformity with the existing provisions of law. The committee on the Judiciary, to whose report I have called attention, state that from evidence introduced at the hearing the inhabitants of Watertown "are practically unanimous in desiring a water supply, but that they are so divided as to the proper source of such supply that the act in question would probably prove nugatory unless the town be authorized to accept it by a majority vote."

The plain inference may reasonably be drawn that the plan proposed does not serve the interests of the town, and that within the principle of the act of 1875 indebtedness should not be incurred to carry any such plan into execution. Especially is this apparent when it is considered that under chapter 199 of the Acts of 1875, extended by chapter 239 of the Acts of 1879, the town of Watertown obtained the right to take water from the Charles River at any point within said town, the same source of supply that is set apart in the pending bill, but the required two-thirds vote was not secured in its favor. Besides, it is common knowledge that in many of the towns one scheme after another, requiring an increase of the permanent debt, has been suggested and pressed to the utmost, but failed to receive the necessary support, and subsequently its impracticability or extravagance has been generally admitted. If to avoid a temporary inconvenience in one instance the rule of safety is to be set aside this year, no one can predict how soon it may happen that every safeguard will be broken down and municipal burdens become intolerable.

But it is said that the town, by a vote in the ratio of seven to one, declared in favor of petitioning the legis-

lature to give the majority the power to decide the question, and that by such action the prevailing sentiment is shown. A two-thirds vote is just as naturally to be expected under such circumstances, and may therefore be properly insisted on.

The whole number of voters in Watertown is stated to be eleven hundred and forty-four. From a statement, apparently authentic, which has been laid before me, I discover that the decisions in the various town meetings upon the several test questions have been made by votes as follows:—

July 27, 1880,	. . . . .	129	affirmative.	70	negative.
Nov. 16, 1880,	. . . . .	248	"	242	"
Dec. 10, 1880,	. . . . .	195	"	65	"
April 1, 1881,	. . . . .	201	"	137	"
April 16, 1881,	. . . . .	252	"	278	"
July 20, 1881,	. . . . .	223	"	104	"
May 29, 1883,	. . . . .	387	"	291	"
Nov. 30, 1883,	. . . . .	140	"	22	"

Making due allowance for the ordinary indifference, it is apparent that a very large proportion of the voters are not convinced that any of the several measures proposed demand their support.

The town of Watertown is certainly not deprived of all relief if the pending bill shall fail to become a law. A water company may be chartered, as in many cases has been done, with your concurrence of action, and the town be granted the right to take the property and privileges of the company within a given time, when the feasibility of its plan and the sufficiency of its supply and works have been demonstrated by actual test to the satisfaction of the town, and such a result cannot be deemed remote, in view of the reported unanimity of desire on the part of the inhabitants for a supply of water, and their readiness to incur all proper indebtedness therefor. Other practicable measures will be suggested to meet any real exigency.

Upon examination of the papers transmitted to me with the bill, I fail to find in the report of the committee on Water Supply any statement of facts or reasons pertinent to a full understanding of the questions involved, and diligent investigation of all other sources of information fails to give me a satisfactory basis for agreement with the legislature in the abandonment of the salutary and conservative regulations heretofore so strictly maintained.

I am constrained, therefore, to lay the bill before the Legislature for reconsideration in the light of the objections stated.

GEO. D. ROBINSON,

Governor.

Read, and pending the question "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor?" the bill and message were laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge.

Committee Appointed.

The Speaker appointed the following named gentlemen the committee on the part of the House to attend the funeral of the Honorable Charles R. McLean, late a member of the Executive Council from the Third Councillor District: —

Death of Hon.
Charles R.
McLean.

Messrs. Gove of Boston, Baker of Beverly, Coveney of Cambridge, Kimball of Chelsea, Smith of Everett, Dolan of Boston, Bent of Cambridge and Wilbur of Boston.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

Concerning asylums for the chronic insane (reported on the petition of the mayor of Lowell relative to the care of persons adjudged insane by the police court of said city, and on so much of the report of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity as relates to local insane asylums); and

Chronic insane.

To incorporate the Boston Surety Company (reported on a petition);

Boston Surety
Company.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A Resolve concerning the printing of the provincial laws, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Printing, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

Provincial laws.

The Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to keeper Isaac G. Fisher and crew of the Peaked Hill Bar Life Saving Station, Provincetown, came down from the Senate, concurred in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. Referred to the committee on Federal Relations and sent up for concurrence.

Peaked Hill Bar
Life Saving
Station in Prov-
incetown.

*Reports of Committees.***Drunkards.**

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to imposing heavier penalties on habitual drunkards. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Appropriation bill.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in addition to "An Act making appropriations for expenses authorized the present year, and for other purposes."

Minors and women in mercantile establishments.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, from the committee on Labor, that the Bill (recommitted) relating to the employment of minors and women in mercantile establishments ought to pass in a new draft with the same title. [Messrs. Tarone of Boston, Stratton of Milford and O'Sullivan of Lawrence dissenting.]

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Creditors in insolvency.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Senate Bill to provide for composition with creditors in insolvency ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the engrossment of the bill.

Trustees of the Forbes Library, Northampton.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Forbes Library, Northampton, and recommending its recommittal to the committee on Claims. Read and accepted, and the resolve was recommitted as recommended by the committee.

*Taken from the Table.***Fortnightly payments.**

On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence the report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring manufacturing corporations to pay their employees fortnightly, was taken from the table, and was, on his further motion, postponed for further consideration until next Thursday, to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

Land companies.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Somerville, the Bill to authorize the formation of land companies was taken from the table. The House concurred with the Senate in its recommittal to the committee on Mercantile Affairs with

instructions, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motions of Mr. Clark of Boston the

Reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relating to the erection and use of wires used to convey electricity for light or power or otherwise ; and

Electricity.

On an order relative to the placing of telegraph, telephone and electric-light wires by individuals or corporations upon dwelling-houses and other private buildings without the consent of the owner ;

Telegraph, telephone, etc., wires.

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule in each case, and were severally laid on the table.

On motions of Mr. Williams of Foxborough the report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring foreign life insurance companies to issue a non-forfeitable policy, such as is required of home companies, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule, and was laid on the table.

Foreign life insurance companies. — Non-forfeitable policies.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Cambridge the Bill relating to the compensation of the clerk of the Fourth District Court of Plymouth was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time and was ordered to a third reading.

Salary of clerk of fourth district court of Plymouth.

On motion of Mr. Chappelle of Boston the Bill relating to the compensation of the special justices of the District Court of Hampshire was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time and was ordered to a third reading.

Salaries of special justices of Hampshire district court.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill concerning contagious diseases among cattle was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Mr. Potter of Worcester moved an amendment which provided for the appointment of a commission by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to investigate the subject of contagious dis-

Orders of the day.

Point of order.

eases among cattle. Mr. Beard of Boston raised the point of order that the amendment was beyond the scope of the petition on which the bill was reported. The Speaker stated that the petition referred to an investigation of the subject by the cattle commissioners, and so ruled that the point was well taken. After debate the bill was rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Dukes County, was read a second time, and was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning proceedings in cases in which husband and wife are interested adversely to each other, was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. Smith of Everett, by striking out the second section, and after debate, was rejected, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill relating to the planting and growing of oysters, was read a third time, and considered. The bill with the same title recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was amended on motion of Mr. Crowell of Barnstable, and, as amended, was substituted for the original bill and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to suppress and prevent the sale or exchange of property under the inducement that a gift or prize is to be part of the transaction, was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment, it was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester.

The Bill to establish the salary of the judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Dukes County, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Finance, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill empowering probate courts to authorize executors or administrators to purchase real estate at public auction, was read a second time, and after debate, was rejected.

The Bill relating to boards of health was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Harvey of Westborough.

The Bill to give the Superior Court original jurisdiction of causes of divorce and other proceedings kindred thereto, was read a third time, and, pending the main question on its engrossment, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, to substitute a "Bill to increase the number of associate justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, and provide for the conduct of the business of said court," it was postponed for further consideration until next Thursday, to be placed second in the orders of the day for that day.

The Bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the manufacture and sale of water gas for light and fuel, was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Blyth of Wakefield.

The Bill in relation to the exemption from taxation of plantations of timber trees, was read a third time, and, after debate, was rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to encourage forestry was read a third time, amended on motion of Mr. Potter of Worcester, by substituting therefor a "Resolve authorizing the appointment of Forestry Commissioners," and under Rule 61, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on its engrossment.

Reports :

Of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition of David Pulsifer for compensation for services in preparing for the press the Colonial records of the General Court and the New Plymouth Colony records ;

Of the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the claim of David Pulsifer against the Commonwealth ; and

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the employment of matrons in police stations ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor in buildings used for tenement houses, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Making the award of referees in disputes concerning losses by fire *prima facie* evidence in a suit at law ;

To prevent the building and maintaining of barbed-wire fences along or upon public streets and highways (amended on motion of Mr. Ball of Worcester) ;

In addition to " An Act concerning beaches in the town of Swampscott ; "

To prevent discrimination by life insurance companies against persons of color ; and the

Resolve in favor of Alice S. Holbrook ;

Were severally read a third time, and were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the credibility of witnesses was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment, the House,

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 16, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Dowse, Chaplain of the Senate.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petition of William E. Ford and others for the passage of an act providing that the lot owners of Mount Hope Cemetery may choose a portion of the trustees of said corporation. Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mount Hope
Cemetery in
Boston.

Order.

The order relative to the Sergeant-at-Arms making suitable arrangements for a visit of the Legislature to the Hoosac Tunnel on Friday, April 25, 1884, laid over from yesterday, was adopted and was sent up for concurrence.

Visit of the
Legislature to
the Hoosac
Tunnel.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to so amending the Con-

Quorum of
Senate and
House.

stitution that a majority of each branch of the Legislature shall be necessary for a quorum; and

Of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to prohibiting the employment of convict labor in any branch of mechanical industry except in the manufacture of text-books for the public schools;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to assist students at the Agricultural College in procuring uniforms (reported on so much of the twenty-first annual report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College as relates to military affairs) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee, to consist of three members of the Senate and such as the House may join, be appointed to devise some means to forward the work of the Legislature, that an adjournment may be reached at an early date.

Messrs. H. H. Gilmore, Loring and Burden being appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

The report of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring persons licensed to keep posted in their places of business printed lists of persons to whom they are not licensed to sell, also so as to authorize towns to offer rewards to persons furnishing evidence of illegal sales, etc., came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its recommittal to the committee on the Liquor Law. On motion of Mr. Roads of Marblehead, the House adhered to its action of non-concurrence and the report was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Notice was received from the Senate, that the House Order "that the committee on Insurance inquire into the expediency of restraining or forbidding life insurance companies from taking risks upon the lives of infants or children," had been referred to the next General Court, under the 12th Joint Rule, by that branch.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Mead of Lowell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the powers and duties of the pilot commissioners. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cambridge
Police Mutual
Association.

By Mr. Atkins of Marblehead, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Cambridge Police Mutual Aid Association. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Bills enacted,—
resolves passed.

Engrossed bills :

Authorizing advances to officers entrusted with the disbursement of public moneys ;

Authorizing the formation of corporations to examine and guarantee titles to real estate ; and

To exempt certain property of horticultural societies from taxation ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To provide for the punishment of embezzlement by officers and servants of voluntary associations ;

In relation to fire and marine insurance companies ;

Relating to harbors and harbor masters ;

Concerning the volunteer militia ;

To permit adjournment of sales on execution for more than seven days ; and

Conferring certain powers upon the city council of the city of Malden ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Providing for the completion of the list of Massachusetts officers, sailors and marines, who served in the navy in the late civil war ; and

In favor of Howard Holland ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reconsideration.

Cattle diseases.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Boston, the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill concerning contagious diseases among cattle was reconsidered. The recurring question of ordering the bill to a third reading was carried and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill relating to the credibility of witnesses was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. After debate it was rejected, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate. Orders of the day.

The Bill to suppress and prevent the sale or exchange of property under the inducement that a gift or prize is to be part of the transaction, was further considered, amended on motions of Mr. Coffin of Boston and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the formation of corporations for the manufacture and sale of water gas for light and fuel, was further considered, and after debate was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve authorizing the appointment of forestry commissioners was further considered, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill in relation to the better protection of children was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill concerning asylums for the chronic insane was read a second time and was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to imposing heavier penalties upon habitual drunkards, was accepted.

The Bill to provide for composition with creditors in insolvency was further considered, amended as recommended by the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, as amended, and was sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill relating to life and casualty insurance upon the co-operative or assessment plan was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, the House

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 17, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Toulmin, a member of the House.

*Reconsideration.*Forestry
commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be engrossed the Resolve authorizing the appointment of forestry commissioners was reconsidered. Pending the recurring question on the engrossment of the resolve, it was, on motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, postponed for further consideration until next Monday.

*Committee Appointed.*Adjournment of
the Legislature.

The Speaker appointed the following-named gentlemen the committee on the part of the House to devise some means to forward the work of the Legislature, that an adjournment may be reached at an early date: Messrs. Hartwell of Fitchburg, Cowdrey of Stoneham, Willson of Salem, Ernst of Boston, Potter of Worcester, Morse of Sharon, Foley of Fall River, and Hosley of Boston.

Order.

Mr Davenport of Fall River offered the following order which was referred to the next General Court, under the 12th Joint Rule:—

Report of com-
missioners on
the boundary
line between
Massachusetts
and Rhode
Island.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of having printed one thousand copies of the report of the commissioners appointed to establish a portion of the boundary line between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Rhode Island.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports of the committee on Prisons, no further legislation necessary:

Report on the
reformatory
prison for
women.
Prisons.

On the report of the Commissioners of Prisons on the Reformatory Prison for Women; and

On so much of the Governor's Address as refers to prisons; Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule in each case.

Pilots.—New
Bedford
whaling vessels.

A Bill relating to the employment of pilots on board whaling vessels outward bound from the port of New Bedford, reported on a petition and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

In relation to assessments for public improvements ; and Assessments for public improvements. Otis.
 To confirm the proceedings of the last annual town meeting of the town of Otis ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A Resolution relating to soldiers and sailors who served in the war of the rebellion and who were confined in Confederate military prisons (introduced on leave in the Senate), was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Federal Relations under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. Soldiers and sailors confined in Confederate military prisons.

The House Bill to authorize the town of Concord to increase its water supply, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments. Concord.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of S. E. Sewall and others that women may have the right to hold any office to which they may be chosen or appointed. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Women as office-holders.

By Mr. Keyes of New Marlborough, from the committee on the Fisheries, that the Bill (recommitted) concerning the fisheries in the waters of the county of Dukes County ought to pass in a new draft with the same title. Fisheries in the county of Dukes County.

By Mr. Kendricks of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill for the further relief of bail upon the death of their principal. Bail.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, the Bill to supply the town of Watertown with water was taken from the table. On the question, " Shall the Bill pass notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency the Governor ? " the yeas and nays were called and the bill failed to pass by a vote of 74 yeas to 112 nays, two thirds of the members present and voting not having voted in the affirmative. The vote was as follows : — Watertown water supply.

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Howes, Lewis W.
Atkins, Isaac	Hoynes, Edward F.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Jones, Frank W.
Baker, Henry A.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Baker, John I.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Barry, Patrick T.	Littlefield, George W.
Barstow, Henry	Madden, John J.
Blyth, Robert	Maguire, John J.
Buckley, Michael J.	Mead, John J.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Melden, William R.
Butler, Richard T.	Morse, Bushrod
Carpenter, Frank E.	Nash, George M.
Clark, Aaron F.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Clark, George L.	Paton, Andrew H.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Cowdrey, George	Peck, Herbert L.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Potter, Burton W.
Curry, Patrick S.	Prime, Oliver
Cushing, George A.	Randall, Charles L.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Reed, Daniel
Danforth, Henry P.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Dean, Wilbert T.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Devney, Patrick F.	Salmon, Thomas
Doherty, Philip J.	Stafford, John H.
Donehue, John T.	Stark, Henry C.
Douglas, William L.	Stow, T. Dwight
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Stratton, James F.
Flint, Charles H.	Tarone, James
Foley, Patrick E.	Towne, Charles A.
Forbes, William A.	Tufts, George K.
Foster, Joshua T.	Walker, Aaron G.
Francis, Henry H.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Gimlich, Jacob	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Hallett, John W.	Winter, Frank E.
Homans, Wm. A., Jr.	Woods, John M.
Howes, Erastus	Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Boardman, Halsey J.
Allis, Silas W.	Bosworth, Benjamin S.
Almy, Edward C.	Brackett, John Q. A.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Briggs, Fordyce W.
Barker, Forrest E.	Brown, Charles E.
Batcheller, Aldin	Bucklin, Daniel F.
Beard, Alanson W.	Burdett, Joseph O.
Bent, George C.	Burditt, Alfred A.
Bent, Roderic L.	Burnham, Albert S.
Bishop, George P.	Burr, Charles C.

Messrs. Butterfield, Simeon	Messrs. Keyes, Lorrin P.
Carleton, O. Loring	Kimball, D. Frank
Chapin, Francis L.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Cilley, John L.	McFarland, Cromwell
Clark, John	Millett, Joshua H.
Clark, Sewall J.	Milne, John C.
Cobb, George R.	Morse, George P.
Coffey, John A.	Murdock, John N.
Coffin, Charles C.	Oakes, Charles N.
Collins, Edward	Oman, Thomas A.
Cook, Thomas W.	Osborne, William H.
Creed, Michael J.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Palmer, Moses P.
Cummings, Prentiss	Pierce, John
Daggett, Handel N.	Potter, Lyman D.
Damon, Calvin	Rantoul, Robert S.
Darling, Moses B.	Rice, Augustus
Davenport, James F.	Richards, Charles W.
Davis, Samuel G.	Richardson, C. Frederic
Dodge, Joseph A.	Sanderson, George A.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Saunders, Franklin
Dunham, Henry J.	Savery, Albert T.
Egleston, Eber A.	Small, Edward E.
Elwell, George	Smith, George E.
Ernst, George A. O.	Smith, Oren B.
Flagg, Levi L.	Snow, Edmund F.
Gilbert, Edwin	Spooner, William H.
Gleason, George A.	Starbird, Charles D.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Stone, Stillman
Gove, Jesse M.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Gray, Chester H.	Temple, Joseph W.
Hardy, John H.	Toulmin, William B.
Hartwell, Harris C.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Harvey, Edwin B.	Warner, John F.
Hastings, Joseph W.	Warner, Emerson
Hatch, Luther P.	Wells, Daniel W.
Hazelton, Charles W.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Hazen, Herman S.	White, Lloyd E.
Hewins, James	Whiting, Albert T.
Hosley, Henry E.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Hosmer, Henry J.	Willcomb, Frederic
Howard, Nathaniel	Williams, Fred H.
Huntoon, George L.	Willson, Edmund B.
Hurlbut, Rufus H.	Winslow, James A.
Kendrick, Edmund P.	Wolcott, Roger.

Yeas, 74 ; nays, 112.

On this question Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, was paired with Mr. Murphy of Boston.

Notice of the action of the House was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House on Thursday, April 10, concurred in certain Senate amendments to the Bill relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings, was taken from the table and adopted. Pending the recurring question on concurring with the Senate in the amendments, further consideration of the matter was postponed until to-morrow on motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to so amending the Constitution that a majority of each branch of the Legislature shall be necessary for a quorum, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relating to life and casualty insurance upon the co-operative or assessment plan, was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Mr. Williams of Foxborough, moved to amend by substituting therefor a "Bill to regulate the business of co-operative or assessment life and casualty insurance associations," being the bill recommended by a minority of the committee. After debate the amendment was carried by a vote of 91 to 56. On the main question of ordering the bill, as amended, to a third reading the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Bailey of Somerville, and the roll being called the bill was rejected by a vote of 85 yeas to 97 nays, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Briggs, Fordyce W.
Allis, Silas W.	Bucklin, Daniel F.
Atkins, Isaac	Burditt, Alfred A.
Baker, Henry A.	Burham, Edwin L.
Barker, Forrest E.	Burr, Charles C.
Barstow, Henry	Burr, Nathaniel M.
Bent, Roderic L.	Cilley, John L.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Clark, Aaron F.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Clark, George L.
Bowker, Horace L.	Clark, John
Brackett, John Q. A.	Clark, Sewall J.

Messrs. Coffin, Charles C.
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowell, Zenas E.
 Cutler, Lucius A.
 Daggett, Handel N.
 Damon, Calvin
 Danforth, Henry P.
 Davenport, James F.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Douglas, William L.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Eaton, Thomas S.
 Elwell, George
 Ernst, George A. O.
 Flint, Charles H.
 Foley, Patrick E.
 Frisbee, Frank W.
 Hallett, John W.
 Hardy, John H.
 Hartwell, Harris C.
 Hewins, James
 Homans, William A., Jr.
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howes, Erastus
 Howes, Lewis W.
 Hoynes, Edward F.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Johnson, Thomas B.
 Kendrick, Edmund P.
 Keyes, Lorrin P.
 Kimball, D. Frank

Messrs. Kingsbury, Willis A.
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Linnell, Solomon, 2d
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Milne, John C.
 Nash, George M.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Potter, Burton W.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Reynolds, Enos H.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Saunders, Franklin
 Savery, Albert T.
 Small, Edward E.
 Smith, George E.
 Stone, Stillman
 Stow, T. Dwight
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Webb, Elisha
 Whitcomb, Charles B.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Williams, Fred H.
 Willson, Edmund B
 Wolcott, Roger
 Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.
 Almy, Edward C.
 Bailey, Joseph W.
 Baker, John I.
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Bent, George C.
 Bishop, George P.
 Blyth, Robert
 Brown, Charles E.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Buckley, Michael J.
 Burnham, Albert S.
 Butler, Richard T.
 Butler, Thomas C.
 Butterfield, Simeon

Messrs. Carleton, O. Loring
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Chapelle, Julius C.
 Coffey, John A.
 Collins, Edward
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Cowdrey, George
 Creed, Michael J.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Cushing, George A.
 Davis, Everett A.
 Dean, Wilbert T.

Messrs. Dodge, Joseph A.	Messrs. Oman, Thomas A.
Donehue, John T.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Donovan, James	Osborne, William H.
Dunham, Henry J.	Paton, Andrew H.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Egleston, Eber A.	Pierce, John
Farrell, John R.	Randall, Charles L.
Flagg, Levi L.	Reed, Daniel
Fossitt, Edward J.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Foster, Joshua T.	Richardson, C. Frederic
Francis, Henry H.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Gilbert, Edwin	Salmon, Thomas
Gimlich, Jacob	Sanderson, George A.
Gleason, George A.	Sargent, Wingate P.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Gray, Chester H.	Smith, Frederick H.
Harkins, Dominick J.	Smith, Oren B.
Hatch, Luther P.	Snow, Edmund F.
Hosley, Henry E.	Stafford, John H.
Howard, Nathaniel	Starbird, Charles D.
Jones, Frank W.	Stark, Henry C.
Kelly, Daniel F.	Stratton, James F.
Littlefield, George W.	Swift, Augustus
Maguire, John J.	Tarone, James
Martin, Charles B.	Temple, Joseph W.
McFarland, Cromwell	Tufts, George K.
Melden, William R.	Ward, John E.
Mooney, John F. H.	Warner, Emerson
Morrison, Peter	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Morse, Bushrod	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Morse, George P.	Winslow, James A.
Murphy, John R.	Winter, Frank E.
Oakes, Charles N.	Woods, John M.
O'Brien, Francis	

Yeas, 85 ; nays, 97.

On this question Messrs. Beard of Boston, Hastings of Warren, Palmer of Groton and Wilbur of Boston, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Doherty of Boston, Wells of Hatfield, Harrub of Plympton and Searell of New Bedford.

The report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring manufacturing corporations to pay their employees fortnightly, was further considered. Pending an amendment moved by

Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, to substitute a "Bill relative to the payment of operatives by manufacturing corporations at intervals not exceeding fourteen days," the House

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 18, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Damon, a member of the House.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Oakes of Westfield, moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday rejected the Bill to regulate the business of co-operative or assessment life and casualty insurance associations. The motion prevailed and pending the recurring question on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, recommitted to the committee on Insurance.

Co-operative or assessment life and casualty insurance associations.

Paper from the Senate.

A Bill in relation to betterments for locating, laying out and constructing streets, ways and public parks, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Betterments.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Winter of Springfield, from the committee on the Fisheries, on a petition, a Bill to regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River. [Messrs. Keyes of New Marlborough, Cilley of Salisbury, and Swift of New Bedford, dissenting.] Read and ordered to a second reading.

Fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to incorporate the Brandt Island Club ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

Brandt Island Club.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the House should concur with the Senate

Woburn water supply.

in its amendment to the House Bill confirming certain acts of the town of Woburn in relation to its water supply, and authorizing an increase of its water debt. Read, accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the House concurred in the amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill relating to the Ocean Terminal Railroad Company, the Ocean Terminal Railroad, Dock and Elevator Company, and the Mystic River Corporation (which originated in the House), was passed to be enacted signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring manufacturing corporations to pay their employees fortnightly, was further considered. On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, it was voted that debate be closed at half past two o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached, and that speeches be limited to ten minutes each. Mr. Beard of Boston moved to amend the substitute bill so as to include within its provisions "the Commonwealth and all cities and towns." Mr. Baker of Beverly raised the point of order that the amendment was not germane. The Speaker stated that the order related only to manufacturing corporations and so ruled that the point was well taken, and the amendment was laid aside. After debate the bill moved as an amendment by Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence was substituted and was placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

Point of order.

The Bill to give the Superior Court original jurisdiction of causes of divorce and other proceedings kindred thereto, was further considered, and pending the amendment to substitute a bill moved by Mr. Wentworth of Dedham, and pending the main question on engrossment of the bill, it was, on motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

The Bill providing for trustees of the Woburn Public Library, was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, it was postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Coffin of Boston.

The Bill concerning sales of land by cities and towns for taxes, was read a second time and was rejected. Subsequently, the orders of the day having been laid on the table, Mr. Beard of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected. The motion was considered under a suspension of the rule, moved by Mr. Beard, and was adopted. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide for the public safety in the use of steam engines and steam boilers, was read a third time, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Ernst of Boston, to strike out section 5, and pending the question on engrossment, it was, on motion of Mr. Millett of Malden, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Bill concerning the election of aldermen in the city of Boston, was read a third time, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Dwyer of Boston, and pending the main question on engrossment, it was, on motion of Mr. Gove of Boston, postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of S. E. Sewall and others, that women may have the right to hold any office to which they may be chosen or appointed, was accepted.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the powers and duties of the pilot commissioners, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the county commissioners of Essex County to provide a new jail at Salem ;

To establish the salary of the justice of the police court of Brookline ;

Concerning the fisheries in the waters of the county of Dukes County ; and

Relating to the employment of pilots on board whaling vessels outward bound from the port of New Bedford ;

Were severally read a second time and were ordered to a third reading.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the Bill to authorize the town of Concord to increase its water

supply, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

The Bill to amend "An Act for the protection of the fisheries in the vicinity of Nantucket" was read a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To establish the salaries of the judge and register of the probate court for the county of Berkshire;

Relating to the compensation of the clerk of the Fourth District Court of Plymouth;

Relating to the compensation of the special justices of the District Court of Hampshire;

Were severally read a third time, and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Resolve providing for biennial elections was read a second time, and, after debate, was refused a third reading by a vote of 40 to 51, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The report of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Daniel Dorchester and others, that the question of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be submitted to the people, was considered, and pending the question on the acceptance of the report, the House,

At five minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, April 21, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Doherty of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on Friday (April 18) accepted the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the powers and duties of the pilot commissioners. The motion was adopted, and, pending the recurring question on the acceptance

Pilot commissioners.

of the report, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until tomorrow.

Remonstrance Presented.

By Mr. Allis of Whately, remonstrance of J. L. Cragin and others against the establishment of a district court in north-western Worcester County. Placed on file.

District court in north-western Worcester County.

Orders.

The following order, offered by Mr. Cowdry of Stoneham, was laid over at the request of Mr. Bowker of Boston:—

Ordered, That in debate of all matters coming before the House, speeches be limited to ten minutes each. This rule shall not be suspended except by a vote of a majority of the members present.

Limit of debate.

The following order, offered by Mr. Willson of Salem, was laid over at the request of Mr. Brackett of Boston:—

Ordered, That on and after Thursday, April 24, until otherwise ordered, morning sessions of the House shall begin at 10 o'clock.

Morning sessions at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Somerville, —

Ordered, That the hour of two and one-half o'clock, Thursday, April 24th, be assigned for the election, on the part of the House, of an executive councillor to fill the vacancy in the Third Councillor District, occasioned by the death of Honorable Charles R. McLean.

Election of executive councillor for the Third Councillor District.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Woods of Somerville, a Bill to permit cities and towns to defray funeral expenses of certain soldiers, sailors and marines. Read, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Funeral expenses of soldiers, sailors and marines.

Papers from the Senate.

An engrossed Bill to confirm the organization of the South Pocasset Cemetery Association and to enable said corporation to hold certain real estate, came down from the Senate with the endorsement, "Returned by the Governor to the Senate at its request, enactment reconsidered and amended at 'A,' by striking out the word 'religious,'"

South Pocasset Cemetery Association.

and inserting in the place thereof the word 'similar.'” On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the rules were suspended, the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted was reconsidered, and the House concurred in the amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Intoxicating liquors.

The report of the committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring persons licensed to keep posted in their places of business printed lists of persons to whom they are not licensed to sell, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate adhered to its action of recommendal to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Annual report of the auditor of accounts.

The House Bill relating to the annual report of the Auditor of the Commonwealth came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments, in which the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule.

Salary of justice of the First District Court of Bristol holden in Attleborough.

A Bill to establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Bristol holding in Attleborough reported on an order and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

State Normal School at Worcester.

A Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Worcester, reported on a petition and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Reports of Committees.

Foreign corporations.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the personal liability of officers and stockholders of foreign corporations, doing business in this Commonwealth when the provisions of their charters have not been complied with.

Ibid.

By the same gentleman from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling foreign corporations to provide security for the payment of judgments recovered against them in this State.

Benevolent building associations.

By Mr Brackett of Boston, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of John M. Berry for legislation providing that State aid be given in the establishment of building associations for the purpose of building homes for the people.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Stone of Lunenburg, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on an order, a Bill limiting the number of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. Read and ordered to a second reading. Liquor licenses.

By Mr. White of Taunton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in relation to betterments for locating, laying out and constructing streets, ways and public parks ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. Betterments.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court on the Bill relating to the transfer of stock in corporations. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Transfer of stock in corporations.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill to remedy defects in the corporate organization of the German Reformed Church Society, and to confirm a deed of mortgage, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the engrossment of the bill. German Reformed Church Society.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :

To enable the Athol Water Company to improve and increase its water supply ; and Bills enacted, — Resolves passed.

Requiring dog licenses to be recorded in the city or town where the licensed dogs are kept ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To confirm the proceedings of the Free Evangelical Society of Attleborough ;

Concerning the order of trials in criminal cases ;

Relating to the examination of candidates for district police ;

To authorize the city of Salem to take, dredge and fill certain lands or flats in the North River in said city ;

To authorize sheriffs and their deputies to adjourn sessions of district and police courts ;

To exempt the Lynn Workingmen's Aid Association from taxation ;

Concerning Alewife Brook and certain sewers in Cambridge and Somerville ;

To supply the town of Abington with water ;

Relating to warrants in criminal cases ;

Concerning public and private burial places and lots therein ; and

To fix the time of filing the annual statements of insurance companies ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Providing for the printing of additional copies of the report of the trustees of the Agricultural College (which originated in the House) ; and

In favor of the Hillside Agricultural Society (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Biennial
sessions.

The Senate order relative to amending the Constitution so as to provide for biennial sessions of the General Court, was taken from the table and rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The report of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Daniel Dorchester and others that the question of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be submitted to the people, was further considered. Mr. Toulmin of Leominster, moved to amend by substituting therefor a "Resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage." On this question the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Toulmin, and the roll being called the amendment was rejected by a vote of 74 yeas to 87 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.
Almy, Edward C.
Bailey, Joseph W.
Baker, Benjamin F.
Baker, John I.
Barker, Forrest E.

Messrs. Barstow, Henry
Bent, Roderic L.
Brown, Charles E.
Burditt, Alfred A.
Burnham, Albert S.
Burnham, Edwin L.

Messrs. Burr, Charles C.
 Burr, Nathaniel M.
 Butterfield, Simeon
 Carleton, O. Loring
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Chapin, Francis L.
 Clark, Elijah C.
 Clark, John
 Clark, Sewall J.
 Cobb, George R.
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Daggett, Handel N.
 Damon, Calvin
 Davenport, James F.
 Flint, Charles H.
 Foster, Joshua T.
 Freeman, Clarendon A.
 Frisbee, Frank W.
 Hardy, John H.
 Hartwell, Harris C.
 Harvey, Edwin B.
 Hatch, Luther P.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hewins, James
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howland, Charles H.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Johnson, Thomas B.
 Kingsbury, Willis A.
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Linnell, Solomon, 2d.

Messrs. McFarland, Cromwell
 Milne, John C.
 Morse, Bushrod
 Morse, George P.
 Osborne, William H.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Paton, Andrew H.
 Potter, Burton W.
 Rice, Augustus
 Richards, Charles W.
 Sargent, Wingate P.
 Savery, Albert T.
 Searell, William A.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Smith, George E.
 Snow, Edmund F.
 Stone, Stillman
 Swift, Augustus
 Toulmin, William B.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Wentworth, Alonzo B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Whitcomb, Charles B.
 White, Lloyd E.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Williams, Fred H.
 Winslow, James A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac
 Ball, George H.
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Bent, George C.
 Blaney, Alexander
 Boardman, Halsey J.
 Bosworth, Benjamin S.
 Brackett, John Q. A.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Butler, Richard T.
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Chappelle, Julius C.
 Clark, Aaron F.
 Clark, George L.
 Coffey, John A.
 Collins, Edward
 Connor, James

Messrs. Cook, Thomas W.
 Creed, Michael J.
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Daly, William, Jr.
 Danforth, Henry P.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Donovan, James
 Douglas, William L.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Eaton, William N.

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Messrs. Elwell, George	Messrs. O'Brien, Francis
Ernst, George A. O.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Farrell, John R.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Pattee, William G. A.
Francis, Henry H.	Pierce, John
Gaffney, Frank H.	Randall, Charles L.
Gilbert, Edwin	Rantoul, Robert S.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Reed, Daniel
Gove, Jesse M.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Harkins, Dominick J.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Hazelton, Charles W.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Hosley, Henry E.	Salmon, Thomas
Howes, Erastus	Sanderson, George A.
Jones, Frank W.	Saunders, Franklin
Kelly, Daniel F.	Spooner, William H.
Kendrick, Edmund P.	Stafford, John H.
Littlefield, George W.	Starbird, Charles D.
Madden, John J.	Stebbins, Erastus
Maguire, John J.	Stratton, James F.
Martin, Charles B.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
McLaughlin, John A.	Tarone, James
Mead, John J.	Ward, John E.
Melden, William R.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Millett, Joshua H.	Willson, Edmund B.
Mooney, John F. H.	Winter, Frank E.
Morrison, Peter	Woods, John M.
Murphy, John R.	

Yeas, 74 ; nays, 87.

On this question Messrs. Crowell of Barnstable, and Cilley of Salisbury, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Hoynes of Boston and Homans of Gloucester.

The report was then accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to give the Superior Court original jurisdiction of causes of divorce and other proceedings kindred thereto was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. Amendments moved by Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston were adopted, and after debate, the bill was referred to the next General Court on motion of Mr. Rantoul of Salem, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The House non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the House Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen, by a vote of 45 to 45.

The Bill to repeal section 3 of chapter 98 of the Public Statutes concerning travelling on the Lord's Day, was rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill for the protection and preservation of certain birds and animals, was read a second time and considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Wadlin of Reading, Gaffney of Gloucester and Cross of Newburyport were adopted, and after debate, the bill was rejected and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Eastern Worcester; and

In relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Dukes County;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to the powers of married women in the disposal of their separate estate by will; and

To incorporate the Brandt Island Club; and

Resolves :

Providing for the construction of additional buildings for the State Workhouse at Bridgewater; and

In relation to the indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, and the mortgage of said corporation to the Commonwealth;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the sale of dressed poultry was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, the House

At eight minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 22, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday passed to be Abington water supply.

enacted the Bill to supply the town of Abington with water. The motion prevailed, and on motion of the same gentleman the bill was laid on the table, pending the recurring question on its enactment.

Intoxicating
liquors.

Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday accepted the report of the committee on the Liquor Law, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Daniel Dorchester and others, that the question of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage be submitted to the people. The motion was lost by a vote of 41 to 81.

Superior court.

Mr. Brackett of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by which the House yesterday referred to the next General Court the Bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the superior court. The motion was lost.

Petitions Presented.

Care of trees in
Boston.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, petitions of Charles J. Noyes and others, and of Thomas Gogin and others, — severally, that the care of the trees in the city of Boston be transferred to the park commissioners of said city.

Severally referred to the committee on Cities.

Double
taxation.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, remonstrance of George Nowell and others against the repeal of the law preventing double taxation in certain cases. Referred to the committee on Taxation.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

District court
in northern
Worcester.

By Mr. Bent of Gardner, petition of Heywood Brothers & Co. and 270 others for a district court in the northern part of Worcester County.

Ibid.

By Mr. Tufts of New Braintree, remonstrance of Ira Witt and 56 others against the establishment of a district court in the north-western part of Worcester County.

Severally placed on file.

Orders.

Limit of debate.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham and laid over, relative to limiting debate, was amended on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston so that speeches be limited to fifteen minutes each instead of ten minutes, and as amended, was adopted.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Willson of Salem and laid over, relative to providing that on and after Thursday, April 24, and until otherwise ordered, morning sessions of the House shall begin at 10 o'clock, was considered. It was amended on motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston by striking out "April 24" and inserting "May 1," and on motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River by striking out "10 o'clock" and inserting instead the words "10.15 o'clock," and as amended, was adopted.

Morning
sessions.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order reported by the committee appointed to devise means to shorten the session, adopted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow:—

Adjournment of
the Legislature.

Ordered, That all reports be made on or before Monday, April 28, and that reports from joint committees, so far as practicable, be made in the Senate.

A Bill concerning commitments to the State Workhouse (reported on that part of the report of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity concerning commitments to the State Workhouse); and a

Commitments to
the State
Workhouse.

Resolve in favor of James M. Barker (reported on an order);

James M.
Barker.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

The House Bill relating to divorce in cases of long and unexplained absence of the libellee came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Divorce.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, and a Senate Bill concerning the officers of the superior court in the county of Suffolk, a Bill concerning the officers of the superior court in the county of Suffolk.

Officers of the
superior court
in Suffolk
County.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the same committee, on an order, a Bill in relation to public ways in the city of Boston.

Public ways in
Boston.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, on a Senate order

Hampden
County probate
court.

and a House order, a Bill to fix the times and places of holding probate courts in Hampden County.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mount Hope
Cemetery in
Boston.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to provide for the management of Mount Hope Cemetery in the city of Boston ought to pass with an amendment.

Masonic Educa-
tion and Charity
Trust.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to establish and incorporate the Masonic Education and Charity Trust, ought to pass.

Otis.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to confirm the proceeding of the last annual town meeting of the town of Otis, ought to pass.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

Boards of
health.

On motion of Mr. Harvey of Westborough the Bill relating to boards of health was taken from the table and pending the question on its engrossment was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The Bill concerning the sale of dressed poultry was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. An amendment moved by Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge was adopted, and, after debate, the bill was rejected and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill for providing for trustees of the Woburn Public Library was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. After debate the bill recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading was substituted and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning the election of aldermen in the city of Boston was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Dwyer of Boston was rejected, and, after debate, the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Boston Special Capital Company was further considered and was, on motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Prisons, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to prohibiting the employment of convict labor in any branch of mechanical industry except in the manufacture of text-books for the public schools was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal business was further considered, and was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to "An Act making appropriations for expenses authorized the present year and for other purposes"; and the

Resolve in aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College;

Were severally read a second time, and were ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Relating to the employment of pilots on board whaling vessels outward bound from the port of New Bedford;

To establish the salary of the justice of the police court of Brookline;

To incorporate the Brandt Island Club; and

For the better protection of lobsters (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the bill last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill to remedy defects in the corporate organization of the German Reformed Church Society, and to confirm a deed of mortgage, was further considered and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish the salary of the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Pending this question, the House

At nine minutes past five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 23, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Roll Call.

Roll call.

At fifteen minutes past eleven o'clock Mr. Williams of Foxborough moved a call of the House. The motion was carried, and the roll being called, it appeared that 156 members were present, the following-named gentlemen having responded to the call:—

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Clark, George L.
Adams, John S.	Clark, John
Allis, Silas W.	Clark, Sewall J.
Atkins, Isaac	Coffin, Charles C.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Cook, Thomas W.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Creed, Michael J.
Baker, John I.	Cross, Henry M.
Ball, George H.	Crowell, Zenas E.
Bancroft, William A.	Cummings, Prentiss
Barker, Forrest E.	Curry, Patrick S.
Barry, Patrick T.	Cushing, George A.
Barstow, Henry	Cutler, Lucius A.
Batcheller, Aldin	Daggett, Handel N.
Beard, Alanson W.	Damon, Calvin
Bent, Roderic L.	Danforth, Henry P.
Blyth, Robert	Darling, Moses B.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Davenport, James F.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Davis Samuel G.
Bowker, Horace L.	Dean, Wilbert T.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Brown, Charles E.	Doherty, Phillip J.
Buckley, Michael J.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Dunham, Henry J.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Dwyer, Patrick D.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Eaton, Thomas S.
Burnham, Albert S.	Egleston, Eber A.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Elwell, George
Butler, Richard T.	Ernst, George A. O.
Butterfield, Simeon	Farrell, John R.
Carleton, O. Loring	Fassett, Alfred S.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Flagg, Levi L.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Flint, Charles H.
Chapin, Francis L.	Foley, Patrick E.
Cilley, John L.	Forbes, William A.
Clark, Aaron F.	Foster, Joshua T.

Messrs. Freeman, Clarend'n A.	Messrs. Peakes, Simeon T.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Peck, Herbert L.
Gifford, Meltiah	Pierce, John
Gilbert, Edwin	Potter, Burton W.
Gimlich, Jacob	Reed, Daniel
Gleason, George A.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Gordon, William, Jr.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Gove, Jesse M.	Rice, Augustus
Gray, Chester H.	Richards, Charles W.
Gross, William H.	Richardson, C. Fred.
Hallett, John W.	Salmon, Thomas
Harkins, Dominick J.	Sanderson, George A.
Hartwell, Harris C.	Sargent, Wingate P.
Harvey, Edwin B.	Saunders, Franklin
Hastings, Joseph W.	Savery, Albert T.
Hazelton, Charles W.	Searell, William A.
Hazen, Herman S.	Smith, Frederick H.
Hosley, Henry E.	Smith, George E.
Hosmer, Henry J.	Spooner, William H.
Howard, Nathaniel	Stafford, John H.
Howes, Erastus	Starbird, Charles D.
Howes, Lewis W.	Stark, Henry C.
Howland, Charles H.	Stow, T. Dwight
Hoynes, Edward F.	Stratton, James F.
Kendrick, Edmund P.	Swift, Augustus
Keyes, Lorrin P.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Kimball, D. Frank	Temple, Joseph W.
Kingsley, Chester W.	Towne, Charles A.
Linnell, Solomon. 2d	Tufts, George K.
Martin, Charles B.	Walker, Aaron G.
Mead, John J.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Melden, William R.	Warner, John F.
Millett, Joshua H.	Webb, Elisha
Milne, John C.	Wells, Daniel W.
Morse, Bushrod	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Morse, George P.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Nash, George M.	Willcomb, Frederic
O'Neil, Joseph H.	Williams, Fred H.
Osborne, William H.	Willson, Edmund B.
O'Sullivan, Edward F.	Winslow, James A.
Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.	Winter, Frank E.
Paton, Andrew H.	Wolcott, Roger
Pattee, William G. A.	Woods, John M.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Potter of Worcester moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Bill concerning dressed poultry. The motion was lost.

Remonstrance Presented.

District court
for northern
Worcester.

By Mr. Webb of Petersham, remonstrance of J. B. Howe and others against the establishment of a district court in the northwestern part of Worcester County. Placed on file.

Hour of Meeting.

Hour of
meeting.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, —
Voted, That when the House adjourns on Thursday, April 24 it be to meet on Monday, April 28, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Papers from the Senate.

Washburn Iron
Company.
Sigma Phi
Society of
Williams
College.

Bills:
To change the name of the Washburn Iron Company ;
To authorize the trustees of Sigma Phi Society of Williams College to hold additional real and personal estate ;
(Severally reported on petitions) ; and
Requiring railroad companies to use safety couplers on freight cars (being a new draft of a House bill with same title) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Militia.

The engrossed Bill concerning the volunteer militia came down from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been returned to the Senate at its request, by the Governor, that its enactment had been reconsidered and that it had been amended. On motions of Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, the rules were suspended, the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted by the House was reconsidered, and the House concurred with the Senate in its amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Reports of Committees.

Sharon Water
Company.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, from the committee on Water Supply, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Sharon Water Company for authority to extend its pipes to Boston and to increase its capital stock.

Newton, —
Watertown
water supply.

By Mr. Walker of Worcester, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing the city of Newton to furnish the town of Watertown with water.

Newburyport, —
Deer Island
bridge.

By Mr. Smith of Everett, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city

of Newburyport to be relieved from the award of the county commissioners of Essex County in assessing the cost of the Deer Island bridge. [Messrs. Bishop of Newburyport and Gifford of Falmouth dissenting.]

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. Barker of Worcester, from the committee on Voting. Election Laws, on a bill, introduced on leave in the Senate, on two orders relative to changing the law, concerning the registration of voters; and, in part, on so much of the Governor's address as refers to elections, a Bill to ascertain by proper proofs the citizens who are entitled to the right of suffrage. (See House No. 343.)

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on Elections and voting. several petitions and orders, and, in part, on so much of the Governor's address as refers to elections, a Bill concerning elections and voting therein. (See House No. 344)

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Hewins of Medfield, from the committee on Guardians. Probate and Chancery, that the Bill (recommitted) in relation to the appointment of guardians of minors in certain cases, ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

By Mr. Clark of Peabody, from the committee on State Normal School at Worcester. Finance, that the Senate resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Worcester, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills:

To incorporate the Highland Congregational Church in Lowell;

Confirming certain acts of the town of Woburn in relation to its water supply, and authorizing an increase of its water debt;

To incorporate the Needham Cemetery Association;

In addition to "An Act to regulate the taking of fish in North River in the county of Plymouth;" and

Relative to the appointment of receivers of corporations;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Relating to the compensation of the clerk of the fourth district court of Plymouth ;

Relating to the compensation of the special justices of the district court of Hampshire ;

To establish the salaries of the judge and the register of the probate court for the county of Berkshire ;

To provide for composition with creditors in insolvency ; and

In relation to the better protection of children ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An Engrossed Resolve providing for printing the report of the Board of Control of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experimental Station at Amherst (which originated in the House), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

Boston Surety
Company.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, the Bill to incorporate the Boston Surety Company, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was laid on the table, on further motion of the same gentleman.

Shortening the
session of the
Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the report of the committee appointed to devise means to shorten the session, recommending the adoption of an order, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was considered. Pending an amendment to the order, moved by Mr. Bowker of Boston, to substitute "May 2" for "April 28," the report with order was laid on the table on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The Bill to establish the salary of the register of probate and insolvency for the county of Hampden, was further considered, and, after debate, was ordered to a third reading, by a vote of 70 to 52.

The Bill relative to the proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates, was read a third time, and pend-

ing the question on its engrossment, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Morse of Sharon.

The report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on orders relative to repealing the law allowing one railroad corporation to lease and operate the railroad of another corporation, and allowing the consolidation of railroads, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill making appropriations for the completion of the double tracking of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge.

Bills :

Relating to the employment of minors and women in mercantile establishments ; and

To confirm the proceedings of the last annual town meeting of the town of Otis ;

Were severally read a second time and were ordered to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the justice of the district court of southern Berkshire (amended on motion of Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, and amended in the title as recommended by the committee on Bills in Third Reading by adding the words " and to abolish the office of clerk of said court") ;

To establish the first district court of northern Worcester (amended on motion of Mr. Tufts of New Braintree) ; and

To prevent the use of nets in ponds (amended on motion of Mr. Howes of Gloucester) ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and were sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to amend " An Act relating to the adulteration of food and drugs," was read a third time and considered. On motion of Mr. Starbird of Lowell, it was voted that debate be closed at three o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached. Amendments moved by Messrs. Bowker of Boston, Harvey of Westborough and Brackett of Boston, and an amendment recommended by the committee on

Bills in the Third Reading, were severally adopted, and, after debate, the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to incorporate the Cambridge Police Mutual Aid Association, was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Williams of Foxborough, the House

At five minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 24, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Hampden
County jail.

To authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to erect a new jail and house of correction (reported on an order and several petitions); and

First Parish in
Townsend.

To provide for the dissolution and disposition of the property of the corporation known as the Inhabitants of the First Parish in Townsend (reported on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Walter Shanly.

A Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly (reported on a petition) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Expenditures.

William A.
Tower of
Lexington, —
third councillor
district.

Notice was received from the Senate of the election on the part of that branch of Hon. William A. Tower of Lexington, as councillor for the third councillor district, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Charles R. McLean.

Funeral
expenses of
certain soldiers,
sailors and
marines.

Notice was received from the Senate that the Bill to permit cities and towns to defray funeral expenses of certain soldiers, sailors and marines, had been referred to the next General Court under the 12th Joint Rule.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Jones of Lynn, from the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the common council of the city of Boston for a change in the laws in regard to the appointment of election officers. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. Election officers in Boston.

By Mr. Coffey of Boston, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on an order, a Bill providing that persons licensed to sell intoxicating liquors to be drunk on the premises shall be legal voters of the city or town wherein the license is granted. Intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on several petitions and an order, a Bill concerning pilotage. Pilotage.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, from the committee on Water Supply, that the Senate Bill to enable the Haverhill Aqueduct Company to increase its water supply ought to pass in a new draft with the title "Bill granting an additional water supply to the Haverhill Aqueduct Company, by taking water of Silver Lake." Haverhill Aqueduct Company.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the House ought to concur with the Senate in its amendment to the House Bill relating to divorce in cases of long and unexplained absence of the libellee. Read, and the House concurred in the amendment under a suspension of the rule, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly. Divorce.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to provide for public parks in the city of Worcester ought to pass, with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading. Worcester public parks.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To establish the salary of the clerk of the police court of Chelsea; Bills enacted.

In addition to "An Act concerning beaches in the town of Swampscott";

To authorize the town of Concord to increase its water supply ; and

Relating to the annual report of the auditor of accounts ;
(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To confirm the organization of the South Pocasset Cemetery Association, and to enable said corporation to hold certain real estate ;

To establish the salary of the justice of the first district court of Eastern Worcester ; and

In relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Dukes County ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Special Assignment.

Election of
councillor for
the third
councillor
district.

At half-past two o'clock the special assignment was taken up, it being the election, on the part of the House, of an executive councillor, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Charles R. McLean of Boston.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Howes of Cambridge, Gove of Boston, Clark of Somerville, Doherty of Boston, Kelly of Boston, and Cobb of Billerica, a committee to receive, sort and count the votes.

Mr. Howes, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows : —

Whole number of votes cast	.	.	185
Necessary for a choice	.	.	93
Joseph W. Bailey of Somerville	.	.	3
Henry J. Wells of Cambridge	.	.	9
James Smith of Boston	.	.	27
William A. Tower of Lexington	.	.	30
Charles Theodore Russell of Cambridge	.	.	53
John Haskell Butler of Somerville	.	.	63

And there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Bailey of Somerville, a second ballot was ordered.

Mr. Howes, from the committee, afterwards reported as follows:—

Whole number of votes cast	. . .	187
Necessary for a choice	. . .	94
John M. Woods of Somerville	. . . .	1
Joseph W. Bailey of Somerville	. . . .	2
James Smith of Boston	. . . .	2
Henry J. Wells of Cambridge	. . . .	8
Charles Theodore Russell of Cambridge	. . . .	17
William A. Tower of Lexington	. . . .	31
John Haskell Butler of Somerville	. . . .	126

And John Haskell Butler was declared elected on the part of the House, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River the petition of the Weavers' Association of Fall River for an act of incorporation was taken from the table and was referred to the next General Court under the 12th Joint Rule.

Weavers' Association of Fall River.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge the Bill extending the authority to summon witnesses was taken from the table, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

Witnesses.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Boston the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the placing of telegraph, telephone and electric-light wires by individuals or corporations upon dwelling-houses and other private buildings without the consent of the owner, was taken from the table, and was, on motion of Mr. Beard of Boston, postponed for further consideration until Monday, pending an amendment moved by Mr. Clark to substitute a " Bill to regulate the construction and operating of telephonic, telegraphic and other electrical lines."

Telegraph, telephone and electric-light wires.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to incorporate the Cambridge Police Mutual Aid Association was further considered, the main question being on ordering to a third reading. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Williams of Foxborough was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

Orders of the day.

Bills :

For the further relief of bail upon the death of their principal ;

Relative to the payment of operatives by manufacturing corporations at intervals not exceeding fourteen days (amended on motion of Mr. Daggett of Attleborough) ;

In relation to betterments for locating, laying out and constructing streets, ways and public parks ;

To establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Bristol holding court in Attleborough ;

Concerning the officers of the superior court in the county of Suffolk ;

To fix the times and places of holding probate courts in Hampden County ;

In relation to public ways in the city of Boston ;

To establish and incorporate the Masonic Education and Charity Trust ;

Requiring railroad companies to use safety couplers on freight cars ;

To change the name of the Washburn Iron Company ; and

To authorize the trustees of Sigma Phi Society of Williams College to hold additional real and personal estate ; and the

Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Worcester ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to assist students at the Agricultural College in procuring uniforms was read a second time, and, after debate, was rejected and notice was sent to the Senate.

Bills :

To authorize the formation of corporations for the manufacture and sale of water gas for light and fuel ;

To establish the salary of the register of probate and insolvency for the County of Hampden (amended on motion of Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich) ; and

In addition to " An Act making appropriations for expenses authorized the present year, and for other purposes ; " and the

Resolve providing for the construction of additional buildings for the State Workhouse at Bridgewater ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning asylums for the chronic insane ;

Concerning contagious diseases among cattle ; and

To confirm the proceedings of the last annual town meeting of the town of Otis ; and

Resolves :

In relation to the indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, and the mortgage of said corporation of the Commonwealth ; and

In aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the Bill relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings with an amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

The Resolve authorizing the appointment of forestry commissioners was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. After debate, a "Resolve authorizing the collection of forestry statistics," moved as an amendment by Mr. Wadlin of Reading, was substituted, and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the fisheries in Taunton Great River and Nemasket River, was read a second time, and, after debate, was rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill concerning sales of land by cities and towns for taxes, was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Gove of Boston.

The Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Essex County to provide a new jail at Salem, was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, it was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the personal liability of officers and stockholders of certain foreign corporations, was accepted.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling foreign corporations to provide security for the payment

of judgments recovered against them in this State, was on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, postponed for further consideration until Monday.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of John M. Berry for legislation providing that State aid be given in the establishment of building associations for the purposes of building homes for the people, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham.

The Bill limiting the number of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, was read a second time, and was refused a third reading by a vote of 50 to 56, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill relating to the transfer of stock in corporations, was postponed for further consideration until Monday, on motion of Mr. Kimball of Chelsea, pending the question on referring it to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports :

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the powers and duties of the pilot commissioners ;

Of the committee on Water Supply, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to authorizing the city of Newton to furnish the town of Watertown with water ; and

Of the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Sharon Water Company for authority to extend its pipes to Boston and to increase its capital stock ;

Were severally accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Newburyport to be relieved from the award of the county commissioners of Essex County in assessing the cost of the Deer Island bridge, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Cross of Newburyport.

The Bill to provide for the management of Mount Hope Cemetery in the city of Boston, was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was postponed for further consideration until Monday, on motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston.

The Bill relating to boards of health, was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. The bill with the same title, recommended as a substitute by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, was amended on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, and as amended was substituted and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal business, was read a third time, and pending the question on its engrossment, was postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Dodge of Grafton.

The Bill in relation to the appointment of guardians of minors in certain cases, was rejected as recommended by the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Bills :

To ascertain by proper proofs the citizens who are entitled to the right of suffrage ; and

Concerning elections and voting therein ;

Were severally read a second time, and pending the question in each case on ordering to a third reading, were severally laid on the table, on motions of Mr. Barker of Worcester.

At ten minutes before four o'clock adjourned until Monday at two o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, April 28, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Coffin of Boston moved to reconsider the vote by Liquor licenses. which the House on Thursday, April 24, rejected the Bill limiting the number of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. The motion was lost.

Petitions Presented.

Mr. Flagg of Boylston presented the petition of the West Boylston. selectmen of West Boylston for legislation confirming cer-

tain proceedings of the annual town meeting of said town, and moved to suspend the 12th Joint Rule. The motion prevailed and the petition was referred to the committee on the Judiciary, and sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

Hampden
County jail.

By Mr. Oakes of Westfield, remonstrances of the selectmen of Agawam and 48 others; by Mr. Dean of Holyoke, remonstrance of E. J. Pomeroy and others, and of John J. Prew and others, and by Mr. Egleston of Westfield, remonstrance of the selectmen of Montgomery,—severally, against the passage of any act compelling the county commissioners of Hampden County to build a new jail.

Mount Hope
Cemetery in
Boston.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, petitions of Rebecca H. Christian, S. A. Stetson and others, — severally in favor of the Bill to provide for the management of Mount Hope Cemetery in the city of Boston.

Severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of state
gas inspector.

The report of the committee on Manufactures, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the State Gas Inspector, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Index for the
Public Statutes.

A Resolve to provide a new index to the Public Statutes, reported on an order and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Taunton.

The House Bill to amend “ An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to construct a way through land held by the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital,” came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ayer.

The petition of Arthur Fenner and others for the confirmation of the acts done at the town meeting in Ayer, holden on the first Monday of April, 1884, came down from the Senate for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The House concurred in the suspension of the rule, and the petition was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Returns of
insurance
companies.

An engrossed Bill to fix the time of filing the annual statements of insurance companies came down from the Senate with the endorsement, “ Amended under the suspension of the rule as follows : — strike out all after ‘ A,’

and insert the following in the place thereof: ' may, in cases where good cause is shown, be filed within a date not later than February fifteenth, by the consent of the insurance commissioner.'” On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, the rules were suspended, and the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted was reconsidered, and the House concurred with the Senate in the amendment and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Hour of Meeting.

On motion of Mr. Starbird of Lowell,—

Voled, That when the House adjourns on Tuesday, April 29, it be to meet on Thursday, May 1, at 10.15 A. M. Hour of meeting.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, the report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring foreign life insurance companies to issue a non-forfeitable policy such as is required of home companies was taken from the table and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until to-morrow. Foreign life insurance companies.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston, the Bill relative to the proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates was taken from the table and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, pending the question on its engrossment, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until to-morrow. Proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates.

Orders of the Day.

Bills:

Concerning pilotage;

Granting an additional water supply to the Haverhill Aqueduct Company, by taking the water of Silver Lake;

To provide for public parks in the city of Worcester (amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary); and

To provide for the dissolution and disposition of the property of the corporation known as The Inhabitants of the First Parish Church in Townsend;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Orders of the day.

Bills :

Concerning the fisheries in the waters of the county of Dukes County ;

To incorporate the Cambridge Police Mutual Aid Association ; and

Relating to the powers of married women in the disposal of their separate estate by will (amended on motions of Messrs. Kingsbury of Holliston and Paine of Waltham) ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the management of Mount Hope Cemetery in the city of Boston was, on motion of Mr. Howes of Cambridge, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, pending the amendments recommended by the committee on the Judiciary and pending the main question on ordering the bill to a third reading.

The Bill extending the authority to summon witnesses was, on motion of Mr. Millett of Malden postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

Bills :

To establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Bristol holding court in Attleborough ;

To establish and incorporate the Masonic Education and Charity Trust ;

Requiring railroad companies to use safety couplers on freight cars ; and

To change the name of the Washburn Iron Company ; and the

Resolve in favor of the State Normal School at Worcester ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling foreign corporations to provide security for the payment of judgments recovered against them in this State, was further considered. Mr. Bowker of Boston, moved to amend by substituting a " Bill to authorize suits by and against foreign corporations doing business in this Commonwealth." Mr. Cummings of Boston, raised the point of order that the bill was not germane to the matter

under consideration. The Speaker stated that the order on which the report was made related to foreign corporations providing security for the payment of judgments recovered against them, while the bill moved as an amendment merely authorized foreign corporations to sue and be sued in the same manner as domestic corporations, and accordingly ruled that the point was well taken.

Mr. Bowker of Boston then asked unanimous consent that the bill might be considered. There being no objection the bill was considered and was substituted for the report and was placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow for a second reading.

The Bill relating to the transfer of stock in corporations was further considered, and, after debate, the report of the committee on the Judiciary recommending its reference to the next General Court was rejected, and the bill was ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the common council of the city of Boston for a change in the laws in regard to the appointment of election officers was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relating to the employment of minors in mercantile establishments, (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, by striking out the words "and women") was read a third time and considered. Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, moved to amend by inserting in section 1, line 2, after the word "age" the words "and no woman."

On this amendment the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Roads of Marblehead, the roll being called the vote was as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Clark, Elijah C.
Baker, Henry A.	Clark, John
Baker, John I.	Clark, Sewall J.
Barry, Patrick T.	Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Blyth, Robert	Creed, Michael J.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Cross, Henry M.
Bowker, Horace L.	Crowell, Zenas E.
Bryant, Timothy	Danforth, Henry P.
Buckley, Michael J.	Devney, Patrick F.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Doherty, Philip J.
Clark, Aaron F.	Donehue, John T.

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Messrs. Donovan, James	Messrs. Murphy, John R.
Farrell, John R.	Nash, George M.
Foley, Patrick E.	Oakes, Charles N.
Freeman, Clarend'n A.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Frisbee, Frank W.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Gimlich, Jacob	Peakes, Simeon T.
Gleason, George A.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Howes, Erastus	Sanderson, George A.
Hoynes, Edward F.	Stafford, John H.
Jones, Frank W.	Stark, Henry C.
Kingsley, Chester W.	Stow, T. Dwight
Madden, John J.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Maguire, John J.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Martin, Charles B.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Mead, John J.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Melden, William R.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Milne, John C.	Winter, Frank E.
Mooney, John F. H.	Woods, John M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Baker, Benjamin F.	Messrs. Hatch, Luther P.
Ball, George H.	Hewins, James
Barker, Forrest E.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Beard, Alanson W.	Howes, Lewis W.
Bent, George C.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Bent, Roderic L.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Brown, Charles E.	Millett, Joshua H.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Morrison, Peter
Burditt, Alfred A.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Burnham, Albert S.	Palmer, Moses P.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Pierce, John
Burr, Charles C.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Rice, Augustus
Chappelle, Julius C.	Sargent, Wingate P.
Cobb, George R.	Savery, Albert T.
Coffin, Charles C.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Collins, Edward	Smith, George E.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Snow, Edmund F.
Daggett, Handel N.	Starbird, Charles D.
Davenport, James F.	Stone, Stillman
Davis, Samuel G.	Temple, Joseph W.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Towne, Charles A.
Eaton, Thomas S.	Walker, Aaron G.
Flagg, Levi L.	Whiting, Albert T.
Foster, Joshua T.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Gilbert, Edwin	Willcomb, Frederic
Hardy, John H.	Willson, Edmund B.
Hartwell, Harris C.	Winslow, James A.

On this question Messrs. Kimball of Chelsea and Butler of Lawrence, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired with Messrs. Wolcott of Boston and Williams of Foxborough.

The amendment was declared carried by a vote of 58 yeas to 57 nays, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the placing of telegraph, telephone and electric-light wires by individuals or corporations upon dwelling-houses and other private buildings without the consent of the owner, was further considered. Pending the amendment to substitute a bill moved by Mr. Clark of Boston, the House

At five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 29, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Correction of the Journal.

Upon the assembling of the House the Speaker announced that by a clerical error in counting the vote yesterday on the amendment moved by Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence to the Bill relative to the employment of minors in mercantile establishments, the amendment was incorrectly declared to have been carried by a vote of 58 yeas to 57 nays. He further stated that the vote appeared from the journal to be 58 yeas to 58 nays, that the amendment was accordingly rejected, and therefore the subsequent action on the bill was null and void, and the pending question was on passing the bill to be engrossed. By general consent further action on the bill was postponed for the present.

Correction of
the journal.

After the noon recess Mr. O'Sullivan moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the amendment was rejected, and the motion prevailed by a vote of 77 to 72.

On the recurring question on the adoption of the amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. O'Sullivan, and the roll being called the amendment was rejected by a vote of 83 yeas to 103 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Howes, Erastus
Atkins, Isaac	Howland, Charles H.
Baker, Henry A.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Baker, John I.	Jones, Frank W.
Barry, Patrick T.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Bishop, George P.	Killion, Michael J.
Blyth, Robert	Kimball, D. Frank
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Bowker, Horace R.	Littlefield, George W.
Bryant, Timothy	Maguire, John J.
Buckley, Michael J.	Martin, Charles B.
Butler, Richard T.	Mead, John J.
Chamberlain Geo. D.	Milne, John C.
Clark, Aaron F.	Murphy, John R.
Clark, Elijah C.	Nash, George M.
Clark, George L.	Oakes, Charles N.
Clark, John	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Clark, Sewall J.	O'Sullivan, Edward S.
Creed, Michael J.	Paton, Andrew H.
Cross, Henry M.	Pattee, William G. A.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Curry, Patrick S.	Peck, Herbert L.
Cushing, George A.	Randall, Charles L.
Daly, William, Jr.	Reed, Daniel
Danforth, Henry P.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Davis, Everett A.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Devney, Patrick F.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Doherty, Philip J.	Salmon, Thomas
Dolan, Michael J.	Sanderson, George A.
Donehue, John T.	Searell, William A.
Donovan, James	Small, Edward E.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Stafford, John H.
Eaton, William N.	Stark, Henry C.
Farrell, John R.	Stratton, James F.
Flint, Charles H.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Foley, Patrick E.	Tarone, James
Fossitt, Edward J.	Ward, John E.
Freeman, Clarend'n A.	Wentworth, Alonzo A.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Gleason, George A.	Winter, Frank E.
Harkins, Dominick J.	Wright, John H.
Homans, Wm. A., Jr.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Barker, Forrest E.
Almy, Edward C.	Barstow, Henry
Bailey, Joseph W.	Batcheller, Aldin
Baker, Benjamin F.	Beard, Alanson W.
Ball, George H.	Bent, George C.

Messrs. Bent, Roderic L.
 Boardman, Halsey J.
 Brackett, John Q. A.
 Briggs, Fordyce W.
 Bucklin, Daniel F.
 Burdett, Joseph O.
 Burditt, Alfred A.
 Burnham, Albert S.
 Burr, Charles C.
 Butterfield, Simeon
 Carleton, O. Loring
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Chapin, Francis L.
 Cilley, John L.
 Clark, Charles N.
 Cobb, George R.
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Collins, Edward
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Crowell, Joshua
 Crowell, Zenas E.
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Cutler, Lucius A.
 Daggett, Handel N.
 Damon, Calvin
 Darling, Moses B.
 Davenport, James F.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dean, Wilbert T.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Eaton, Thomas S.
 Ernst, George A. O.
 Fassett, Alfred S.
 Forbes, William A.
 Foster, Joshua T.
 Gifford, Meltiah
 Gilbert, Edwin
 Gordon, William, Jr.
 Gove, Jesse M.
 Gray, Chester H.
 Gross, William H.
 Hardy, John H.
 Harrub, Fred M.
 Hartwell, Harris C.
 Hastings, Joseph W.
 Hatch, Luther P.

Messrs. Hazelton, Charles W.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hewins, James
 Hosley, Henry E.
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howard, Nathaniel
 Howes, Lewis W.
 Huntoon, George L.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Judkins, John B.
 Kendrick, Edmund P.
 Keyes, Lorrin P.
 Kingsbury, Willis A.
 Linnell, Solomon, 2d
 McFarland, Cromwell
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Osborne, William H.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Pierce, John
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Rice, Augustus
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richardson, C. Fred.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Smith, George E.
 Snow, Edmund F.
 Spooner, William H.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Stone, Stillman
 Swift, Augustus
 Toulmin, William B.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Tufts, George K.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Warner, John F.
 Wells, Daniel W.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 White, Lloyd E.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Williams, Fred H.
 Willson, Edmund B.
 Wolcott, Roger.

Yeas, 88 ; nays, 102.

On this question Messrs. Madden of Boston, Whitcomb of Watertown and Stow of Fall River, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Murdock of Leicester, Burnham of Westminster and Dodge of Grafton.

On the engrossment of the bill the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Martin of Fall River, and the roll being called the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence by a vote of 108 yeas to 83 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Daggett, Handel N.
Adams, John S.	Damon, Calvin
Almy, Edward C.	Darling, Moses B.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Davenport, James F.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Davis, Samuel G.
Ball, George H.	Dean, Wilbert T.
Barker, Forrest E.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Barstow, Henry	Dresser, Jacob A.
Batcheller, Aldin	Dunham, Henry J.
Beard, Alanson W.	Eaton, Thomas S.
Bent, George C.	Eaton, William N.
Bent, Roderic L.	Ernst, George A. O.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Fassett, Alfred S.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Forbes, William A.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Foster, Joshua T.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Gifford, Meltiah
Burdett, Joseph O.	Gilbert, Edwin
Burditt, Alfred A.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Burnham, Albert S.	Gove, Jesse M.
Burr, Charles C.	Gray, Chester H.
Butterfield, Simeon	Gross, William H.
Carleton, O. Loring	Hardy, John H.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Hartwell, Harris C.
Chapin, Francis L.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Hatch, Luther P.
Cilley, John L.	Hazelton, Charles W.
Clark, Charles N.	Hazen, Herman S.
Clark, Elijah C.	Hewins, James
Cobb, George R.	Hosley Henry E.
Coffin, Charles C.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Collins, Edward	Howard, Nathaniel
Cook, Thomas W.	Howes, Lewis W.
Crowell, Joshua	Huntoon, George L.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Cummings, Prentiss	Judkins, John B.
Cushing, George A.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Keyes, Lorrin P.

Messrs. Kingsbury, Willis A.
 Linnell, Solomon, 2d
 McFarland, Cromwell
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Milne, John C.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Pierce, John
 Potter, Burton W.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Rice, Augustus
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richardson, C. Fred.
 Searall, William A.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Smith, George E.
 Snow, Edmund F.
 Spooner, William H.

Messrs. Starbird, Charles D.
 Stone, Stillman
 Toulmin, William B.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Warner, John F.
 Wells, Daniel W.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wheeler, Orswell A.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Williams, Fred H.
 Willson, Edmund B.
 Wolcott, Roger.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac
 Baker, Henry A.
 Baker, John I.
 Bancroft, William A.
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Bishop, George P.
 Blaney, Alexander
 Blyth, Robert
 Bosworth, Benjamin S.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Buckley, Michael J.
 Butler, Richard T.
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Clark, Aaron F.
 Clark, John
 Clark, Sewall J.
 Creed, Michael J.
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Daly, William, Jr.
 Danforth, Henry P.
 Davis, Everett A.
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Donovan, James
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Farrell, John R.

Messrs. Flint, Charles H.
 Foley, Patrick E.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Freeman, Clarend'n A.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gleason, George A.
 Harrub, Fred M.
 Harkins, Dominick J.
 Harvey, Edwin B.
 Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
 Howes, Erastus
 Howland, Charles H.
 Hoynes, Edward F.
 Jones, Frank W.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Killion, Michael J.
 Kimball, D. Frank
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Littlefield, George W.
 Madden, John J.
 Maguire, John J.
 Martin, Charles B.
 Mead, John J.
 Murphy, John R.
 Nash, George M.
 Oakes, Charles N.
 O'Brien, Francis
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 Osborne, William H.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.

Messrs. Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.	Messrs. Small, Edward E.
Paton, Andrew H.	Stafford, John H.
Pattee, William G. A.	Stark, Henry C.
Peakes, Simeon T.	Stratton, James F.
Peck, Herbert L.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Randall, Charles L.	Tarone, James
Reed, Daniel	Ward, John E.
Reilly, Michael, 2d	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Reynolds, Enos H.	White, Lloyd E.
Roads, Samuel, Jr.	Winter, Frank E.
Salmon, Thomas	Wright, John H.
Sanderson, George A.	

Yeas, 108; nays, 83.

On this question Mr. Burnham of Westminster, who would have voted in the affirmative, was paired with Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown.

Petition Presented.

Improved dwellings for certain people in and near Boston.

Mr. Paine of Waltham presented the petition of Nathaniel J. Bradlee and others for an act of incorporation to provide improved dwellings for people of moderate means in and near the city of Boston, and moved a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The House refused to suspend the rule and the petition was referred to the next General Court.

Papers from the Senate.

Supreme judicial court, — actions of tort.

Reports :

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to next General Court, on an order relative to legislation concerning the jurisdiction of the supreme judicial court in actions of tort, and relative to increasing the number of judges of said court; and

State tax for the public schools.

Of the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to a state tax for the benefit of the public schools;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Thursday.

Bills :

South Church in Dedham. Billerica, — Boston and Lowell Railroad.

To change the name of the South Church in Dedham; To authorize the town of Billerica to aid the extension of the Boston and Lowell Railroad; and

To authorize the town of Bedford to aid the extension of the Boston and Lowell Railroad ;

Bedford, —
Boston and
Lowell Rail-
road.

Severally reported on petitions, and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Resolutions :

Relating to soldiers and sailors who served in the war of the rebellion and who were confined in Confederate military prisons, (reported on a resolution introduced on leave in the Senate) ; and

Soldiers and
sailors confined
in Confederate
military
prisons.

Tendering the thanks of the General Court to keeper Isaac G. Fisher and crew of the Peaked Hill Bar Life Saving Station, Provincetown (introduced on leave of the House) ;

Peaked Hill
Bar Life Saving
Station, Prov-
incetown.

Severally adopted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Thursday.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill concerning cash fares upon street railways in the city of Boston.

Street railway
fares in Boston.

The House Bill to prevent discrimination by life insurance companies against persons of color came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments, in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule.

Insurance of
colored persons.

The Senate order relative to joint committees reporting all matters in the Senate, except money bills, during the remainder of the session, adopted in concurrence, with an amendment in which the Senate non-concurred and in which the House insisted, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate receded.

Reports of
joint com-
mittees.

The message of the Governor transmitting the correspondence received by him with the portrait of Hon. Charles Sumner, presented to the Commonwealth by James Wormley of Washington, D. C., came down from the Senate, referred to a joint special committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, Messrs. Andrew, McFarlin and Cronin being appointed the committee on the part of the Senate. The House concurred, and Messrs. Wolcott of Boston, Wentworth of Dedham, O'Neil of Boston, Cross of Newburyport, Kendrick of Springfield, Dunham of Stockbridge, Barker of Worcester and Chappelle of Boston were joined on the part of the House.

James Worm-
ley, — portrait
of Charles
Sumner.

Barbed wire
fences.

The House Bill to prevent the building and maintaining of barbed wire fences along or upon public streets and highways, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for Thursday, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Westminster,—
Fitchburg
Railroad.

A Bill to authorize the town of Westminster to aid the extension of the Fitchburg Railroad to said town, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down from the Senate referred to the committee on Railroads under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The House refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the rule and the bill was referred to the next General Court.

State almshouse,—state
workhouse.

A Bill to provide for the appointment of trustees of the State Almshouse and the State Workhouse (reported, in part, on the report of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Springfield
charter.

The House Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in which the House non-concurred, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate insisted. Mr. Gove of Boston moved that the House recede, pending which motion, the bill was placed in the orders of the day and further consideration was postponed until Thursday, on motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston.

Reports of Committees.

Offences against
the person.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the law concerning offences against the person.

Water meters.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to legislation concerning water meters.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Thursday.

New England
Society for the
Suppression of
Vice.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice.

By Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Watertown Water Supply Company.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, from the same committee; on a petition, a Bill authorizing the city of Lynn, — Swampscott water supply. to supply the town of Swampscott with water.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. White of Taunton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in relation to assessments for public improvements, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Thursday for a second reading.

Taken from the Table.

On motions of Mr. Smith of Everett the Reports :

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for legislation authorizing the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association as real estate to the owners of such buildings; and

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Newburyport to be relieved from the award of the County Commissioners of Essex County in assessing the cost of the Deer Island bridge;

Were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until next Thursday.

On motion of Mr. Boardman of Boston, the report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of John M. Seeley and others, for legislation concerning freight charges for carrying coal on the Boston and Albany Railroad, was taken from the table. On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, the House non-concurred with the Senate in its recommittal to the committee on Railroads, and the report was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the report of the committee appointed to devise means to shorten the session, recommending the adoption of an order that all reports be made on or before Monday, April 28, and that reports from joint committees, so far as practicable, be made in the Senate; was taken from the table. The pending motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston to amend the order was

withdrawn by that gentleman, there being no objection. Mr. Hartwell moved to amend the order by striking out the words "Monday, April 28" and inserting in place thereof the words "Tuesday, May 6." The amendment was adopted, and the order, as amended, was then adopted, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Double tracking
of the Troy and
Greenfield
Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, the Bill making appropriations for the completion of the double tracking of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was taken from the table, and, pending the question on its engrossment, it was placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until next Thursday, on further motion of the same gentleman.

Sales of land
for taxes.

On motion of Mr. Gove of Boston, the Bill concerning sales of land by cities and towns for taxes was taken from the table, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until next Thursday, pending the question on engrossment.

Essex County
jail.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the Bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Essex County to provide a new jail at Salem, was taken from the table, and, pending the question on its engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until next Thursday.

Benevolent
building
associations.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham, the report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of John M. Berry for legislation providing that State aid be given in the establishment of building associations for the purpose of building homes for the people, was taken from the table, and was, on his further motion, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until next Thursday.

Elections and
voting.

The Bill concerning elections and voting therein was taken from the table, and was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Bills enacted,
resolve passed.

Engrossed bills :

Concerning the volunteer militia ;
To incorporate the Brandt Island Club ;
For the better protection of lobsters ;

Relating to the employment of pilots on board whaling vessels outward bound from the port of New Bedford; and

To establish the salary of the justice of the police court of Brookline;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of Alice S. Holbrook (which originated in the House) was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, in-
expedient to legislate, on an order relative to the placing
of telegraph, telephone and electric-light wires by indi-
viduals or corporations upon dwelling houses and other
private buildings without the consent of the owner was
further considered, and was, on motion of Mr. Clark of
Boston, recommitted to the committee on Mercantile
Affairs, pending the amendment moved by Mr. Clark to
substitute a bill.

Orders of the
day.

The Bill to incorporate the Boston Special Capital Com-
pany was further considered, the question being on order-
ing to a third reading. Amendments moved by Messrs.
Beard of Boston and Smith of Everett, were adopted, and,
after debate, the bill was rejected by a vote of 67 to 89,
and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to provide for the management of Mount Hope
Cemetery in the city of Boston was further considered,
the question being on ordering to a third reading. The
amendments recommended by the committee on the Judi-
ciary were adopted. After debate, at the request of Mr.
Kimball of Chelsea, the yeas and nays were ordered, on
the main question, and the roll being called the bill was
ordered to a third reading by a vote of 73 yeas to 52 nays,
as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Almy, Edward C.
Baker, Benjamin F.
Batcheller, Aldin
Beard, Alanson W.
Bent, George C.
Bent, Roderic L.
Boardman, Halsey J.
Bucklin, Daniel F.

Messrs. Burdett, Joseph O.
Burditt, Alfred A.
Burr, Charles C.
Butler, Thomas C.
Butterfield, Simeon
Chapin, Francis L.
Chappelle, Julius C.
Clark, Elijah C.

Messrs. Clark, John
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Collins, Edward
 Cutler, Lucius A.
 Danforth, Henry P.
 Darling, Moses B.
 Davenport, James F.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dodge, Joseph A.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Ernst, George A. O.
 Fassett, Alfred S.
 Foster, Joshua T.
 Frisbee, Frank W.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gilbert, Edwin
 Gray, Chester H.
 Hardy, John H.
 Hastings, Joseph W.
 Hatch, Luther P.
 Hazelton, Charles W.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hewins, James
 Hosley, Henry E.
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howard, Nathaniel
 Howes, Lewis W.
 Howland, Charles H.
 Huntoon, George L.

Messrs. Keyes, Lorrin P.
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Paine, Robert T., Jr.
 Pierce, John
 Potter, Burton W.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Rice, Augustus
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richardson, C. Fred.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Small, Edward E.
 Smith, George E.
 Spooner, William H.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Toulmin, William B.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Warner, Emerson
 Wells, Daniel W.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Willcomb, Frederic.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Blyth, Robert
 Bosworth, Benjamin S.
 Bowker, Horace L.
 Buckley, Michael J.
 Burnham, Albert S.
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Clark, Aaron F.
 Clark, George L.
 Coffey, John A.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Cushing, George A.
 Damon, Calvin
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Donovan, James
 Eaton, William N.

Messrs. Flint, Charles H.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Gross, William H.
 Harkins, Dominick J.
 Howes, Erastus
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Killion, Michael J.
 Kimball, D. Frank
 Madden, John J.
 Maguire, John J.
 Martin, Charles B.
 Mead, John J.
 Mooney, John F. H.
 O'Brien, Francis
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Peakes, Simeon T.
 Randall, Charles L.

Messrs. Reilly, Michael, 2d	Messrs. Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Sanderson, George A.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Stafford, John H.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Stark, Henry C.	Winter, Frank E.
Stone, Stillman	Woods, John M.
Ward, John E.	Wright, John H.

Yeas, 73 ; nays, 52.

On this question Messrs. Cummings of Boston, Brackett of Boston, Bailey of Somerville, Crowell of Barnstable, White of Taunton, Barker of Worcester, Hartwell of Fitchburg, Snow of Boston, Chamberlain of Cambridge, Harvey of Westborough, Ball of Worcester, Gordon of New Bedford, Burnham of Westminster, Williams of Foxborough, Searrell of New Bedford, Kendrick of Springfield, Willson of Salem, Swift of New Bedford, Milne of Fall River, Carleton of Middleton, Wolcott of Boston, Cilley of Salisbury, Gifford of Falmouth, Cook of New Bedford, Kingsbury of Holliston and Clark of Medway, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Foley of Fall River, Creed of Boston, Cross of Newburyport, Doherty of Boston, Baker of Beverly, McLaughlin of Boston, Dunham of Stockbridge, Hoynes of Boston, Peck of Taunton, Blaney of Natick, Gleason of Douglas, Gove of Boston, Dwyer of Boston, Davis of Tisbury, Gimlich of Pittsfield, Nash of Abington, Paton of Danvers, Baker of Rockland, Oakes of Westfield, Salmon of Woburn, Roads of Marblehead, Bishop of Newburyport, Coveney of Cambridge, Farrell of Boston, Jones of Lynn, and Connor of Worcester.

The Bill extending the authority to summon witnesses was further considered, and was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to authorize suits by and against foreign corporations doing business in this Commonwealth, was read a second time and was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Manufactures, inexpedient to legislate, on the report of the State Gas Inspector was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill concerning pilotage was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal busi-

ness was further considered, and pending the question on its engrossment the House,

At five o'clock adjourned, until Thursday at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock, A.M.

THURSDAY, May 1, 1884.

Met according to adjournment at fifteen minutes past ten o'clock A.M.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Remonstrance Presented.

Hampden
County jail.

By Mr. Smith of Palmer, remonstrance of the selectmen of Wilbraham and others, against compelling the county commissioners of Hampden County to build a new jail in said county. Placed on file.

Reconsideration.

Westminster,—
Fitchburg
Railroad.

Mr. Bent of Gardner moved to reconsider the vote by which the House on Tuesday last refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule on the Bill, introduced on leave in the Senate, to authorize the town of Westminster to aid the extension of the Fitchburg Railroad to said town. The motion prevailed, and on his further motion the rule was suspended and the bill was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Railroads.

Boston Special
Capital
Company.

Mr. Hardy of Arlington moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Tuesday last, rejected the Bill to incorporate the Boston Special Capital Company. Mr. Adams of Attleborough moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Both motions were lost.

Papers from the Senate.

Milford,
Hopkinton and
Ashland R. R.
Co.

A report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Draper and others for an incorporation as the Milford, Hopkinton and Ashland Railroad Company accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Northern Berk-
shire, district
court at Adams.

A Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the district court of Northern Berkshire at Adams, reported on

an order, and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate Bill to prevent the use of nets in ponds, passed to be engrossed by the House, in concurrence, with an amendment, came down from the Senate with an endorsement that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, the House receded and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Nets in ponds.

An engrossed Bill to provide for composition with creditors in insolvency came down from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been returned to the Senate at its request, by the Governor, that its enactment had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended. On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the rules were suspended, the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted by the House was reconsidered, and the House concurred with the Senate in its amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Creditors in insolvency.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the Bill providing for trustees of the Woburn Public Library.

Woburn Public Library.

Notice was received from the Senate that the Hon. John Haskell Butler of Somerville had been elected, in concurrence, a councillor to fill the vacancy in the Third District, occasioned by the death of Hon. Charles R. McLean.

Election of councillor for the third councillor district.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence :—

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Hon. John Haskell Butler of Somerville that he has been duly elected councillor to fill the vacancy in the Third District, occasioned by the death of Hon. Charles R. McLean, to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Councillor elect notified.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, from the committee on Claims, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to affording relief to Rogers Amero, who was extradited from Nova Scotia on a charge of murder and after suffering a long imprisonment in this Commonwealth was discharged without trial, and a petition in aid of the same.

Rogers Amero.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, from the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court,

Andover, —
Shawsheen
River.

on the petition, taken from the Senate files of last year, of S. K. Johnson and others that the town of Andover may have authority to take water from the Shawsheen River for the purposes of a water supply.

Boston, —
Shawsheen
River.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, reference to the next General Court, on the petition, taken from the Senate files of last year, of the mayor of Boston for authority to take water from Shawseen River for a water supply for said city.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Marblehead
water supply.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill to supply the town of Marblehead with water.

Steam engines
and steam
boilers.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to provide for the public safety in the use of steam-engines and steam-boilers ought to pass with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow the question being on the engrossment of the bill.

Salary of Secre-
tary of Board of
Commissioners
of Prisons.

By Mr. Roads of Marblehead, from the committee on Prisons, on the annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons, in part, a Bill in relation to the salary of the secretary of the board of Commissioners of Prisons. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Framingham
Water
Company.

By Mr. Reed of Milford, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to incorporate the Framingham Water Company.

Revere Water
Company.

By Mr. Foster of Medford, from the same committee, on a petition, a Bill in addition to "An Act to incorporate the Revere Water Company."

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Lynn, —
Nahant water
supply.

By Mr. Walker of Worcester, from the committee on Water Supply, that the Bill (recommitted) authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Nahant with water ought to pass with an amendment. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Discharged from the Orders.

Foreign cor-
porations.

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston the Bill to authorize suits by and against foreign corporations doing

business in this Commonwealth was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Cummings, and pending the main question on its engrossment, it was referred to the committee on the Judiciary on further motion of the same gentleman.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal business was further considered, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Bill providing that persons licensed to sell intoxicating liquors to be drunk on the premises shall be legal voters of the city or town wherein the license is granted was read a second time. Mr. Ernst of Boston raised the point of order that the bill was obnoxious to House Rule No. 48, which provides that when a measure has been finally rejected no measure substantially the same shall be introduced during the same session. The Speaker stated that the committee on the Liquor Law having reported inexpedient to legislate on an order instructing the committee to consider the expediency of amending or changing the statute laws of the Commonwealth in reference to the sale of intoxicating liquors, and both branches having accepted the report, it was not in order for the House to consider a bill which proposed a change in the law. He therefore ruled that the bill was not properly before the House, and it was accordingly laid aside, and notice was sent to the Senate. Point of order.

Mr. Chamberlain of Cambridge asked unanimous consent that the bill might be considered, but objection was made.

The Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to erect a new jail and house of correction was read a second time and considered. Mr. Winter of Springfield moved to amend by substituting a "Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to erect a new jail and house of correction at Springfield." After debate the amendment was rejected and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the officers of the Superior Court in the county of Suffolk was read a third time, and, pend-

ing the question on its engrossment, it was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington.

The report of the committee on Insurance, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to requiring foreign life insurance companies to issue a non-forfeitable policy, such as is required of home companies was further considered. Mr. Doherty of Boston moved to substitute a "Bill in relation to the terms of policies of insurance issued by foreign life insurance companies in this Commonwealth." After debate the amendment was rejected and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolve to provide a new index to the Public Statutes was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of John M. Berry for legislation providing that State aid be given in the establishment of building associations for the purpose of building homes for the people was further considered. Mr. Paine of Waltham moved to amend by substituting a "Bill to promote the establishment of benevolent building associations throughout the Commonwealth." The amendment was adopted and the bill having been read was referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

The report of the committee on Taxation; leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for legislation authorizing the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association as real estate to the owners of such buildings was further considered. The bill moved as an amendment by Mr. Hazelton of Montague was substituted and having been read was ordered to a second reading.

The Bill making appropriations for the completion of the double tracking of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad was further considered, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in an amendment adopted by the House.

The Bill concerning sales of land by cities and towns for taxes was further considered the question being on its

engrossment. An amendment moved by Mr. Ernst of Boston was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Essex County to provide a new jail at Salem was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. Mr. Baker of Beverly moved an amendment, which was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Newburyport to be relieved from the award of the county commissioners of Essex County in assessing the cost of the Deer Island bridge was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Cross of Newburyport.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to legislation concerning water meters, was, on motion of Mr. Bowker of Boston, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the law concerning offences against the person was accepted.

Reports :

Of the joint committee on the Judiciary, reference to next General Court, on an order relative to legislation concerning the jurisdiction of the Supreme Judicial Court in actions of tort, and relative to increasing the number of judges of said court ; and

Of the committee on Education, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to a state tax for the benefit of the public schools ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

The Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to keeper Isaac G. Fisher and crew of the Peaked Hill Bar Life Saving Station, Provincetown was adopted, in concurrence, as follows :—

Whereas, During the last week the schooners William H. Mailer and Robert L. Smith were wrecked upon Peaked

Hill Bars, Provincetown ; and, *whereas*, in the rescue of the passengers and crew, marked bravery and heroism were displayed by the keeper and crew of the Peaked Hill Bar Life Saving Station ;

Therefore, be it Resolved : That the thanks of the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, be and hereby are tendered to keeper Isaac G. Fisher, and surfmen William W. Cook, James T. Fish, Samuel O. Fisher, Edwin A. Wheldon, Edwin F. Smith, Benjamin R. Kelley, and Levi A. Kelley, who, by their heroic exertions and at the imminent peril of their own lives, rescued from a watery grave ten citizens of the United States.

The Resolution relating to soldiers and sailors who served in the war of the rebellion and who were confined in Confederate military prisons was considered. An amendment moved by Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg was adopted, and, after debate, the resolution was rejected and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The House concurred with the Senate in its amendments to the Bill to prevent the building and maintaining of barbed wire fences along or upon public streets and highways, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Bills :

Relating to the transfer of stock in corporations ;

To incorporate the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice ;

To incorporate the Watertown Water Supply Company ;

To authorize the town of Bedford to aid the extension of the Boston and Lowell Railroad ;

To change the name of the South Church in Dedham ;

To authorize the town of Billerica to aid the extension of the Boston and Lowell Railroad ; and

In relation to assessments for public improvements ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relative to the proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates was further considered, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

For the further relief of bail upon the death of their principal (amended as recommended by the committee on

Bills in the Third Reading by substituting therefor a bill with the same title) ;

To fix the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Hampden (amended on motion of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, and its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

In relation to names of public ways in the city of Boston (amended on motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston and its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

In relation to betterments for locating, laying out and constructing streets, ways and public parks ;

To authorize the trustees of Sigma Phi Society of Williams College to hold additional real and personal estate (amended on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly) ;

To provide for public parks in the city of Worcester, (amended on motion of Mr. Creed of Boston) ; and

To provide for the dissolution and disposition of the property of the corporation known as The Inhabitants of the First Parish in Townsend (its title having been amended so as to read " Bill to provide for the dissolution of the corporation known as ' The Inhabitants of the First Parish in Townsend,' and for the disposition of its property ") ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and the three bills last named were sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The Bill relative to the payment of operatives by manufacturing corporations at intervals not exceeding fourteen days was read a third time and considered. Mr. Stafford of Lawrence moved to amend the clause in section two allowing corporations four days to make up their accounts by striking out the word " four " and inserting in place thereof the word " six. " After debate the amendment was rejected and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen was further con-

sidered, and pending the motion of Mr. Gove of Boston that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment thereto, the House,

At five minutes before five o'clock, adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 2, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reconsideration.

Nets in ponds.

Mr. Howland of Plymouth moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House, yesterday, receded from its amendments to the Senate Bill to prevent the use of nets in ponds. The motion prevailed and on further motion of the same gentleman the House insisted, and asked for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Howland of Plymouth, Howes of Gloucester, and Osborne of East Bridgewater were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent up to be joined.

Soldiers and sailors confined in Confederate prisons.

Mr. Woods of Somerville moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, yesterday, rejected the Resolution relating to soldiers and sailors who served in the war of the rebellion and who were confined in Confederate military prisons. Mr. Snow of Boston moved to lay the motion on the table. Both motions were lost.

Fortnightly payments.

On motion of Mr. Paine of Waltham, the House reconsidered the vote by which the Bill relative to the payment of operatives by manufacturing corporations at intervals not exceeding fourteen days was yesterday passed to be engrossed.

Pending the recurring question on its engrossment Mr. Paine moved to reconsider the vote whereby the word "four" was allowed to remain in section two of the bill. The motion prevailed. Mr. O'Neil of Boston then moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to insert the word "six" in place of the word "four" in section two. The motion prevailed, and the question recurring on the amendment, inserting the word "six" it

was adopted. Other amendments were adopted on motions of Mr. Paine of Waltham, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Petition Presented.

Mr. Bailey of Somerville presented the petition of H. Farrington and others for legislation relative to obtaining possession of real estate where the occupants refuse to pay rent, and moved a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The motion was lost, and the petition was referred to the next General Court.

Tenants at will.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to establish a reformatory for male prisoners (reported, in part, on the annual report of the commissioners of Prisons, and, in part, on the report of the joint special committee of the legislature of 1883, appointed to sit during the recess and investigate the charitable and penal institutions of the State), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and ordered to a second reading.

Reformatory for male prisoners.

A Bill relating to medical examiners in the county of Franklin, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Medical examiners for Franklin Co.

A Resolve for the appointment of a commission to consider a general system of drainage for the valleys of the Mystic, Blackstone and Charles rivers, and territory adjacent thereto (reported on so much of the fifth annual report of the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity as refers to a Metropolitan System of Drainage), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Drainage for the valleys of the Mystic, Blackstone and Charles Rivers.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a convention of the two houses be held on Monday, May 5th, at half past two o'clock P.M., for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Hon. John Haskell Butler, councillor elect from the Third Councillor District.

Joint convention.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Luther Hill, chairman of the board of selectmen of Spencer, that

Spencer.

said town be authorized to issue bonds, notes and scrip to fund its indebtedness and to provide money to construct additional sewers or to purchase or construct water works.

Salary of judge
of probate and
insolvency for
Worcester Co.

By Mr. Bent of Cambridge, from the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Worcester.

Cambridge.

By the same gentleman, from the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that the aldermen of the city of Cambridge shall be so elected that each ward shall have two members of the board.

Taxation of
corporate stock.

By Mr. Danforth of Lawrence, from the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation providing that corporations shall be made taxable for their stock in trade in excess of their capital.

Assessment of
poll taxes.

By Mr. Tufts of New Braintree, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to legislation concerning the assessment of a poll tax with reference to the residence of the person assessed.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Taxation of
legacies and
successions.

By Mr. Wells of Hatfield, from the committee on Taxation, on an order, a Bill to lay taxes on legacies and successions [Mr. Tufts of New Braintree of the House dissenting]. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Connecticut
River.

By Mr. Almy of Dartmouth, from the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, on an order, a Bill relating to the conservation of the Connecticut River. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Elections and
voting.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the committee on Finance that the Bill concerning elections and voting therein ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

Assaults upon
officers.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill (recommitted) to provide for the punishment of violent assaults upon officers ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

*Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.***Engrossed bills :**

Relating to divorce in cases of long and unexplained absence of the libellee ; Bills enacted, — resolves passed.

Relating to safety appliances in hotels and public buildings ; and

Requiring railroad companies to use safety couplers on freight cars ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To establish the salary of the justice of the district court of Southern Berkshire and to abolish the office of clerk of said court ;

To establish the first district court of Northern Worcester ;

To change the name of the Washburn Iron Company ;

Concerning contagious diseases among cattle ;

To confirm the proceedings of the last annual town meeting of the town of Otis ;

To establish and incorporate the Masonic Education and Charity Trust ;

To fix the time of filing the annual statements of insurance companies ;

To establish the salary of the justice of the First District Court of Bristol, holding court in Attleborough ; and

Concerning asylums for the chronic insane ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In aid of the Massachusetts Agricultural College ;

In favor of the State Normal School at Worcester ; and

In relation to the indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, and the mortgage of said corporation to the Commonwealth ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

On motions of Mr. Bowker of Boston the report of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation relative to placing the appointment of the inspector of provisions of Inspectors of provisions in Boston.

said city in the hands of the board of health was taken from the table and was placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until Monday.

Trustees under
a will.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge the Bill exempting trustees under a will from giving a surety or sureties on their bonds was taken from the table, and, pending the question on its engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until Monday.

Joint Rule
No. 9.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston the order relative to suspending Joint Rule No. 9 was taken from the table and was adopted, in concurrence.

Enforcement of
certain claims
against heirs,
&c.

On motion of Mr. Bent of Cambridge the report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing a remedy for the enforcement of claims that do not become due until after two years from the granting of letters of administration against heirs, devisees or legatees of the debtor was taken from the table, and was placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until Monday.

Boston Surety
Company.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston the Bill to incorporate the Boston Surety Company was taken from the table and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until Monday.

Voting.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester the Bill to ascertain by proper proofs the citizens who are entitled to the right of suffrage was taken from the table and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, was placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until Monday, on further motion of the same gentleman.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motions of Mr. Boardman of Boston the
Bills :

Bedford, —
Boston &
Lowell R. R.

To authorize the town of Bedford to aid the extension of the Boston and Lowell Railroad ; and

Billerica, —
Boston &
Lowell R. R.

To authorize the town of Billerica to aid the extension of the Boston and Lowell Railroad ;

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule in each case. They were

severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, Rule 15 being suspended in each case, on further motions of the same gentleman.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen was further considered. The pending motion of Mr. Gove of Boston, that the House recede from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment thereto was lost. On motion of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield the House asked for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Winter of Springfield, Dwyer of Boston and Adams of Attleborough were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent up to be joined. Orders of the day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Newburyport to be relieved from the award of the county commissioners of Essex County in assessing the cost of the Deer Island Bridge;

Of the committee on Water Supply, reference to the next General Court :

On the petition, taken from the Senate files of last year, of the mayor of Boston for authority to take water from Shawsheen River for a water supply for said city ; and

On the petition, taken from the Senate files of last year, of S. K. Johnson and others that the town of Andover may have authority to take water from the Shawsheen River for the purposes of a water supply ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of George Draper and others for an act of incorporation as the Milford, Hopkinton and Ashland Railroad Company was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Swampscott with water ;

To incorporate the Framingham Water Company ;

To supply the town of Marblehead with water ;

In addition to " An Act to incorporate the Revere Water Company ; "

To authorize the holding of sessions of the district court of Northern Berkshire at Adams; and

Relating to the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualists' Camp Meeting Association (amended on motion of Mr. Beard of Boston);

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Extending the authority to summon witnesses;

To incorporate the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice;

To incorporate the Watertown Water Supply Company; and

Granting an additional water supply to the Haverhill Aqueduct Company, by taking the water of Silver Lake (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

To authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to erect a new jail and house of correction;

Relating to the transfer of stock in corporations;

In relation to assessments for public improvements; and

To change the name of the South Church in Dedham (amended on motion of Mr. Wentworth of Dedham);

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the last named bill being sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to legislation concerning water meters was, on motion of Mr. Farrell of Boston, laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Claims, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to affording relief to Rogers Amero, who was extradited from Nova Scotia on a charge of murder and after suffering a long imprisonment in this Commonwealth was discharged without trial, and a petition in aid of the same was, on motion of Mr. Ernet of Boston, laid on the table.

The Bill concerning the officers of the Superior Court in the county of Suffolk was further considered, the question being on its engrossment, and after debate it was rejected.

The Bill to provide for the public safety in the use of steam-engines and steam-boilers, was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. The amendments recommended by the committee on the Judiciary and amendments moved by Messrs. Kendrick of Springfield and Ernst of Boston were severally adopted, and the bill as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Nahant with water was further considered, amended as recommended by the committee on Water Supply, and was ordered to a third reading.

At fifteen minutes past four o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, May 5, 1884. •

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Creed of Boston, the vote by which the Bill to change the name of the South Church in Dedham was, on Friday, May 2, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, was reconsidered. Pending the recurring question on its engrossment, the same gentleman moved an amendment to the title, adding the words, "and to authorize it to hold additional real and personal estate." The amendment was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

South Church in
Dedham.

Mr. Baker of Beverly moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House on Friday, May 2, passed to be engrossed the Bill to provide for the public safety in the use of steam-engines and steam-boilers. On further motion of the same gentleman the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Steam engines
and steam
boilers.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, was adopted, under a suspension of the 12th

Joint Rule, and sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule :—

Town meetings.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of legislation to confirm the proceedings of such town meetings as have failed to comply with the law relative to the appointments of tellers, and also of a repeal or modification of the law of 1883 relative to the same subject.

Joint Convention.

John Haskell
Butler qualified
as councillor.

Pursuant to assignment, the two branches met in convention, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to Hon. John Haskell Butler, councillor-elect from the Third District, and Messrs. Loring, Campbell and Morrison of the Senate, and Messrs. Bailey of Somerville, Doherty of Boston, Burnham of Revere, Bent of Cambridge and Gove of Boston were appointed a committee to wait upon the councillor-elect and inform him that the two branches are now in convention for the purpose of administering to him the oaths of office.

Subsequently Mr. Loring, from the above-named committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and soon after the councillor-elect came in and took and subscribed to the oaths required to qualify him for the discharge of the duties of the office.

The two branches separated.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Newton
Associates.

Of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edwin W. Gay and others for an act of incorporation as the Newton Associates ; and

insane
persons.

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate, on so much of the report of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity as relates to the boarding out of the insane in private families ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Homœopathic
hospital for the
insane.

State Reform
School.

Bills :

To establish a homœopathic hospital for the insane ; and
Concerning the State Reform School ;

Severally reported on portions of the report of the joint special committee of the Legislature of 1883 authorized to sit during the recess, were severally referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Expenditures.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Howland of Plymouth, from the committee on Prisons, on an order, a Bill to authorize the county commissioners of Plymouth County to enlarge and remodel the jail and house of correction at Plymouth (Mr. Reed of the Senate dissenting and submitting his views). Plymouth
County jail.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order (recommitted), a Bill providing for compensation for damages occasioned by the erection of telegraph and telephone lines. Telegraph and
telephone lines.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to dissolve attachments of the real estate of non-residents in certain cases ought to pass in a new draft with the title, "Bill relating to the dismissal of actions in which the real estate of non-residents is attached." Attachment of
real estate of
non-residents.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed Bills: To prevent discrimination by life insurance companies against persons of color; and

To remedy defects in the corporate organization of the German Reformed Church Society, and to confirm a deed of mortgage (which severally originated in the House);

To authorize the town of Bedford to aid the extension of the Boston & Lowell Railroad; and

To authorize the town of Bellerica to aid the extension of the Boston & Lowell Railroad;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motions of Mr. O'Neil of Boston the following bills were severally discharged from the orders of the day and considered, under a suspension of the rule in each case:—

Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Swampscott with water. It was read third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Lynn, —
Swampscott.

Bill authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Nahant with water. It was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Lynn, —
Nahant.

Bill to supply the town of Marblehead with water. It Marblehead.

was read a third time, amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, and pending the main question on its engrossment, it was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Luther Hill, chairman of the board of selectmen of Spencer, that said town be authorized to issue bonds, notes and scrip to fund its indebtedness and to provide money to construct additional sewers or to purchase or construct water works was accepted.

Reports :

Of the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to increasing the salary of the judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Worcester ;

Of the committee on Cities, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing that the aldermen of the city of Cambridge shall be so elected that each ward shall have two members of the board ;

Of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to legislation providing that corporations shall be made taxable for their stock in trade in excess of their capital ; and

On an order relative to legislation concerning the assessment of a poll tax with reference to the residence of the persons assessed ; and

Of the committee on Public Health, leave to withdraw, on petition of the mayor of Boston for legislation relative to placing the appointment of the inspector of provisions of said city in the hands of the board of health ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to ascertain by proper proofs the citizens who are entitled to the right of suffrage was further considered, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly.

The Bill to lay taxes on legacies and successions was read a second time and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was postponed for consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Clark of Boston.

The Bill to provide for the punishment of violent assaults upon officers was rejected, as recommended by the joint committee on the Judiciary, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill concerning elections and voting therein was, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

The Bill to establish a reformatory for male prisoners was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in addition to "An Act to incorporate the Revere Water Company" was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading so that it read "Bill to authorize the Revere Water Company to increase its capital stock and to supply the town of Winthrop with water."

The Bill to provide for the management of Mount Hope Cemetery in the city of Boston was read a third time and considered. On motion of Mr. Bent of Gardner the House voted that debate be closed at four o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached. On the main question on its engrossment the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Pattee of Quincy and the roll being called the bill was rejected by a vote of 61 yeas to 63 nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Collins, Edward
Baker, Benjamin F.	Cook, Thomas W.
Ball, George H.	Crowell, Zenas E.
Barker, Forrest E.	Cummings, Prentiss
Beard, Alanson W.	Cutler, Lucius A.
Bent, George C.	Daggett, Handel N.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Davenport, James F.
Brown, Charles E.	Davis, Samuel G.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Burr, Charles C.	Ernst, George A. O.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Flagg, Levi L.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Foster, Joshua T.
Cilley, John L.	Gifford, Meltiah
Clark, John	Hastings, Joseph W.
Clark, Sewall J.	Hazen, Herman S.
Cobb, George R.	Hewins, James
Coffin, Charles C.	Hosmer, Henry J.

Messrs. Howes, Lewis W.	Messrs. Smith, Frederick H.
Huntoon, George L.	Smith, George E.
Hurlbut, Rufus H.	Spooner, William H.
Kendrick, Edmund P.	Towne, Charles A.
Linnell, Solomon, 2d	Tufts, George K.
McFarland, Cromwell	Wadlin, Horace G.
Millett, Joshua H.	Walker, Aaron G.
Milne, John C.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Morse, George P.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Rantoul, Robert S.	Willcomb, Frederic
Rice, Augustus	Willson, Edmund B.
Shaw, Elisha H.	Wolcott, Roger.
Small, Edward E.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Jones, Frank W.
Baker, Henry A.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Barry, Patrick T.	Killion, Michael J.
Bishop, George P.	Kimball, D. Frank
Blaney, Alexander	Littlefield, George W.
Blyth, Robert	Madden, John J.
Bowker, Horace L.	Maguire, John J.
Bryant, Timothy	McLaughlin, John A.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Melden, William B.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Mooney, John F. H.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Murphy, John R.
Clark, George L.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Coffey, John A.	Paton, Andrew H.
Creed, Michael J.	Pattee, William G. A.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Curry, Patrick S.	Peck, Herbert L.
Devney, Patrick F.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Doherty, Philip J.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Donehue, John T.	Richards, Charles W.
Donovan, James	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Elwell, George	Sanderson, George A.
Farrell, John R.	Savery, Albert T.
Flint, Charles H.	Stark, Henry C.
Forbes, William A.	Stow, T. Dwight
Fossitt, Edward J.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Ward, John E.
Gilbert, Edwin	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Gleason, George A.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Harkins, Dominick J.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Homans, Wm. A., Jr.	Winter, Frank E.
Howes, Erastus	Woods, John M.
Hoynes, Edward F.	

Yeas, 61; nays, 68.

On this question, Messrs. Gordon of New Bedford, Bailey of Somerville, Almy of Dartmouth, Harvey of Westborough, Hartwell of Fitchburg, Carleton of Middleton, Searell of New Bedford, Warner of Northampton, Stone of Lunenburg, Morrison of Boston, Starbird of Lowell, Frisbee of North Andover, Williams of Foxborough, Dodge of Grafton, Kingsbury of Holliston, Bent of Gardner, and Burnham of Revere, who, it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Morse of Sharon, Cross of Newburyport, Mead of Lowell, Randall of Boston, Salmon of Woburn, Gove of Boston, Dwyer of Boston, Bosworth of Taunton, Dolan of Boston, Swift of New Bedford, Oakes of Westfield, Butler of Lawrence, Starbird of Lowell, Nash of Abington, Buckley of Marlborough and Prime of Boston.

The Bill exempting trustees under a will from giving a surety or sureties on their bonds was further considered, and pending the question on its engrossment, the House,
At five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 6, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Roll Call.

On motion of Mr. Howes of Cambridge the roll was Roll call. called and it appeared that 153 members were present, the following-named gentlemen having responded to the call:

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Barry, Patrick T.
Adams, John S.	Beard, Alanson W.
Allis, Silas W.	Bent, George C.
Atkins, Isaac	Bent, Roderic L.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Blyth, Robert
Baker, Benjamin F.	Bosworth, Benjamin S.
Baker, John I.	Bowker, Horace L.
Ball, George H.	Brackett, John Q. A.
Barker, Forrest E.	Briggs, Fordyce W.

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| <p>Messrs. Brown, Charles E.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Buckley, Michael J.
 Bucklin, Daniel F.
 Burdett, Joseph O.
 Burditt, Alfred A.
 Burnham, Albert S.
 Burnham, Edwin L.
 Burr, Charles C.
 Butterfield, Simeon
 Carleton, O. Loring
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Chapin, Francis L.
 Chappelle, Julius C.
 Cilley, John L.
 Clark, Charles N.
 Clark, Elijah C.
 Clark, George L.
 Clark, John
 Cobb, George R.
 Coffey, John A.
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Connor, James
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Creed, Michael J.
 Crowell, Joshua
 Crowell, Zenas E.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Cushing, George A.
 Cutler, Lucius A.
 Daggett, Handel N.
 Damon, Calvin
 Davenport, James F.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dodge, Joseph A.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Donovan, James
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Elwell, George
 Ernst, George A. O.
 Farrell, John R.
 Flagg, Levi L.
 Flint, Charles H.
 Foley, Patrick E.</p> | <p>Messrs. Fossitt, Edward J.
 Foster, Joshua T.
 Francis, Henry H.
 Frisbee, Frank W.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gifford, Meltiah
 Gilbert, Edwin
 Gleason, George A.
 Gordon, William, Jr.
 Gove, Jesse M.
 Hallett, John W.
 Harkins, Dominick J.
 Hartwell, Harris C.
 Hastings, Joseph W.
 Hatch, Luther P.
 Hazelton, Charles W.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hewins, James
 Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
 Hosley, Henry E.
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howes, Erastus
 Howes, Lewis W.
 Howland, Charles H.
 Hoynes, Edward F.
 Johnson, Thomas B.
 Judkins, John B.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Kendrick, Edmund P.
 Kimball, D. Frank
 Kingsbury, Willis A.
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Linnell, Solomon, 2d
 Littlefield, George W.
 Maguire, John J.
 McFarland, Cromwell
 McLaughlin, John A.
 Melden, William R.
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Milne, John C.
 Morrison, Peter
 Morse, Bushrod
 Morse, George P.
 Murdock, John N.
 Murphy, John R.
 Nash, George M.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Peakes, Simeon T.
 Pierce, John</p> |
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Messrs. Prime, Oliver
 Randall, Charles L.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Reed, Daniel
 Rice, Augustus
 Richards, Charles W.
 Roads, Samuel, Jr.
 Salmon, Thomas
 Saunders, Franklin
 Searell, William A.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Smith, Frederick H.
 Smith, George E.
 Snow, Edmund F.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Stark, Henry C.
 Stebbins, Erastus
 Stow, T. Dwight

Messrs. Swift, Augustus
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Tarone, James
 Temple, Joseph W.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Warner, John F.
 Wells, Daniel W.
 Whitcomb, Francis E.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Williams, Fred H.
 Willson, Edmund B.
 Wolcott, Roger
 Woods, John M.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

Relating to the transfer of stock in corporations; and Bills enacted.
 In relation to betterments for locating, laying out and
 constructing streets, ways and public parks;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate);
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent
 to the Senate.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Howes of Cambridge moved a reconsideration of Mount Hope
Cemetery in
Boston.
 the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Bill to
 provide for the management of Mount Hope Cemetery in
 the city of Boston. On this question, at the request of
 Mr. Pattee of Quincy, the yeas and nays were ordered,
 and the roll being called, the motion prevailed by a vote
 of 92 yeas to 85 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.
 Adams, John S.
 Bailey, Joseph W.
 Baker, Benjamin F.
 Ball, George H.
 Barker, Forrest E.
 Barstow, Henry
 Batcheller, Aldin
 Beard, Alanson W.

Messrs. Bent, George C.
 Bent, Roderic L.
 Brackett, John Q. A.
 Briggs, Fordyce W.
 Brown, Charles E.
 Bucklin, Daniel F.
 Burdett, Joseph O.
 Burnham, Albert S.
 Burr, Charles C.

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Messrs. Butterfield, Simeon	Messrs. Howes, Lewis W.
Carleton, O. Loring	Huntoon, George L.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Chapin, Francis L.	Judkins, John B.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Clark, Charles N.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Clark, Sewall J.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Cobb, George R.	McFarland, Cromwell
Coffin, Charles C.	Millett, Joshua H.
Collins, Edward	Milne, John C.
Cook, Thomas W.	Morrison, Peter
Crowell, Zenas E.	Morse, George P.
Cummings, Prentiss	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Pierce, John
Daggett, Handel N.	Potter, Burton W.
Davenport, James F.	Reed, Daniel
Davis, Samuel G.	Rice, Augustus
Dresser, Jacob A.	Richards, Charles W.
Eaton, Thomas S.	Searell, William A.
Ernst, George A. O.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Flagg, Levi L.	Small, Edward E.
Foster, Joshua T.	Smith, Frederick H.
Freeman, Clarendon A.	Smith, George E.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Smith, Oren B.
Gifford, Meltiah	Snow, Edmund F.
Gilbert, Edwin	Spooner, William H.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Starbird, Charles D.
Gray, Chester H.	Towne, Charles A.
Hartwell, Harris C.	Tufts, George K.
Hastings, Joseph W.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Hatch, Luther P.	Walker, Aaron G.
Hazleton, Charles W.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Hazen, Herman S.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Hewins, James	Wilbur, Edward P.
Hosley, Henry E.	Williams, Fred H.
Hosmer, Henry J.	Willson, Edmund B.
Howard, Nathaniel	Wolcott, Roger.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Burditt, Alfred A.
Atkins, Isaac	Butler, Richard T.
Baker, Henry A.	Carpenter, Frank E.
Baker, John I.	Cilley, John L.
Barry, Patrick T.	Clark, Elijah C.
Blyth, Robert	Clark, George L.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Coffey, John A.
Bowker, Horace L.	Connor, James
Bryant, Timothy	Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Buckley, Michael J.	Creed, Michael J.

Messrs. Cross, Henry M.	Messrs. Melden, William R.
Crowell, Joshua	Morse, Bushrod
Crowley, Dennis J.	Murdock, John N.
Curry, Patrick S.	Murphy, John R.
Cushing, George A.	Nash, George M.
Damon, Calvin	Oakes, Charles N.
Devney, Patrick F.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Doherty, Phillip J.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Dolan, Michael J.	Pattee, William G. A.
Donehue, John T.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Donovan, James	Peck, Herbert L.
Eaton, William N.	Prime, Oliver
Egleston, Eber A.	Randall, Charles L.
Elwell, George	Reynolds, Enos H.
Farrell, John R.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Flint, Charles H.	Salmon, Thomas
Forbes, William A.	Sanderson, George A.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Saunders, Franklin
Francis, Henry H.	Savery, Albert T.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Stark, Henry C.
Gove, Jesse M.	Stebbins, Erastus
Gross, William H.	Stow, T. Dwight
Hallett, John W.	Stratton, James F.
Harkins, Dominick J.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Homans, Wm. A., Jr.	Tarone, James
Howes, Erastus	Ward, John E.
Hoynes, Edward F.	Warner, John F.
Kelly, Daniel F.	Wells, Daniel W.
Kimball, D. Frank	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Kingsbury, Willis A.	Winter, Frank E.
Littlefield, George W.	Woods, John M.
Maguire, John J.	Wright, John H.
McLaughlin, John A.	

Yeas, 92; nays, 85.

On this question Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Burnham of Westminster, Clark of Framingham, Willcomb of Ipswich, Harvey of Westborough, Almy of Dartmouth, Temple of Spencer, Rantoul of Salem, and Warner of Worcester, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Foley of Fall River, Paton of Danvers, Martin of Fall River, Gleason of Douglas, Mead of Lowell, Swift of New Bedford, Daly of Boston, Jones of Lynn, and Dwyer of Boston.

After debate on the recurring question on the engrossment of the bill, Mr. Starbird of Lowell moved the previous question.

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Mr. Pattee of Quincy moved that the House adjourn, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Morse of Sharon. Mr. Morse of Sharon asked to be excused from voting on this question, and at the request of Mr. O'Neil of Boston the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the request was refused by a vote of 78 yeas to 90 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Hatch, Luther P.
Barker, Forrest E.	Hazelton, Charles W.
Batcheller, Aldin	Hazen, Herman S.
Beard, Alanson W.	Hewins, James
Bent, George C.	Hosley, Henry E.
Bent, Roderic L.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Howard, Nathaniel
Brown, Charles E.	Howes, Lewis W.
Buckley, Michael J.	Huntoon, George L.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Judkins, John B.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Burr, Charles C.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Carleton, O. Loring	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	McLaughlin, John A.
Chapin, Francis L.	Millett, Joshua H.
Clark, Charles N.	Morse, George P.
Clark, Elijah C.	Murdock, John N.
Cobb, George R.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Coffin, Charles C.	Pattee, William G. A.
Crowell, Joshua	Potter, Burton W.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Rice, Augustus
Cummings, Prentiss	Savery, Albert T.
Cushing, George A.	Searell, William A.
Davis, Samuel G.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Devney, Patrick F.	Small, Edward E.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Smith, Frederick H.
Eaton, Thomas S.	Smith, George E.
Eaton, William N.	Snow, Edmund F.
Ernst, George A. O.	Temple, Joseph W.
Flagg, Levi L.	Towne, Charles A.
Foster, Joshua T.	Tufts, George K.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Walker, Aaron G.
Gifford, Meltiah	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Warner, Emerson
Gove, Jesse M.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Hallett, John W.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Hartwell, Harris C.	White, Lloyd E.
Harvey, Edwin B.	Willson, Edmund B.
Hastings, Joseph W.	Winslow, James A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Adams, John S.	Howes, Erastus
Allis, Silas W.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Baker, Henry A.	Kimball, D. Frank
Baker, John I.	Littlefield, George W.
Barry, Patrick T.	Maguire, John J.
Blyth, Robert	McFarland, Cromwell
Bowker, Horace L.	Melden, William R.
Bryant, Timothy	Milne, John C.
Burnham, Albert S.	Mooney, John F. H.
Butler, Richard T.	Murphy, John R.
Butterfield, Simeon	Nash, George M.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Oakes, Charles N.
Clark, George L.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Clark, John	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Clark, Sewall J.	Paton, Andrew H.
Coffey, John A.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Collins, Edward	Peck, Herbert L.
Connor, James	Pierce, John
Cook, Thomas W.	Prime, Oliver
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Randall, Charles L.
Creed, Michael J.	Reed, Daniel
Cross, Henry M.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Salmou, Thomas
Curry, Patrick S.	Sanderson, George A.
Doherty, Philip J.	Saunders, Franklin
Dolan, Michael J.	Spooner, William H.
Donehue, John T.	Starbird, Charles D.
Donovan, James	Stark, Henry C.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Stratton, James F.
Egleston, Eber A.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Elwell, George	Tarone, James
Farrell, John R.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Flint, Charles H.	Ward, John E.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Warner, John F.
Francis, Henry H.	Wells, Daniel W.
Freeman, Clarendon A.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Gilbert, Edwin	Williams, Fred H.
Gleason, George A.	Winter, Frank E.
Gray, Chester H.	Wolcott, Roger
Harkins, Dominick J.	Woods, John M.
Hazelton, Charles W.	Wright, John H.

Yeas, 78 ; nays, 90.

On this question Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Ball of Worcester, and Jones of Lynn, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Foley of Fall River, Stow of Fall River, and Roads of Marblehead.

Mr. McLaughlin of Boston asked to be excused from voting on the motion to adjourn. At the request of Mr. Creed of Boston the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, his request was refused by a vote of 76 yeas to 82 nays, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Baker, Henry A.	Messrs. Foley, Patrick E.
Barker, Forrest E.	Foster, Joshua T.
Beard, Alanson W.	Frisbee, Frank W.
Bent, George C.	Gifford, Meltiah
Bent, Roderic L.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Blyth, Robert	Hartwell, Harris C.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Hazen, Herman S.
Burnham, Albert S.	Hewins, James
Burnham, Edwin L.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Burr, Charles C.	Howes, Lewis W.
Butterfield, Simeon	Hoynes, Edward F.
Carleton, O. Loring	Huntoon, George L.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Chapin, Francis L.	Kimball, D. Frank
Chappelle, Julius C.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Clark, Charles N.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Clark, Elijah C.	Millett, Joshua H.
Clark, John	Morse, Bushrod
Coffin, Charles C.	Morse, George P.
Cook, Thomas W.	Murdock, John N.
Creed, Michael J.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Cross, Henry M.	Rice, Augustus
Crowell, Zenas E.	Richards, Charles W.
Cummings, Prentiss	Sargent, Wingate P.
Cushing, George A.	Savery, Albert T.
Davenport, James F.	Searell, William A.
Davis, Samuel G.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Small, Edward E.
Doherty, Philip J.	Smith, Frederick H.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Starbird, Charles D.
Ernst, George A. O.	Temple, Joseph W.
Farrell, John R.	Towne, Charles A.
Flagg, Levi L.	Tufts, George K.

Messrs. Walker, Aaron G. Messrs. White, Lloyd E.
 Wallis, Benjamin F. Willson, Edmund B.
 Whitcomb, Francis E. Winslow, James A.

NAYS.

<p>Messrs. Adams, George A. Adams, John S. Allis, Silas W. Atkins, Isaac Bailey, Joseph W. Baker, Benjamin F. Barry, Patrick T. Bowker, Horace L. Brown, Charles E. Bryant, Timothy Butler, Richard T. Carpenter, Frank E. Clark, George L. Clark, Sewall J. Coffey, John A. Collins, Edward Connor, James Coveney, Jeremiah W. Crowley, Dennis J. Curry, Patrick S. Daggett, Handel N. Dolan, Michael J. Donehue, John T. Donovan, James Douglas, William L. Dwyer, Patrick D. Elwell, George Flint, Charles H. Fossitt, Edward J. Francis, Henry H. Freeman, Clarendon A. Gaffney, Frank H. Gilbert, Edwin Gleason, George A. Gove, Jesse M. Hallett, John W. Hatch, Luther P. Hazelton, Charles W. Homans, Wm. A., Jr. Howard, Nathaniel Howes, Erastus</p>	<p>Messrs. Johnson, Thomas B. Kelly, Daniel F. Littlefield, George W. Maguire, John J. McFarland, Cromwell Melden, William R. Milne, John C. Mooney, John F. H. Murphy, John R. Oakes, Charles N. O'Neil, Joseph H. O'Sullivan, Edward F. Pattee, William G. A. Peakes, Simeon T. Peck, Herbert L. Pierce, John Potter, Burton W. Randall, Charles L. Rantoul, Robert S. Reed, Daniel Roads, Samuel, Jr. Salmon, Thomas Sanderson, George A. Saunders, Franklin Snow, Edmund F. Stark, Henry C. Stratton, James F. Tarbox, Joseph E. Tarone, James Wadlin, Horace G. Ward, John E. Warner, John F. Wells, Daniel W. Wentworth, Alonzo B. Whitcomb, Charles B. Wilbur, Edward P. Williams, Fred H. Winter, Frank E. Wolcott, Roger Woods, John M. Wright, John H.</p>
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On this question Messrs. Ball of Worcester and Smith of Everett, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative were paired respectively with Messrs. Stow of Fall River and Nash of Abington.

There being no objection Mr. Pattee withdrew the motion to adjourn, and the motion for the previous question was rejected.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston it was voted that debate be closed at twenty minutes past three o'clock P. M., unless a vote should be sooner reached. On the question on engrossment the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Brackett of Boston, and the roll being called, the bill was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House. The vote was 88 yeas to 84 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Cutler, Lucius A.
Adams, John S.	Daggett, Handel N.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Darling, Moses B.
Bancroft, William A.	Davenport, James F.
Barstow, Henry	Davis, Samuel G.
Batcheller, Aldin	Dodge, Joseph A.
Beard, Alanson W.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Bent, George C.	Eaton, Thomas S.
Bent, Roderic L.	Ernst, George A. O.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Flagg, Levi L.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Frisbee, Frank W.
Brown, Charles E.	Gifford, Meltiah
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Gilbert, Edwin
Burnham, Albert S.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Burr, Charles C.	Hartwell, Harris C.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Butterfield, Simeon	Hastings, Joseph W.
Carleton, O. Loring	Hatch, Luther P.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Hazelton, Charles W.
Chapin, Francis L.	Hazen, Herman S.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Hosley, Henry E.
Clark, Charles N.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Clark, Sewall J.	Howes, Lewis W.
Cobb, George R.	Huntoon, George L.
Coffin, Charles C.	Judkins, John B.
Collins, Edward	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Cook, Thomas W.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Cummings, Prentiss	McFarland, Cromwell

Messrs. Millett, Joshua H.
 Milne, John C.
 Morse, George P.
 Osborne, William H.
 Pierce, John
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Reed, Daniel
 Rice, Augustus
 Searell, William A.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Small, Edward E.
 Smith, Frederick H.
 Smith, George E.
 Snow, Edmund F.

Messrs. Spooner, William H.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Warner, Emerson
 White, Lloyd E.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Williams, Fred H.
 Willson, Edmund B.
 Winslow, James A.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.
 Atkins, Isaac
 Baker, Henry A.
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Bishop, George P.
 Blaney, Alexander
 Blyth, Robert
 Bosworth, Benjamin S.
 Bowker, Horace L.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Burditt, Alfred A.
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Clark, George L.
 Coffey, John A.
 Connor, James
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Creed, Michael J.
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Cushing, George A.
 Daly, William, Jr.
 Damon, Calvin
 Davis, Everett A.
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donovan, James
 Douglas, William L.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Eaton, William N.
 Egleston, Eber A.
 Elwell, George

Messrs. Farrell, John R.
 Flint, Charles H.
 Foley, Patrick E.
 Forbes, William A.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Francis, Henry H.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gleason, George A.
 Gross, William H.
 Hallett, John W.
 Harkins, Dominick J.
 Homans, William A., Jr.
 Howard, Nathaniel
 Howes, Erastus
 Hoynes, Edward F.
 Johnson, Thomas B.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Kimball, D. Frank
 Littlefield, George W.
 Madden, John J.
 Maguire, John J.
 McLaughlin, John A.
 Mead, John J.
 Melden, William R.
 Murdock, John N.
 Murphy, John R.
 Nash, George M.
 O'Brien, Francis
 O'Gorman, John J.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Paton, Andrew H.
 Pattee, William G. A.

Messrs. Prime, Oliver	Messrs. Tarbox, Joseph E.
Randall, Charles L.	Ward, John E.
Reynolds, Enos H.	Warner, John F.
Richards, Charles W.	Wells, Daniel W.
Roads, Samuel, Jr.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Sanderson, George A.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Saunders, Franklin	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Savery, Albert T.	Woods, John M.
Stebbins, Erastus	Wright, John H.

Yeas, 88 ; nays, 84.

On this question Messrs. Foster of Medford, Barker of Worcester, Clark of Framingham, Hurlbut of Sudbury, Wentworth of Dedham, Ball of Worcester, Burdett of Hingham, Almy of Dartmouth, Morrison of Boston, Temple of Spencer, Wallis of Fitchburg, Potter of Worcester, Wolcott of Boston, and Bailey of Somerville, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Donehue of Lowell, Baker of Beverly, Martin of Fall River, Salmon of Woburn, Stark of Hyde Park, Stow of Fall River, Gove of Boston, Swift of New Bedford, Peakes of Georgetown, Butler of Boston, Stafford of Lawrence, Jones of Lynn, Stratton of Milford, and Morse of Sharon.

Petition Presented.

Benevolent
building
associations.

By Mr. Paine of Waltham, petition of Albert C. Lewin and others in favor of the passage of the Bill to promote the establishment of benevolent building associations throughout the Commonwealth. Placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

John Haskell
Butler notified
of his election
as councillor.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that the Hon. John Haskell Butler has been duly elected and qualified as a councillor to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Lagoon Pond
bridge.

A report of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County that authority be granted to close the draw in Lagoon Pond Bridge, between Cottage City and Tisbury, for a certain

portion of the year, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Lamson Cash Railway Company (reported on a petition) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Lamson Cash
Railway Co.

The petition of Moody Merrill and others, that the Board of Railroad Commissioners be authorized to determine the rates of fare charged by the Nantasket Beach Railroad Co., and the Boston and Hingham Steamboat Company, and how the same shall be divided was referred to the next General Court, the House having refused to concur with the Senate in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. Notice was sent to the Senate.

Nantasket
Beach R. R. Co.
— Boston and
Hingham
Steamboat Co.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Ball of Worcester, from the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing telegraph or telephone companies, under proper restrictions, to enter upon and use for telegraph or telephone purposes, lands owned and occupied by railroads. Read, and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Telegraph and
telephone
companies.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company for leave to build a branch within eight miles of the State House. Read, and on motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

By Mr. Clark of Boston, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on an order, a Bill to regulate the construction and operating of telephonic, telegraphic and other electrical lines.

Telegraph, &c.
lines.

By Mr. Ernst of Boston, from the committee on Railroads, on an order, a Bill to permit the construction of branch railroads within eight miles from the State House.

Branch rail-
roads within
eight miles of
the State House.

By Mr. Williams of Foxborough, from the committee on Insurance, that the Bill to regulate the business of co-operative or assessment life and casualty insurance associations ought to pass in a new draft, with the same title.

Co-operative or
assessment life
and casualty
insurance
associations.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Howland of Plymouth, from the committee on Prisons, on several petitions, a Bill relating to the labor

Prison labor.

of the prisoners in the state prison. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Discharged from the Orders.

Taxation of legacies and successions.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Everett the Bill to lay taxes on legacies and successions was discharged from the orders of the day, under the suspension of the rule, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of Mr. Smith, recommitted to the committee on Taxation.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill exempting trustees under a will from giving a surety or sureties on their bonds was further considered and, after debate, was rejected.

The Bill to ascertain by proper proofs the citizens who are entitled to the right of suffrage was further considered and, after debate, the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning elections and voting therein was further considered and was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, inexpedient to legislate on so much of the report of the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity as relates to the boarding out of the insane in private families, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill providing for compensation for damages occasioned by the erection of telegraph and telephone lines, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to incorporate the Boston Surety Company was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Pending this question and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Williams of Foxborough to substitute a "Bill relating to the formation of companies to guarantee the fidelity of persons and to act as surety on bonds," the House,

At five minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Roll Call.

On motion of Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, the roll was Roll call. called and it appeared that 116 members were present, the following named gentlemen having responded to the call:—

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Davenport, James F.
Allis, Silas W.	Dean, Wilbert T.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Baker, Henry A.	Dunham, Henry J.
Baker, John I.	Dwyer, Patrick D.
Bancroft, William A.	Eaton, William N.
Barker, Forrest E.	Egleston, Eber A.
Beard, Alanson W.	Ernst, George A. O.
Bent, George C.	Farrell, John R.
Blyth, Robert	Flint, Charles H.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Forbes, William A.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Foster, Joshua T.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Frisbee, Frank W.
Brown, Charles E.	Gifford, Meltiah
Buckley, Michael J.	Gilbert, Edwin
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Gimlich, Jacob
Burdett, Joseph O.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Gove, Jesse M.
Burr, Charles C.	Gray, Chester H.
Carleton, O. Loring	Hallett, John W.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Hardy, John H.
Chapin, Francis L.	Hartwell, Harris C.
Cilley, John L.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Clark, Charles N.	Hazelton, Charles W.
Clark, George L.	Hewins, James
Clark, John	Homans, William A., Jr.
Coffey, John A.	Hosley, Henry E.
Coffin, Charles C.	Howes, Erastus
Collins, Edward	Howes, Lewis W.
Cummings, Prentiss	Howland, Charles H.
Curry, Patrick S.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Cushing, George A.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Damon, Calvin	Judkins, John B.
Darling, Moses B.	Kendrick, Edmund P.

Messrs. Keyes, Lorrin P.	Messrs. Small, Edward E.
Kingsbury, Willis A.	Smith, Frederick H.
Linnell, Solomon, 2d	Smith, Oren B.
McFarland, Cromwell	Snow, Edmund F.
Melden, William R.	Stark, Henry C.
Millett, Joshua H.	Stebbins, Erastus
Milne, John C.	Stow, T. Dwight
Nash, George M.	Swift, Augustus
Oakes, Charles N.	Temple, Joseph W.
Osborne, William H.	Toulmin, William B.
Palmer, Moses P.	Towne, Charles A.
Paton, Andrew H.	Tufts, George K.
Pierce, John	Wadlin, Horace G.
Prime, Oliver	Walker, Aaron G.
Randall, Charles L.	Warner, John F.
Rantoul, Robert S.	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Richards, Charles W.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Roads, Samuel, Jr.	Willcomb, Frederic
Sanderson, George A.	Williams, Fred H.
Saunders, Franklin	Willson, Edmund B.
Searell, William A.	Wolcott, Roger.

On further motion of Mr. Willcomb,

Voted, that the result of the roll call be printed in the calendar.

Subsequently on motion of Mr. Creed of Boston, the vote whereby the result of the roll call was ordered to be printed in the calendar was reconsidered, under a suspension of the rule, and was rejected.

Paper from the Senate.

Volunteer
militia.

An engrossed Bill concerning the volunteer militia came down from the Senate with the endorsement "returned to the Senate, by the Governor, at its request, enactment reconsidered under a suspension of the rule and amended." On motion of Mr. Snow of Boston, the rules were suspended, and the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted was reconsidered, and the House concurred with the Senate in the amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Reports of Committees.

State Almshouse, — State
Workhouse.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill to provide for the appointment of trustees of the State Almshouse and the State Workhouse ought to pass in a new draft, with a similar title.

By Mr. Smith of Everett, from the committee on Taxation that the Bill (recommitted) to lay taxes on legacies and successions ought to pass in a new draft with the same title. Taxation of legacies and successions.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Finance, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Senate Resolve in favor of James M. Barker. Read and accepted and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. James M. Barker.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill concerning commitments to the State Workhouse, ought to pass with certain amendments. Commitments to the State Workhouse.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the same committee, that the Senate Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof ought to pass with certain amendments [Messrs Saunders of Methuen, and Douglas of Brockton dissenting, and Mr. Beard of Boston agreeing to the bill with certain amendments]. Civil service.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill to establish the salary of the judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk ought to pass [Messrs. Davenport of Fall River, Clark of Peabody, Douglas of Brockton, and Saunders of Methuen dissenting]. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. Salary of judge of probate and insolvency for Suffolk Co.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill to promote the establishment of benevolent building associations throughout the Commonwealth ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill. Benevolent building associations.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Making appropriations for the completion of the double-tracking of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ; and Bills enacted.

To authorize the trustees of the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College to hold additional real and personal estate ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);
Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent
to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston, the order relative to the committee on the Fisheries considering the expediency of having a committee of the Legislature sit during the recess, for the purpose of considering all of the fishery laws of the State, was taken from the table, and was, on his further motion, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, pending the question on suspending the 12th Joint Rule.

Employment of minors.

On motion of Mr. Willson of Salem, the Bill relating to the employment of minors was taken from the table, and pending the question on engrossment, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Abington water supply.

On motion of Mr. Nash of Abington, the engrossed Bill to supply the town of Abington with water was taken from the table, and pending the question on its enactment, it was, on his further motion, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Married women.

On motion of Mr. Hardy of Arlington, the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, on April 28, passed to be engrossed the Bill relating to the powers of married women in the disposal of their separate estate by will was taken from the table, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Rogers Amero.

On motion of Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, the report of the committee on Claims, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to affording relief to Rogers Amero, and a petition in aid of the same, was taken from the table and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day, and postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to incorporate the Boston Surety Company was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. After debate the bill moved as an amendment by Mr. Williams of Foxborough was substituted and, under Rule 61, was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on ordering the bill to a third reading. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing a remedy for the enforcement of claims that do not become due until after two years from the granting of letters of administration against heirs, devisees or legatees of the debtor was, on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, postponed for further consideration until next Monday.

Bills :

To incorporate the Framingham Water Company (amended on motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge) ; and

Relating to the taxation of buildings upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualists' Camp Meeting Association ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to supply the town of Marblehead with water was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge was rejected, by a vote of 38 to 50, and, after debate, the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the district court of Northern Berkshire at Adams, was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence by a vote of 50 to 7.

The report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edwin W. Gay and others for an act of incorporation as the Newton Associates was further considered. Mr. Burr of Newton moved to amend by substituting a " Bill to incorporate the Newton Associates." After debate, the bill was rejected by a vote of 34 to 54, and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

To authorize the county commissioners of Plymouth County to enlarge and remodel the jail and house of correction at Plymouth ;

Relating to the dismissal of actions in which the real estate of non-residents is attached ;

To permit the construction of branch railroads within eight miles from the State House ; and

To regulate the construction and operating of telephonic, telegraphic and other electrical lines (amended on motions of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge) ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish a reformatory for male prisoners was read a third time, and, pending the question on its engrossment, was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

The report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing telegraph or telephone companies, under proper restrictions, to enter upon and use for telegraph or telephone purposes, lands owned and occupied by railroads was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston.

The report of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County that authority be granted to close the draw in Lagoon Pond Bridge, between Cottage City and Tisbury, for a certain portion of the year, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to regulate the business of co-operative or assessment life and casualty insurance associations was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Bailey of Somerville.

The Bill to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Lamson Cash Railway Company was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

At ten minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 8, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Dowse, Chaplain of the Senate.

Reconsideration.

Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House, yesterday, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the district court of Northern Berkshire at Adams. On further motion of the same gentleman, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Northern Berkshire district court.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, no further legislation necessary, on so much of the Governor's address as refers to the courts, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

Courts.

A report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to the liability of railroads for the operation of signals and gates at railroad crossings at grade, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Signals and gates at railroad crossings.

Bills :

To incorporate the Somerville Wharf and Improvement Company ; and

Somerville Wharf and Improvement Co.

To incorporate the Brockton Real Estate and Improvement Company ;

Brockton Real Estate and Improvement Co.

(Severally reported on petitions) ;

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The following order adopted by the Senate, was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly :—

Ordered, That the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad have further time in which to report.

Committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill (recommitted) to authorize suits by and against foreign corporations doing business

Suits by and against foreign corporations.

in this Commonwealth, ought to pass in a new draft with the title, "Bill concerning foreign corporations having a usual place of business in the Commonwealth." Read and ordered to a second reading.

Taunton.

By Mr. White of Taunton, from the same committee, that the House ought not to concur in the Senate amendments to the House Bill to amend "An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to construct a way through land held by the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital." Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the House non-concurred in the amendments, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Discharged from the Orders.

Civil service.

On motion of Mr. Burdett of Hingham, the Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Wednesday next to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

Rogers Amero.

On motion of Mr. Coffey of Boston, the report of the committee on Claims, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to affording relief to Rogers Amero, and a petition in aid of the same, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until Tuesday next, to be placed first in the orders of the day for that day.

Orders of the Day.

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The Bill relating to the formation of companies to guarantee the fidelity of persons and to act as surety on bonds, was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston, and was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to establish a reformatory for male prisoners, was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. Various amendments moved by Messrs. Williams of Foxborough, Dunham of Stockbridge, Paine of Wal-

tham and Cummings of Boston, were severally adopted and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to regulate the business of co-operative or assessment life and casualty insurance associations, was further considered, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Williams of Foxborough, postponed for further consideration until next Monday.

The Bill to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Lamson Cash Railway Company, was further considered, and after debate, was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning commitments to the State Workhouse, was read a second time, amended as recommended by the committee on Finance, and was ordered to a third reading.

The engrossed Bill to supply the town of Abington with water, was passed to be enacted signed and sent to the Senate.

Bills:

To authorize the county commissioners of Plymouth County to enlarge and remodel the jail and house of correction at Plymouth; and

Relating to the dismissal of actions in which the real estate of non-residents is attached;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to ascertain by proper proofs the citizens who are entitled to the right of suffrage, was read a third time and considered. Mr. Baker of Beverly, moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee with instructions to report a bill applying to cities only. Mr. Davis of Boston moved to amend the motion to recommit by striking out the words "with instructions to report a bill applying to cities only." The motion to strike out prevailed, and the motion as amended was rejected by a vote of 37 to 81. Various amendments moved by Mr. Barker of Worcester and Kingsbury of Holliston, were adopted. An amendment moved by Mr. Morse of Sharon, to strike out in section 35 line 3 the words "but one" was rejected by a

vote of 52 to 78. Subsequently Mr. Morse moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the amendment was rejected, and on this question the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Baker of Beverly, and the roll being called the motion was adopted by a vote of 75 yeas to 70 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Gilbert, Edwin
Allis, Silas W.	Gimlich, Jacob
Atkins, Isaac	Gleason, George A.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Gray, Chester H.
Baker, Henry A.	Gross, William H.
Baker, John I.	Harkins, Dominick J.
Barry, Patrick T.	Hewins, James
Bent, Roderic L.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Blaney, Alexander	Kelly, Daniel F.
Blyth, Robert	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Buckley, Michael J.	Killion, Michael J.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Kimball, D. Frank
Carleton, O. Loring	Maguire, John J.
Cilley, John L.	Morse, Bushrod
Clark, Elijah C.	Morse, George P.
Clark, George L.	Nash, George M.
Coffey, John A.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Connor, James	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Paton, Andrew H.
Creed, Michael J.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Cross, Henry M.	Prime, Oliver
Crowell, Zenas E.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Curry, Patrick S.	Salmon, Thomas
Damon, Calvin	Sanderson, George A.
Davis, Everett A.	Saunders, Franklin
Devney, Patrick F.	Savery, Albert T.
Donovan, James	Stark, Henry C.
Dunham, Henry J.	Stow, T. Dwight
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Stratton, James F.
Eaton, William N.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Egleston, Eber A.	Towne, Charles A.
Elwell, George	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Forbes, William A.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Foster, Joshua T.	Winter, Frank E.
Francis, Henry H.	Woods, John M.
Freeman, Clarendon A.	Wright, John H.
Gaffney, Frank H.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Barker, Forrest E.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Beard, Alanson W.
Ball, George H.	Bent, George C.

Messrs. Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Messrs. Hastings, Joseph W.
Bowker, Horace L.	Hatch, Luther P.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Hazen, Herman S.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Hosley, Henry E.
Brown, Charles E.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Burnham, Albert S.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Burr, Charles C.	Millett, Joshua H.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Milne, John C.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Morrison, Peter
Chapin, Francis L.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Clark, Charles N.	Pierce, John
Clark, Sewall J.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Cobb, George R.	Rice, Augustus
Crowell, Joshua	Richardson, C. Fred.
Cummings, Prentiss	Sargent, Wingate P.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Daggett, Handel N.	Small, Edward E.
Darling, Moses B.	Smith, George E.
Davenport, James F.	Spooner, William H.
Davis, Samuel G.	Starbird, Charles D.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Temple, Joseph W.
Eaton, Thomas S.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Ernst, George A. O.	Walker, Aaron G.
Fassett, Alfred S.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Warner, Emerson
Gifford, Meltiah	Whiting, Albert T.
Gove, Jesse M.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Hardy, John H.	Willcomb, Frederic
Harrub, Fred M.	Wolcott, Roger.

Yeas, 75 ; nays, 70.

On this question Messrs. Donehue of Lowell, Bryant of Salem, Smith of Palmer, Murphy of Boston, Stafford of Lawrence and Pattee of Quincy, who it was announced would have voted in affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Butterfield of Chelsea, Osborne of East Bridgewater, Cook of New Bedford, Willson of Salem. Dodge of Grafton and Williams of Foxborough.

The question recurring on the amendment it was adopted. After further debate, and pending further amendments moved by Messrs. Morae of Sharon, Barker of Worcester and Cilley of Salisbury, and pending the question on the engrossment of the bill, the House

At a quarter before five o'clock, adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 9, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Papers from the Senate.*Assessment of
poll taxes.

A report of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the statutes regulating the assessment of poll taxes, so that such taxes shall be assessed in all cities and towns upon a uniform valuation not exceeding four hundred dollars, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

State Prison at
Concord.

A Resolve in favor of the State Prison at Concord (reported, in part, on the annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Boards of
health.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill relating to boards of health.

*Reports of Committees.*Connecticut
River.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill relating to the conservation of the Connecticut River ought to pass in the form of a resolve with the same title.

Liability of
employers.

By Mr. Wolcott of Boston, from the committee on Labor, on a Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employers in their service, taken from the Senate files of last year, and a bill introduced on leave in the Senate, a Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employees in their service.

Taxation of
mortgages.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Taxation, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to taxation, and on several petitions, in part, a Bill to provide for the taxation of mortgage loans. [Messrs. Beard of Boston, Smith of Everett, Danforth of Lawrence, and Prime of Boston, of the House, dissenting.]

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill in relation to the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Prisons, ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday the question being on the rejection of the bill. Salary of secretary of prison commissioners.

By Mr. Winter of Springfield, from the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen, that after a full conference they were unable to agree. Read and accepted, under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence. Springfield charter.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to ascertain by proper proofs the citizens who are entitled to the right of suffrage was further considered, the main question being on its engrossment. On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester the vote of yesterday whereby the amendment striking out in section 36, line 3, the word "fourteenth" and inserting in place thereof the word "seventh" so as to provide that registrars of voters in cities should hold sessions until the seventh day preceding the day of any election, was reconsidered. The question recurring on the amendment Mr. Barker moved to insert the words "Saturday next but one," and the amendment was adopted. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Barker of Worcester and Morse of Sharon were withdrawn, there being no objection. The pending amendments moved by Messrs. Cilley of Salisbury and Stow of Fall River were rejected. Further amendments moved by Messrs. Barker of Worcester, Morse of Sharon, and Willcomb of Ipswich were adopted. Orders of the day.

After debate the yeas and nays were ordered on the main question on engrossment at the request of Mr. Stow of Fall River, and the roll being called the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence by a vote of 122 yeas to 47 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

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| Messrs. Adams, George A. | Messrs. Batcheller, Aldin |
| Adams, John S. | Beard, Alanson W. |
| Bailey, Joseph W. | Bent, George C. |
| Baker, Henry A. | Bent, Roderic L. |
| Ball, George H. | Blyth, Robert |
| Barker, Forrest E. | Boardman, Halsey J. |
| Barstow, Henry. | Bosworth, Benjamin S. |

- Messrs. Bowker, Horace L.
 Brackett, John Q. A.
 Bradlee, J. Walter
 Briggs, Fordyce W.
 Brown, Charles E.
 Buckley, Michael J.
 Bucklin, Daniel F.
 Burdett, Joseph O.
 Burditt, Alfred A.
 Burnham, Albert S.
 Buroham, Edwin L.
 Burr, Charles C.
 Butterfield, Simeon
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Chapin, Francis L.
 Chappelle, Julius C.
 Clark, Charles N.
 Clark, George L.
 Clark, John
 Clark, Sewall J.
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Collins, Edward
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Crowell, Joshua
 Crowell, Zenas E.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Cushing, George A.
 Cutler, Lucius A.
 Daggett, Handel N.
 Damon, Calvin
 Danforth, Henry P.
 Darling, Moses B.
 Davenport, James F.
 Davis, Everett A.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dodge, Joseph A.
 Donovan, James
 Douglas, William L.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Ernst, George A. O.
 Fassett, Alfred S.
 Flagg, Levi L.
 Flint, Charles H.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Freeman, Clarendon A.
 Frisbee, Frank W.
 Gifford, Meltiah
 Gove, Jesse M.
- Messrs. Hardy, John H.
 Hartwell, Harris C.
 Harvey, Edwin B.
 Hastings, Joseph W.
 Hatch, Luther P.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hewins, James
 Hosley, Henry E.
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howard, Nathaniel
 Howland, Charles H.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Keyes, Lorrin P.
 Kimball, D. Frank
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Linnell, Solomon, 2d
 McFarland, Cromwell
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Milne, John C.
 Morrison, Peter
 Morse, Bushrod
 Morse, George P.
 Murdock, John N.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 Osborne, William H.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Peck, Herbert L.
 Pierce, John
 Randall, Charles L.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Reed, Daniel
 Rice, Augustus
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richardson, C. Frederic
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Small, Edward E.
 Smith, George E.
 Snow, Edmund F.
 Stafford, John H.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Temple, Joseph W.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Warner, Emerson
 Webb, Elisha

Messrs. Wells, Daniel W.
Whiting, Albert T.
Wilbur, Edward P.

Messrs. Willcomb, Frederic
Williams, Fred H.
Willson, Edmund B.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.
Atkins, Isaac
Baker, John I.
Barry, Patrick T.
Blaney, Alexander
Bryant, Timothy
Cilley, John L.
Clark, Elijah C.
Connor, James
Creed, Michael J.
Cross, Henry M.
Devney, Patrick F.
Doherty, Phillip J.
Donehue, John T.
Dunham, Henry J.
Egleston, Eber A.
Elwell, George
Farrell, John R.
Forbes, William A.
Gaffney, Frank H.
Gleason, George A.
Gray, Chester H.
Harkins, Dominick J.
Johnson, Thomas B.

Messrs. Kelly, Daniel F.
Killion, Michael J.
Littlefield, George W.
McLaughlin, John A.
Mooney, John F. H.
O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Paton, Andrew H.
Reilly, Michael, 2d
Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Salmon, Thomas
Sanderson, George A.
Saunders, Franklin
Savery, Albert T.
Smith, Frederick H.
Stark, Henry C.
Stow, T. Dwight
Warner, John F.
Wheeler, Orswell A.
Whitcomb, Francis E.
Winslow, James A.
Winter, Frank E.
Woods, John M.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 122; nays, 47.

On this question Messrs. Spooner of Boston, Cobb of Billerica, Swift of New Bedford, Baker of Brookline, Wolcott of Boston, Kendrick of Springfield, Howes of Cambridge, and Kingsbury of Holliston, who, it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Francis of Randolph, Whitcomb of Holbrook, Melden of Lynn, Homans of Gloucester, Hallett of Nantucket, Dean of Holyoke, Stratton of Milford, and Nash of Abington.

Bills :

Providing for the appointment of trustees for the State Almshouse and the State Workhouse; and

Concerning foreign corporations having a usual place of business in the Commonwealth;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to the formation of companies to guarantee the fidelity of persons and to act as surety on bonds was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the liability of railroads for the operation of signals and gates at railroad crossings at grade was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill concerning elections and voting therein was read a third time and considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Cross of Newburyport, Barker of Worcester, and Kingsbury of Holliston were severally adopted. Mr. Baker of Beverly moved to amend section 11 so as to require all votes to be deposited in sealed envelopes. On this amendment the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Gleason of Douglas, and the roll being called, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 56 yeas to 93 nays, as follows :

YEAS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Madden, John J.
Baker, Henry A.	Maguire, John J.
Baker, John I.	Mead, John J.
Barry, Patrick T.	Melden, William R.
Bishop, George P.	Morse, Bushrod
Blaney, Alexander	Murphy, John R.
Blyth, Robert	Nash, George M.
Bowker, Horace L.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Bryant, Timothy	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Buckley, Michael J.	Palmer, Moses P.
Creed, Michael J.	Pattee, William G. A.
Cross, Henry M.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Prime, Oliver
Curry, Patrick S.	Randall, Charles L.
Cushing, George A.	Reed, Daniel
Doherty, Philip J.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Dolan, Michael J.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Donehue, John T.	Salmon, Thomas
Donovan, James	Sanderson, George A.
Dunham, Henry J.	Saunders, Franklin
Elwell, George	Stratton, James F.
Farrell, John R.	Ward, John E.
Flint, Charles H.	Warner, John F.
Gleason, George A.	Wells, Daniel W.
Howes, Erastus	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Jones, Frank W.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Kelly, Daniel F.	Winter, Frank E.
Littlefield, George W.	Woods, John M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Hartwell, Harris C.
Ball, George H.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Barker, Forrest E.	Harrub, Fred M.
Barstow, Henry	Hatch, Luther P.
Batcheller, Aldin	Hazen, Herman S.
Beard, Alanson W.	Hewins, James
Bent, George C.	Hosley, Henry E.
Bent, Roderic L.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Huntoon, George L.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Johnson, Thomas B.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Brown, Charles E.	Kimball, D. Frank
Burditt, Alfred A.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Burnham, Albert S.	McFarland, Cromwell
Butler, Thomas C.	Millett, Joshua H.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Milne, John C.
Clark, Charles N.	Morse, George P.
Clark, Elijah C.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Clark, George L.	Pierce, John
Clark, John	Rantoul, Robert S.
Clark, Sewall J.	Rice, Augustus
Cobb, George R.	Richards, Charles W.
Coffin, Charles C.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Collins, Edward	Small, Edward E.
Cook, Thomas W.	Smith, George E.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Snow, Edmund F.
Crowell, Joshua	Spooner, William H.
Cummings, Prentiss	Stafford, John H.
Daggett, Handel N.	Starbird, Charles D.
Damon, Calvin	Swift, Augustus
Danforth, Henry P.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Davis, Everett A.	Temple, Joseph W.
Davis, Samuel G.	Towne, Charles A.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Tufts, George K.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Walker, Aaron G.
Flagg, Levi L.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Warner, Emerson
Foster, Joshua T.	Webb, Elisha
Freeman, Clarendon A.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Whiting, Albert T.
Gifford, Meltiah	Wilbur, Edward P.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Williams, Fred H.
Gove, Jesse M.	Willson, Edmund B.
Hardy, John H.	Wolcott, Roger.
Harkins, Dominick J.	

Yeas, 56; nays, 93.

On this question Messrs. Hoynes of Boston, Wheeler of Bernardston, Gaffney of Gloucester, Stark of Hyde Park, Mooney of Worcester, Stow of Fall River, Wright of Holyoke, Paton of Danvers, Killion of Boston, and Homans of Gloucester, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Bailey of Somerville, Willcomb of Ipswich, Butterfield of Chelsea, Crowell of Barnstable, Osborne of East Bridgewater, Eaton of Auburn, Ernst of Boston, Searell of New Bedford, Morrison of Boston, and Baker of Brookline.

After debate the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill providing for compensation for damages occasioned by the erection of telegraph and telephone lines was read a third time and considered. Amendments moved by Mr. Hewins of Medfield were adopted. Pending the question on its engrossment the House,

At fifteen minutes past four o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, May 12, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Remonstrances Presented.

Liability of
employers.

By Mr. Starbird of Lowell, remonstrances of the King Philip Mill and 28 other mills against the passage of the proposed bill known as the employers' liability act.

Severally placed on file.

Papers from the Senate.

Report of
prison
commissioners.

The report of the committee on Prisons, no further legislation necessary, on the Thirteenth Annual Report of the Prison Commissioners, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

Supreme
judicial court.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to further legislation to relieve the Supreme Judicial Court from the pressure of its business, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A Bill to extend the provisions of chapter 51 of the Betterments. Public Statutes relating to the assessment of betterments, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A Resolve (introduced on leave in the Senate) concern- Provincial laws. ing the printing of the provincial laws, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Boardman of Boston, from the committee on Westminster,—
Fitchburg R. R. Railroads, reference to the next General Court, on the Bill (on leave) to authorize the town of Westminster to aid the extension of the Fitchburg Railroad to said town. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

By Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, from the committee on Employment o
children. Labor, on an order, a Bill concerning the employment of children. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Leave asked to introduce a Resolve.

Mr. Stow of Fall River asked leave to introduce a Bridgewater
Normal School. Resolve relating to fire escapes and fire extinguishing apparatus for the State Normal School at Bridgewater. The resolve was read, and was, at the request of Mr. Coffin of Boston, laid over until to-morrow, the question being on granting leave for its introduction.

Bills Enacted and Resolve Passed.

Engrossed bills:

Concerning the volunteer militia (which originated in Bills enacted,—
resolve passed. the House);

To provide for composition with creditors in insolvency;

To provide for the dissolution of the corporation known as The Inhabitants of the First Parish in Townsend, and for the disposition of its property;

In relation to assessments for public improvement;

To authorize the county commissioners of Essex County to provide a new jail at Salem; and

To change the name of the South Church in Dedham, and to authorize it to hold additional real and personal estate;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve authorizing the treasurer to return certain bonds to Clara Barton (which originated in the House), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Telegraph and
telephone
companies.

The report of the committee on Railroads, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to allowing telegraph or telephone companies, under proper restrictions, to enter upon and use for telegraph or telephone purposes, lands owned and occupied by railroads, was taken from the table on motion of Mr. Ball of Worcester. The same gentleman moved to amend by substituting a "Resolve relative to the occupation of railroad locations by companies organized for the purpose of transmitting intelligence by electricity." The amendment was adopted and the resolve having been read was ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

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The Bill providing for compensation for damages occasioned by the erection of telegraph and telephone lines was further considered, amended on motion of Mr. Coffin of Boston, and was passed to be engrossed, as amended, and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing a remedy for the enforcement of claims that do not become due until after two years from the granting of letters of administration against heirs, devisees or legatees of the debtor, was further considered. Mr. Barker of Worcester moved to amend by substituting a "Bill giving an additional remedy to the creditors of a deceased person." The amendment was adopted, and the bill having been read was ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on Taxation, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the statutes regulating the assessment of poll taxes, so that such taxes shall be assessed in all cities and towns upon a uniform valuation not exceeding four hundred dollars, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills:

To permit the construction of branch railroads within eight miles from the State House; and

Providing for the appointment of trustees for the State Almshouse and the State Workhouse ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill concerning commitments to the State Workhouse was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments adopted by the House.

The Resolve in relation to the conservation of the Connecticut River was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to regulate the business of co-operative or assessment life and casualty insurance associations was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Amendments moved by Messrs. Butterfield of Chelsea, Bailey of Somerville, Bent of Cambridge, Wallis of Fitchburg, and Howland of Plymouth, were severally adopted. After debate the bill, as amended, was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of James M. Barker was read a second time, and, after debate, was rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to lay taxes on legacies and successions was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, the House,

At three minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 13, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petition Presented.

By Mr. Weston of Newton, petition of the Harvard Harvard Clock Company. Clock Company for a change of its corporate name.

Mr. Weston moved a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The motion was lost and the petition was referred to the next General Court.

Subsequently, on motion of the same gentleman, the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the 12th Joint Rule was reconsidered, under a suspension of the rule. The question recurring on the suspension of the rule, the rule was suspended, and the petition was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and sent up for concurrence.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, was adopted, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, and sent up for concurrence: —

Report of Board
of Agriculture.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing three thousand additional copies of the report of the Board of Agriculture for the use of members of the legislature.

Papers from the Senate.

Publication of
notices of peti-
tions to the
General Court.

A report of the joint committee on Rules, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the law concerning publication of notices of petitions to be presented to the General Court, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjournment of
the legislature.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Joint Special Committee to devise means to shorten the session, consider and report what steps shall be taken to bring the session to a close on Friday, May 28d.

Bills:

Harbors.

For the protection of harbors and navigable waters (reported on the report of the Harbor and Land Commissioners);

Poor debtors.

Concerning applications for the oath for the relief of poor debtors (reported on an order); and a

James Worm-
ley.
Portrait of
Charles Sumner.

Resolve tendering the thanks of the Commonwealth to Mr. James Wormley of Washington, D. C. (reported on a message of the governor transmitting the correspondence received by him, with the portrait of Hon. Charles Sumner, presented to the Commonwealth by James Wormley of Washington, D. C.);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the Senate Bill relating to terms of the Superior Court in Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden counties.

Terms of the Superior Court in Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition (recommitted), a Bill relating to the use of streets for water pipes. Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Streets, — water pipes.

By Mr. Dwyer of Boston, from the committee on Claims, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the Resolve (recommitted) in favor of the trustees of the Forbes Library at Northampton, and recommending its reference to the joint committee on the Judiciary. Read and accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

Trustees of the Forbes Library at Northampton.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, that the Resolve (recommitted) in favor of Mary Going ought to pass, in a new draft, with the same title. Read, and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Mary Going.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill in addition to an act making appropriations for expenses authorized the present year, and for other purposes (which originated in the House), was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Introduced on Leave.

The request of Mr. Stow of Fall River for leave to introduce the Resolve relating to fire escapes and fire extinguishing apparatus for the State Normal School at Bridgewater, laid over from yesterday, was granted. The resolve was read, and on motion of Mr. Stow, the 12th Joint Rule was suspended, and the resolve was referred to the committee on Education, and sent up for concurrence.

State Normal School at Bridgewater.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, the Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution, relative to the qualification of voters for governor, lieutenant-governor, senators and representatives, was taken from the

Poll tax qualification of voters.

table, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day, and postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

An Engrossed Bill.

Mount Hope
Cemetery in
Boston.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the management of Mount Hope Cemetery, in the city of Boston was put upon its final passage. After debate, at the request of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of enactment, and the roll being called, the bill was rejected by a vote of 93 yeas to 103 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Daggett, Handel N.
Adams, John S.	Davis, Samuel G.
Almy, Edward C.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Bancroft, William A.	Eaton, Thomas S.
Barker, Forrest E.	Egleston, Eber A.
Batcheller, Aldin	Ernst, George A. O.
Beard, Alanson W.	Fassett, Alfred S.
Bent, George C.	Flagg, Levi L.
Bent, Roderic L.	Foster, Joshua T.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Frisbee, Frank W.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Gifford, Meltiah
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Gilbert, Edwin
Brown, Charles E.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Hatch, Luther P.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Hazen, Herman S.
Burr, Charles C.	Hewins, James
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Hosley, Henry E.
Butterfield, Simeon	Hosmer, Henry J.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Howes, Lewis W.
Chapin, Francis L.	Judkins, John B.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Cilley, John L.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Clark, John	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Clark, Sewall J.	McFarland, Cromwell
Coffin, Charles C.	Millett, Joshua H.
Collins, Edward	Milne, John C.
Cook, Thomas W.	Morse, George P.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Cummings, Prentiss	Pierce, John
Cutler, Lucius A.	Potter, Burton W.

Messrs. Potter, Lyman D.
Rantoul, Robert S.
Reed, Daniel
Rice, Augustus
Searell, William A.
Shaw, Elisha H.
Small, Edward E.
Smith, Frederick H.
Smith, George E.
Snow, Edmund F.
Spooner, William H.
Starbird, Charles D.
Stone, Stillman
Swift, Augustus

Messrs. Toulmin, William B.
Towne, Charles A.
Walker, Aaron G.
Wallis, Benjamin F.
Warner, Emerson
Webb, Elisha
Weston, Thomas, Jr.
White, Lloyd E.
Whiting, Albert T.
Wilbur, Edward P.
Willcomb, Frederic
Williams, Fred H.
Willson, Edmund B.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.
Atkins, Isaac
Baker, Henry A.
Baker, John I.
Ball, George H.
Barry, Patrick T.
Bishop, George P.
Blaney, Alexander
Blyth, Robert
Bosworth, Benjamin S.
Bowker, Horace L.
Bryant, Timothy
Buckley, Michael J.
Burditt, Alfred A.
Butler, Richard T.
Carleton, O. Loring
Carpenter, Frank E.
Clark, Aaron F.
Coffey, John A.
Connor, James
Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Cordrey, George
Creed, Michael J.
Cross, Henry M.
Crowley, Dennis J.
Curry, Patrick S.
Cushing, George A.
Daly, William, Jr.
Damon, Calvin
Danforth, Henry P.
Dean, Wilbert T.
Devney, Patrick F.
Doherty, Philip J.
Dolan, Michael J.

Messrs. Donehue, John T.
Donovan, James
Douglas, William L.
Dwyer, Patrick D.
Eaton, William N.
Farrell, John R.
Flint, Charles H.
Forbes, William A.
Fossitt, Edward J.
Francis, Henry H.
Gaffney, Frank H.
Gimlich, Jacob
Gleason, George A.
Gray, Chester H.
Gross, William H.
Hardy, John H.
Harrub, Fred M.
Harkins, Dominick J.
Howes, Erastus
Hoynes, Edward F.
Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Johnson, Thomas B.
Kelly, Daniel F.
Killion, Michael J.
Kimball, D. Frank
Kingsley, Chester W.
Madden, John J.
Maguire, John J.
McLaughlin, John A.
Melden, William R.
Mooney, John F. H.
Morse, Bushrod
Murdock, John N.
Murphy, John R.

Messrs. Nash, George M.	Messrs. Saunders, Franklin
Oakes, Charles N.	Stafford, John H.
O'Brien, Francis	Stark, Henry C.
O'Neil, Joseph H.	Stebbins, Erastus
O'Sullivan, Edward F.	Stow, T. Dwight
Palmer, Moses P.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Paton, Andrew H.	Tarone, James
Pattee, William G. A.	Tufts, George K.
Peakes, Simeon T.	Ward, John E.
Prime, Oliver	Warner, John F.
Randall, Charles L.	Wells, Daniel W.
Reilly, Michael, 2d	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Reynolds, Enos H.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Richards, Charles W.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Richardson, C. Frederic	Winter, Frank E.
Roads, Samuel, Jr.	Woods, John M.
Salmon, Thomas	Wright, John H.
Sanderson, George A.	

Yeas, 93 ; nays, 108.

On this question, Messrs. Dunham of Stockbridge, Burnham of Revere, Wadlin of Reading, Harvey of Westborough, Winslow of Plainfield, Cobb of Billerica, Temple of Spencer, Baker of Brookline, Hartwell of Fitchburg, and Davenport of Fall River, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Elwell of Rockport, Peck of Taunton, Homans of Gloucester, Mead of Lowell, Stratton of Milford, Jones of Lynn, Butler of Boston, Oman of Pittsfield, Hallett of Nantucket, and Martin of Fall River.

Notice of the rejection of the bill was sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to lay taxes on legacies and successions was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. An amendment, moved by Mr. Morse of Sharon, was adopted, and after debate, the bill was rejected, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill (on leave) to authorize the town of Westminster to aid the extension of the Fitchburg Railroad to said town was referred to the next General Court, as recommended by the committee on Railroads, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to further

legislation to relieve the Supreme Judicial Court from the pressure of its business, was accepted, in concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to affording relief to Rogers Amero, who was extradited from Nova Scotia on a charge of murder, and a petition in aid of the same, was further considered. Mr. Barstow of Mattapoisett, moved to amend by substituting a "Resolve in favor of Rogers Amero." After debate, the resolve was rejected by a vote of 26 to 96, and the report was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to establish the salary of the judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. After debate, the yeas and nays were ordered on this question, at the request of Mr. Bent of Cambridge, and the roll being called the bill was rejected by a vote of 60 yeas to 62 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Baker, Benjamin F.	Messrs. Ernst, George A. O.
Baker, Henry A.	Farrell, John R.
Barry, Patrick T.	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Beard, Alanson W.	Frisbee, Frank W.
Bent, George C.	Gilbert, Edwin
Brackett, John Q. A.	Gimlich, Jacob
Bryant, Timothy	Gove, Jesse M.
Buckley, Michael J.	Hardy, John H.
Burr, Charles C.	Harrub, Fred M.
Butler, Richard T.	Hewins, James
Carpenter, Frank E.	Hosley, Henry E.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Coffey, John A.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Creed, Michael J.	Kimball, D. Frank
Crowley, Dennis J.	Maguire, John J.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Mead, John J.
Daggett, Handel N.	Millett, Joshua H.
Damon, Calvin	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Danforth, Henry P.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Davis, Everett A.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Dean, Wilbert T.	Pattee, William G. A.
Doherty, Philip J.	Potter, Burton W.
Donehue, John T.	Rice, Augustus
Donovan, James	Smith, George E.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Spooner, William H.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Stafford, John H.

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Stow, T. Dwight
Tarbox, Joseph E.

Messrs. Tarone, James
Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Whitcomb, Francis E.

NAYS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.
Bailey, Joseph W.
Baker, John I.
Ball, George H.
Barker, Forrest E.
Barstow, Henry
Batcheller, Aldin
Bent, Roderic L.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.
Briggs, Fordyce W.
Bucklin, Daniel F.
Burditt, Alfred A.
Carleton, O. Loring
Clark, Aaron F.
Clark, Charles N.
Clark, George L.
Clark, John
Clark, Sewall J.
Collins, Edward
Cowdrey, George
Crowell, Joshua
Curry, Patrick S.
Cushing, George A.
Davis, Samuel G.
Egleston, Eber A.
Elwell, George
Foster, Joshua T.
Gray, Chester H.
Harvey, Edwin B.
Hastings, Joseph W.
Homans, Wm. A., Jr.

Messrs. Howes, Erastus
Kendrick, Edmund P.
Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Martin, Charles B.
Melden, William R.
Palmer, Moses P.
Potter, Lyman D.
Rantoul, Robert S.
Reynolds, Enos H.
Richards, Charles W.
Richardson, C. Frederic
Sanderson, George A.
Shaw, Elisha H.
Small, Edward E.
Smith, Frederick H.
Snow, Edmund F.
Starbird, Charles D.
Stone, Stillman
Swift, Augustus
Temple, Joseph W.
Towne, Charles A.
Tufts, George K.
Wadlin, Horace G.
Walker, Aaron G.
Wallis, Benjamin F.
Webb, Elisha
Wells, Daniel W.
Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Wheeler, Orswell A.
Willcomb, Frederic
Willson, Edmund B.

Yeas, 60 ; nays, 62.

On this question, Messrs. Crowell of Barnstable, Kingsley of Cambridge, Stark of Hyde Park, Searrell of New Bedford, Pierce of Boston, Wilbur of Boston, Boardman of Boston, and Bancroft of Cambridge, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Bowker of Boston, Randall of Boston, Butterfield of Chelsea, Almy of Dartmouth, Hatch of Marshfield, Burr of Seekonk, Saunders of Methuen, and Davenport of Fall River.

Notice of the rejection of the bill was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to promote the establishment of benevolent building associations throughout the Commonwealth was considered, and, pending the question on its rejection as recommended by the committee on Finance, the House,
At seventeen minutes before five o'clock, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Morse of Sharon, moved to reconsider the vote by which the House rejected the Bill to establish the salary of the judge of probate and insolvency for the county of Suffolk. The motion was lost. Salary of judge of probate and insolvency for Suffolk county.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports of the committee on Agriculture, no further legislation necessary :

On so much of the Governor's address as refers to agriculture ; and Agriculture.

On the message from His Excellency the Governor transmitting a communication from Hon. George B. Loring, United States Commissioner of Agriculture, and a memorial of the American Forestry Congress ; Ibid.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule, in each case.

A report of the committee on Rules of the two branches on an order that certain amendments to the joint rules should be adopted, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Joint rules.

A Bill in relation to commitments to imprisonment upon two or more sentences (reported, in part, on the annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading. Commitments to imprisonment.

Employment of
minors.

The House Bill relating to the employment of minors in mercantile establishments came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Awards of
referees in fire
insurance cases.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House Bill making the award of referees in disputes concerning losses by fire *prima facie* evidence in a suit at law.

Recess.

Recess.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, —
Voted, That when the House takes a recess to-day it be at 12.15 o'clock P.M.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :
To authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to erect a new jail and house of correction ; and
Concerning sales of land by cities and towns for taxes ;
(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;
Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Steam engines
and steam
boilers.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Friday, May 2, 1884, passed to be engrossed the Bill to provide for the public safety in the use of steam engines and steam boilers, was taken from the table, and was, on his further motion, placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The Bill to promote the establishment of benevolent building associations throughout the Commonwealth was further considered, the question being on its rejection. After debate, the bill was rejected, as recommended by the committee on Finance, by a vote of 78 to 47, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof was, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, postponed for further con-

sideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Beard of Boston.

The Order relative to the committee on the Fisheries considering the expediency of having a committee of the legislature sit during the recess, for the purpose of considering all of the fishery laws of the State, and reporting to the next General Court such repeal and amendment of the said laws as they may deem to be expedient, was referred to the next General Court, under the 12th Joint Rule, the House having refused to suspend the rule.

The Bill relating to the employment of minors was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. Various amendments, moved by Messrs. Wadlin of Reading, Brackett of Boston, Wentworth of Dedham, and Kendrick of Springfield, were adopted, and, after debate, the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, on April 28, passed to be engrossed the Bill relating to the powers of married women in the disposal of their separate estate by will was rejected.

Bills :

To regulate the construction and operating of telephonic, telegraphic, and other electrical lines (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ; and

Concerning foreign corporations having a usual place of business in the Commonwealth (amended on motions of Mr. Millett of Malden) ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

To incorporate the Somerville Wharf and Improvement Company ;

To incorporate the Brockton Real Estate and Improvement Company ; and

For the protection of harbors and navigable waters ;

Were severally read a second time and were ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employees in their service was read a second

time and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Daggett of Attleborough, laid on the table.

The Bill in relation to the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Prisons was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Howland of Plymouth, pending the question on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Finance.

The Bill concerning the employment of children was further considered, and, after debate, was rejected by a vote of 34 to 48, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Lamson Cash Railway Company was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill giving an additional remedy to the creditors of a deceased person was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected by a vote of 40 to 47.

The Bill to regulate the business of co-operative or assessment life and casualty insurance associations was read a third time and, after debate, was rejected by a vote of 33 to 51, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The report of the joint committee on Rules, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to amending the law concerning publication of notices of petitions to be presented to the General Court, was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide for the taxation of mortgage loans was read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading it was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, on motion of Mr. Beard of Boston.

Limit of debate.

Pending the consideration of the orders of the day, there being no objection, Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg offered the following order:—

Ordered, That in debate of all matters coming before the House, speeches be limited to ten minutes each. This rule shall not be suspended except by a majority vote of the members present. If this rule is suspended it shall entitle the member speaking to an additional ten minutes and no more, without the unanimous consent of the members present.

Pending the question on its adoption the House,
At five minutes before five o'clock, adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 15, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Dwyer of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House, yesterday, rejected the Bill to promote the establishment of benevolent building associations throughout the Commonwealth. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Cross of Newburyport, and the roll being called, the motion was rejected, by a vote of 82 yeas to 83 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.
 Atkins, Isaac
 Bailey, Joseph W.
 Baker, Benjamin F.
 Baker, John I.
 Bancroft, William A.
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Barstow, Henry
 Batcheller, Aldin
 Blyth, Robert
 Bosworth, Benjamin S.
 Bowker, Horace L.
 Brackett, John Q. A.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Buckley, Michael J.
 Burdett, Joseph O.
 Burditt, Alfred A.
 Burnham, Albert S.
 Burnham, Edwin L.
 Butler, Thomas C.
 Butterfield, Simeon
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Chappelle, Julius C.
 Clark, George L.
 Clark, Sewall J.
 Cowdrey, George
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowell, Zenas E.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Cushing, George A.
 Damon, Calvin

Messrs. Davis, Everett A.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dean, Wilbert T.
 Dodge, Joseph A.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Eaton, William N.
 Elwell, George
 Farrell, John R.
 Flagg, Levi L.
 Gordon, William, Jr.
 Hallett, John W.
 Harkins, Dominick J.
 Harvey, Edwin B.
 Howes, Lewis W.
 Hoynes, Edward F.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Judkins, John B.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Kendrick, Edmund P.
 Killion, Michael J.
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Madden, John J.
 Maguire, John J.
 Martin, Charles B.
 Milne, John C.
 Morse, George P.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.

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Messrs. Pattee, William G. A.	Messrs. Small, Edward E.
Peakes, Simeon T.	Smith, George E.
Randall, Charles L.	Swift, Augustus
Reed, Daniel	Tarone, James
Reilly, Michael, 2d	Tufts, George K.
Roads, Samuel, Jr.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Salmon, Thomas	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Sanderson, George A.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Savery, Albert T.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Searell, William A.	Woods, John M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Hardy, John H.
Allis, Silas W.	Hartwell, Harris C.
Almy, Edward C.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Ball, George H.	Hatch, Luther P.
Beard, Alanson W.	Hazen, Herman S.
Bent, George C.	Hewins, James
Bent, Roderic L.	Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Hosley, Henry E.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Brown, Charles E.	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Burr, Charles C.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Carleton, O. Loring	McFarland, Cromwell
Cilley, John L.	Melden, William B.
Clark, Aaron F.	Millett, Joshua H.
Clark, Charles N.	Nash, George M.
Clark, John	Oman, Thomas A.
Collins, Edward	Osborne, William H.
Cook, Thomas W.	Palmer, Moses P.
Cummings, Prentiss	Pierce, John
Cutler, Lucius A.	Potter, Lyman D.
Daggett, Handel N.	Prime, Oliver
Danforth, Henry P.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Darling, Moses B.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Davenport, James F.	Rice, Augustus
Donehue, John T.	Richards, Charles W.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Eaton, Thomas S.	Smith, Frederick H.
Ernst, George A. O.	Smith, Oren B.
Fassett, Alfred S.	Snow, Edmund F.
Forbes, William A.	Spooner, William H.
Foster, Joshua T.	Starbird, Charles D.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Stebbins, Erastus
Gifford, Meltiah	Stone, Stillman
Gilbert, Edwin	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Gleason, George A.	Temple, Joseph W.
Gray, Chester H.	Towne, Charles A.

Messrs. Wadlin, Horace G.	Messrs. Wells, Daniel W.
Walker, Aaron G.	Willcomb, Frederic
Wallis, Benjamin F.	Williams, Fred H.
Warner, John F.	Willson, Edmund B.
Webb, Elisha	

Yeas, 82 ; nays, 83.

On this question, Messrs. Wentworth of Dedham and Ward of Boston, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Dunham of Stockbridge, and Oakes of Westfield.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

To provide for the filling of vacancies in the school committee of the city of Salem (reported on a petition); Salem school committee.

In relation to the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company (reported on petitions); and Cape Cod Ship Canal Company.

To protect game and private lands from trespass (reported, in part, on an order relative to the further protection of agriculture); Protection of game and private lands.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills :

To provide for the further improvement of the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston; and Commonwealth's flats at South Boston.

To authorize the taking by the Commonwealth of certain lands and flats in South Boston); Ibid.

(Severally reported, in part, on the report of the Harbor and Land Commissioners);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

The House Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments, in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule. Cambridge water supply.

The House Bill to amend " An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to construct a way through land held by the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital," passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, by the Senate with certain amendments in which the House non-concurred, came Taunton.

down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate receded from its amendments at "A" and "C," and insisted on its amendment at "B." On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the rules were suspended, and the House concurred in the Senate amendment at "B," and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Fisheries in
Mashpee and
Barnstable.

The House Bill to protect the fisheries of the towns of Mashpee and Barnstable, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Reports of Committees.

Distribution of
personal estate
of husbands.

By Mr. Hardy of Arlington, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, that the Bill (recommitted) relative to the distribution of the personal estate of a husband dying intestate and without kindred ought to pass in a new draft with a similar title. Read and ordered to a second reading.

Loan and trust
companies.

By the same gentleman, from the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court on the Bill in relation to loan and trust companies [Mr. Davis of Boston dissenting]. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Menemsha
Pond.

By Mr. Davis of Tisbury, from the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, on petitions and an order, a Resolve in relation to the improvement of the entrance to Menemsha Pond. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Bills Enacted and Resolve Passed.

Bills enacted,—
resolve passed.

Engrossed bills :

- Relating to the planting and growing of oysters ;
- To establish the salary of the register of Probate and Insolvency for the county of Hampden ;
- Extending the authority to summon witnesses ;
- Relative to the location in which a savings bank or institution for savings may transact its principal business ;
- Concerning the election of aldermen in the city of Boston ;
- To incorporate the Cambridge Police Mutual Aid Association ;

To incorporate the Watertown Water Supply Company;

Concerning the fisheries in the waters of the county of Dukes County; and

Providing for the publication of a list of persons whose names have been changed in this Commonwealth;

(Which severally originated in the House);

To establish a reformatory for male prisoners;

To provide for public parks in the city of Worcester; and

Authorizing the Haverhill Aqueduct Company to increase its water supply;

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve providing for the construction of additional buildings for the State Workhouse at Bridgewater (which originated in the House), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, the Bill to incorporate the Housatonic Water Company, was taken from the table. On further motion of the same gentleman, the House receded from its amendments thereto and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Housatonic
Water Com-
pany.

On motion of the same gentleman the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Wednesday, May 7, 1884, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the district court of Northern Berkshire at Adams, was taken from the table, and was, on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for consideration until to-morrow.

District Court
of Northern
Berkshire at
Adams.

Orders of the Day.

The order offered yesterday by Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, relative to limiting debate to ten-minute speeches, was adopted.

Orders of the
day.

The Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof, was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. Mr.

Doherty of Boston, moved to amend by substituting a bill with the same title. Pending this amendment and amendments moved by Mr. Beard of Boston, and pending amendments moved by Messrs. Bailey of Somerville and Hartwell of Fitchburg to the proposed substitute bill, on motion of Mr. Howes of Cambridge, the bill was recommended to the committee on Public Service by a vote of 90 to 46.

The Bill to provide for the taxation of mortgage loans, was postponed for further consideration until next Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, pending the question on ordering to a third reading.

Resolves :

In relation to the conservation of the Connecticut River ; and

Relative to the occupation of railroad locations by companies organized for the purpose of transmitting intelligence by electricity ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators and Representatives, was rejected without debate. Subsequently, the orders of the day having been laid on the table, Mr. Wentworth of Dedham moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the resolve was rejected, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Bill concerning applications for the oath for the relief of poor debtors, was read a second time, and, after debate, was rejected by a vote of 41 to 63 and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The report of the committee on Rules of the two branches, on an order, recommending certain amendments to the joint rules was, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, indefinitely postponed, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments at [B], [C] and [D], to the Bill relating to the employment of

minors in mercantile establishments, and in the amendment at [A] with an amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Bills :

Relating to the use of streets for water pipes ; and
In relation to commitments to imprisonment upon two or more sentences ; and the

Resolve tendering the thanks of the Commonwealth to Mr. James Wormley of Washington, D. C. ;

Were severally read a second time and were ordered to a third reading.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Friday, May 2, 1884, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Bill to provide for the public safety in the use of steam engines and steam boilers, was further considered, and, after debate, was adopted. Pending the recurring question on the engrossment of the bill certain amendments moved by Messrs. Baker of Beverly and Creed of Boston were adopted and the bill, as amended, was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

At five minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 16, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Roll Call.

At half past ten o'clock, on motion of Mr. Beard of Boston, the roll was called and it appeared that 130 members were present, the following named gentlemen having responded to the call : — ^{Roll ca 1.}

Messrs. Adams, John S.
Atkins, Isaac
Bailey, Joseph W.
Baker, Benjamin F.
Baker, Henry A.

Messrs. Baker, John I.
Bancroft, William A.
Barker, Forrest E.
Barstow, Henry
Beard, Alanson W.

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Messrs. Bent, Roderic L.	Messrs. Freeman, Clarendon A.
Blyth, Robert	Frisbee, Frank W.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Gaffney, Frank H.
Bowker, Horace L.	Gifford, Meltiah
Brackett, John Q. A.	Gleason, George A.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Buckley, Michael J.	Hallett, John W.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Hardy, John H.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Harkins, Dominick J.
Burnham, Albert S.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Hatch, Luther P.
Burr, Charles C.	Hazen, Herman S.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Hosley, Henry E.
Butterfield, Simeon	Hosmer, Henry J.
Carleton, O. Loring	Howes, Lewis W.
Chapin, Francis L.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Cilley, John L.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Clark, Aaron F.	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Clark, George L.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Clark, John	Kingsley, Chester W.
Cobb, George R.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Collins, Edward	McFarland, Cromwell
Cook, Thomas W.	Melden, William R.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Millett, Joshua H.
Cowdrey, George	Morse, George P.
Cross, Henry M.	Murdock, John N.
Crowell, Joshua	Murphy, John R.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Nash, George M.
Cummings, Prentiss	Osborne, William H.
Curry, Patrick S.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Cushing, George A.	Pattee, William G. A.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Damon, Calvin	Pierce, John
Danforth, Henry P.	Potter, Lyman D.
Darling, Moses B.	Prime, Oliver
Davenport, James F.	Randall, Charles L.
Davis, Samuel G.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Reed, Daniel
Doherty, Philip J.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Dresser, Jacob A.	Rice, Augustus
Dunham, Henry J.	Richards, Charles W.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Salmon, Thomas
Eaton, Thomas S.	Sanderson, George A.
Farrell, John R.	Saunders, Franklin
Fassett, Alfred S.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Flagg, Levi L.	Smith, Frederick H.
Flint, Charles H.	Smith, George E.
Foster, Joshua T.	Smith, Oren B.
Francis, Henry H.	Snow, Edmund F.

<p>Messrs. Starbird, Charles D. Stark, Henry C. Stebbins, Erastus Stow, T. Dwight Swift, Augustus Tarbox, Joseph E. Tarone, James Temple, Joseph W. Towne, Charles A. Tufts, George K.</p>	<p>Messrs. Wadlin, Horace G. Walker, Aaron G. Wells, Daniel W. Wentworth, Alonzo B. Weston, Thomas, Jr. White, Lloyd E. Willcomb, Frederic Williams, Fred H. Willson, Edmund B. Woods, John M.</p>
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Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, a Bill concerning sales of furniture or other household effects on the instalment plan, so called. Read and sent to the Senate for concurrence, in suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

Sales of furniture, etc., on the instalment plan.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge ;

Concerning pilotage ; and

To provide a further supply of water for the town of Waltham ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bills enacted.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw :

On the petition of the selectmen of Merrimac for relief on account of the construction of Essex Merrimac Bridge ;

Essex Merrimac bridge : Merrimac.

and
 On the petition of the selectmen of Salisbury and Amesbury for relief on account of the construction of Essex Merrimack Bridge ;

Salisbury and Amesbury.

Severally amended in the Senate by substituting for the words "petitioners have leave to withdraw" the words "petition be referred to the next General Court," and severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule in each case.

The House report of the committee on Roads and Bridges, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of

Newburyport.

Newburyport for relief on account of the construction of Essex Merrimac Bridge came down from the Senate accepted, in concurrence, with an amendment substituting for the words "petitioners have leave to withdraw" the words "petition be referred to the next General Court," in which the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule.

Weekly pay-
ments of wages.

A report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling corporations to pay their employees at least once in seven days, and on so much of the Governor's address as refers to labor and petitions relative to the subject (Messrs. Baldwin of the Senate, and Messrs. Tarone of Boston, Stratton of Milford, and O'Sullivan of Lawrence of the House dissenting), accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Springfield
charter.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches, upon the Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen, came down from the Senate concurred, and for concurrence in the appointment of a new committee of conference, Messrs. Sessions, Denny and Barrus being appointed the committee on the part of Senate. The House concurred in the appointment of a new committee.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the

House bills:

Water gas.

To authorize the formation of corporations for the manufacture and sale of water gas for light and fuel;

Fortnightly pay-
ments.

Relative to the payment of operatives by manufacturing corporations at intervals not exceeding fourteen days; and also the

Payments of
wages.

Senate Bill relative to payment of employees by manufacturing and other corporations, introduced on leave.

Gift enterprises.

The House Bill to prevent the sale or exchange of property under the inducement that a gift or prize is to be part of the transaction, came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a resolve in relation to a settlement of the claim of the Commonwealth against George W. Cram (Mr. Pattee of Quincy dissenting). [See House, No. 399.] Read and ordered to a second reading, Rule 42 having been suspended on motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River.

George W. Cram.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Resolve for the appointment of a commission to consider a general system of drainage for the valleys of the Mystic, Blackstone and Charles rivers, and territory adjacent thereto, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for Monday for a second reading.

Drainage of the valleys of the Mystic, Blackstone and Charles rivers.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Bill relating to the labor of the prisoners in the State Prison ought not to pass (Messrs. Douglas of Brockton and Saunders of Methuen dissenting). Read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Prison labor.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, on Wednesday, May 7, 1884, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the Bill to authorize the holding of sessions of the district court of Northern Berkshire at Adams was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule, and there being no objection, the motion to reconsider was withdrawn.

District Court of Northern Berkshire at Adams.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to legislation concerning water meters was taken from the table, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until Monday.

Water meters.

Orders of the Day.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, yesterday, rejected the Resolve providing for an amend-

Orders of the day.

ment of the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators and Representatives was considered. After debate, the motion was adopted, and the resolve was then ordered to a third reading by a vote of 67 to 66, the Speaker having voted in the affirmative.

Bills :

To incorporate the Somerville Wharf and Improvement Company ;

To incorporate the Brockton Real Estate and Improvement Company ;

In relation to commitments to imprisonment upon two or more sentences ; and

For the protection of harbors and navigable waters ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills :

In relation to the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company ;

To provide for the filling of vacancies in the school committee of the city of Salem ;

To protect game and private lands from trespass ; and

Relative to the distribution of the personal estate of a husband dying intestate and without issue ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill in relation to loan and trust companies was referred to the next General Court as recommended by the committee on Banks and Banking, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill relating to the use of streets for water pipes was read a second time, and was, on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, referred to the next General Court, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

At twenty-six minutes past twelve o'clock adjourned.

MONDAY, May 19, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. E. Twitchell of Boston.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Mooney of Worcester, was laid over at the request of Mr. Barker of Worcester:—

Ordered, That on account of the loss of life and injury to persons at the fire of the Pakachoag Mill at Worcester, May 15th, caused in part by the want of means of egress, in direct violation of the law; and

Whereas, The opinion is prevalent that there are many other mills and factories where similar violations exist, and that the officers of the State, whose duty it is to enforce the laws, are negligent, purposely or otherwise;

Therefore, The committee on Labor is hereby directed to make an investigation, or to cause the proper officers to do so, and report what other mills and manufacturing companies are neglecting the proper enforcement of the labor and factory laws of the State.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (taken from the files of last year) of the selectmen of Greenfield that said town may be reimbursed for moneys expended for stock of and loans to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

A report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of the mayor of Lowell for the reimbursement of money expended in the maintenance of State paupers, accepted by the Senate, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolutions in relation to foreign immigration, adopted by the Senate, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports of Committees.

- Portrait of Edward Everett. By Mr. Sanderson of Boston, from the committee on the State House, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to purchasing for the State the portrait of Edward Everett, now hanging in the Governor's room.
- State House. By Mr. Carleton of Middleton, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to protecting the State House from the ravages of the white ant.
- Trustees of the Smith charities. By Mr. Danforth of Lawrence, from the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Dwight W. Palmer and others for legislation imposing a tax on the corporate property and franchise of the corporation known as the Trustees of the Smith Charities [Messrs. Joyner of the Senate, and Wells of Hatfield and Tufts of New Braintree, of the House, dissenting].
- Ibid. By Mr. Smith of Everett, from the same committee, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Enos Parsons and others for the repeal of section 4 of the act of incorporation of the Trustees of the Smith Charities, which provides for the taxation of the property of said corporation. Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.
- Harvard Clock Company. By Mr. Temple of Spencer, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on a petition, a Bill to change the name of the Harvard Clock Company.
- Civil service. By Mr. Burdett of Hingham, from the committee on Public Service, that the Bill (recommitted) to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof, ought to pass in a new draft with the same title [Messrs Cowdrey of Stoneham and Baker of Beverly dissenting]. Severally read and ordered to a second reading, Rule 42 having been suspended in the case of the bill last-named, on motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River.
- Mary Going. By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of Mary Going of Boston, ought to pass.
- State prison at Concord. By Mr. Douglas of Brockton, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve in favor of the State Prison at Concord ought to pass.
- Provincial laws. By Mr. Chapin of Southbridge, from the same committee, that the Senate Resolve concerning the printing of the provincial laws ought to pass.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill to extend the provisions of chapter 51 of the Public Statutes, relating to the assessment of betterments, ought to pass. Betterments.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, for a second reading.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in relation to the improvement of the entrance to Menemsha pond, ought not to pass. Menemsha Pond.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, that the Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Forbes Library at Northampton, ought not to pass. Trustees of the Forbes Library at Northampton.

Severally read, placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on the rejection of the resolve.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on the Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge and to take land around Fresh Pond to preserve the purity of the water. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on referring the bill to the next General Court. Cambridge water supply.

By Mr. Howes of Cambridge, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the House ought to concur in the Senate amendment to the House Bill to prevent the sale or exchange of property under the inducement that a gift or prize is to be part of the transaction. Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the House concurred in the amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly. Gift enterprises.

Committee of Conference Appointed.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. O'Neil of Boston, Baker of Beverly, and Swift of New Bedford, a new committee of conference on the part of the House on the matters of difference between the two branches upon the Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen. Springfield charter.

Orders of the Day.

The Resolve tendering the thanks of the Commonwealth to Mr. James Wormley of Washington, D. C., was read Orders of the day.

a third time. The committee on Bills in the Third Reading reported, recommending as a substitute a "Resolve tendering the thanks of the Commonwealth to James Wormley for the portrait of Charles Sumner," pending which and pending the main question on engrossment, the resolve was laid on the table by a vote of 47 to 36, on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to legislation concerning water meters, was further considered. Mr. Farrell of Boston, moved to amend by substituting a "Bill relating to water meters." After debate, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 60 to 64, and the report was accepted.

Resolves :

In relation to a settlement of the claim of the Commonwealth against George W. Cram ; and

For the appointment of a commission to consider a general system of drainage for the valleys of the Mystic, Blackstone and Charles rivers, and territory adjacent thereto ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling corporations to pay their employees at least once in seven days, and on so much of the Governor's address as refers to labor and petitions relative to the subject, was considered. Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, moved that the report be recommended to the committee on Labor. On this question the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of the same gentleman, and the roll being called the report was recommended and sent up for concurrence by a vote of 90 yeas to 73 nays, as follows :—

YEAS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Blyth, Robert
Bailey, Joseph W.	Bosworth, Benjamin S.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Bowker, Horace L.
Baker, Henry A.	Bryant, Timothy
Baker, John I.	Chamberlain, Geo. D.
Bancroft, William A.	Chappelle, Julius C.
Barry, Patrick T.	Clark, Aaron F.
Blaney, Alexander	Clark, George L.

Messrs. Clark, John
 Clark, Sewall J.
 Connor, James
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Cowdrey, George
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Damon, Calvin
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donovan, James
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Elwell, George
 Farrell, John R.
 Flint, Charles H.
 Foley, Patrick E.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Freeman, Clarendon A.
 Frisbee, Frank W.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gordon, William, Jr.
 Hallett, John W.
 Harkins, Dominick J.
 Harvey, Edwin B.
 Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
 Hosley, Henry E.
 Howes, Erastus
 Howes, Lewis W.
 Howland, Charles H.
 Jones, Frank W.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Killion, Michael J.
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Littlefield, George W.
 Madden, John J.

Messrs. Maguire, John J.
 Mead, John J.
 Melden, William R.
 Mooney, John F. H.
 Morrison, Peter
 Morse, Bushrod
 Murphy, John R.
 Nash, George M.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Paton, Andrew H.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Potter, Burton W.
 Randall, Charles L.
 Reed, Daniel
 Reilly, Michael, 2d
 Reynolds, Enos H.
 Roads, Samuel, Jr.
 Salmon, Thomas
 Sanderson, George A.
 Saunders, Franklin
 Searell, William A.
 Small, Edward E.
 Stafford, John H.
 Stow, T. Dwight
 Swift, Augustus
 Tarone, James
 Toulmin, William B.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Ward, John E.
 Wheeler, Orswell A.
 Whitcomb, Charles B.
 Whitcomb, Francis E.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Winter, Frank E.
 Woods, John M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.
 Almy, Edward C.
 Barker, Forrest E.
 Beard, Alanson W.
 Bent, George C.
 Boardman, Halsey J.
 Brackett, John Q. A.
 Burdett, Joseph O.
 Burditt, Alfred A.
 Burnham, Albert S.
 Burr, Charles C.

Messrs. Burr, Nathaniel M.
 Butterfield, Simeon
 Carleton, O. Loring
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Cilley, John L.
 Clark, Elijah C.
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Collins, Edward
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Crowell, Joshua
 Crowell, Zenas E.

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Messrs. Cummings, Prentiss	Messrs. Milne, John C.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Morse, George P.
Daggett, Handel N.	Murdock, John N.
Davenport, James F.	Osborne, William H.
Davis, Samuel G.	Pierce, John
Dresser, Jacob A.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Egleston, Eber A.	Rice, Augustus
Flagg, Levi L.	Richards, Charles W.
Foster, Joshua T.	Sargent, Wingate P.
Gifford, Meltiah	Smith, Frederick H.
Gilbert, Edwin	Smith, George E.
Gove, Jesse M.	Snow, Edmund F.
Gray, Chester H.	Spooner, William H.
Hardy, John H.	Starbird, Charles D.
Harrub, Fred M.	Stebbins, Erastus
Hastings, Joseph W.	Stone, Stillman
Hazelton, Charles W.	Towne, Charles A.
Hazen, Herman S.	Tufts, George K.
Huntoon, George L.	Walker, Aaron G.
Hurlbut, Rufus H.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Johnson, Thomas B.	Warner, Emerson
Judkins, John B.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Kingsbury, Willis A.	Whiting, Albert T.
Linnell, Solomon, 2d	Wilbur, Edward P.
McFarland, Cromwell	Willson, Edmund B.
Millett, Joshua H.	

Yeas, 90 ; nays, 78.

On this question, Messrs. Gleason of Douglas, Peck of Taunton and Creed of Boston, who, it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Burnham of Westminster, Hatch of Marshfield and Bent of Gardner.

The Bill relating to the labor of the prisoners in the State Prison was considered, the question being on its rejection. After debate its rejection was negatived, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading.

Bills :

In relation to the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company ;

To provide for the filling of vacancies in the school committee of the city of Salem ; and

To protect game and private lands from trespass (amended on motion of Mr. Crowell of Dennis) ;

Were severally read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the bill last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

At five o'clock adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 20, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Wentworth of Dedham moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, yesterday, accepted the report of the committee on the Judiciary, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to legislation concerning water meters. The motion was lost. Water meters.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Potter of Worcester, petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation for authority to use its third mortgage bonds in settlement of its future indebtedness. Mr. Potter moved a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. The motion was lost, and the petition was referred to the next General Court. Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad.

Subsequently, on motion of the same gentleman, the vote whereby the House refused to suspend the 12th Joint Rule was reconsidered under a suspension of the rule. The question recurring on the suspension of the rule, the rule was suspended and the petition was referred to the committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Reynolds of Brockton, petition of the Campello Co-operative Bank of Brockton for a return of taxes paid in excess by said bank to the Commonwealth. Referred to the committee on Claims, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. Campello Co-operative Bank of Brockton.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, petition of Samuel W. Bowerman and others for the repeal of the law exempting money loaned on mortgage of real estate from taxation. Placed on file. Taxation of mortgages.

Order.

Pakachoag Mill
at Worcester.

The Order relative to directing the committee on Labor to make an investigation into the cause of the loss of life and injury to persons at the fire of the Pakachoag Mill at Worcester, May 15, 1884, and to report what other mills and manufacturing companies are neglecting the proper enforcement of the labor and factory laws of the State, laid over from yesterday, was referred to the next General Court under the 12th Joint Rule, the House having refused to suspend the rule.

*Papers from the Senate.***Reports :**

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court ;

Worcester Safe
Deposit and
Trust Company.

On the petition of the Worcester Safe Deposit and Trust Company for an amendment of its charter concerning the investments of its deposits ;

Massachusetts
Loan and Trust
Company.

On the petition of the Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company of Boston for an amendment of its charter ; and

Manufacturers'
Loan and Trust
Company.

On the petition of H. F. Barrows and others for an act of incorporation as the Manufacturers' Loan and Trust Company ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports of the committee on Banks and Banking, inexpedient to further legislate ;

Savings banks.

On so much of the Governor's address as refers to savings banks ; and

Ibid.

On an order relative to further legislation concerning savings banks and institutions for savings ;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule in each case.

Attorney-gen-
eral.

The report of the committee of conference on the matter of difference between the two branches on the Bill relating to the duties of the attorney-general, that they are unable to agree, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

A Bill concerning suits in equity to reach and apply the property of a debtor (reported on an order); and a

Equity.—
debtors.

Resolve concerning the distribution, by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, among its stockholders, of certain of the shares of its stock received from the Commonwealth (reported on a petition);

Boston and
Albany Rail-
road.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A Bill concerning sales of furniture or other household effects on the instalment plan, so called (introduced on leave in the House under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule and sent up for concurrence), came down concurred and was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Sales of furni-
ture, etc., on
the instalment
plan.

Petitions of the Faculty and Students of Amherst College, and of the selectmen of Amherst,—severally, that the New London Northern Railroad Company be compelled to comply with the instructions of the railroad commissioners in relation to running of trains upon said railroads were severally referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Railroads.

New London
Northern Rail-
road.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the House bills:

To supply the town of Marblehead with water; and

Marblehead.

To amend an act for the protection of the fisheries in the vicinity of Nantucket.

Nantucket fish-
eries.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order, a Bill to confirm the proceedings of the last annual town meetings of certain towns. Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Town meetings.

By Mr. Wadlin of Reading, from the committee on Education, that the Resolve relating to fire escapes and fire extinguishing apparatus at the State Normal School at Bridgewater ought to pass in a new draft with the title, "Resolve relating to fire escapes at the State Normal School at Bridgewater." Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

State Normal
School at
Bridgewater.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills:

To authorize the laying out of a way on land held in trust by the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital;

Bills enacted.

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For the further relief of bail upon the death of their principal ;

To authorize the Revere Water Company to increase its capital stock, and to supply the town of Winthrop with water ; and

To protect the fisheries of the towns of Mashpee and Barnstable ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

To authorize an increase of the capital stock of the Lamson Cash Railway Company ;

Concerning commitments to the State Workhouse ; and

To incorporate the Housatonic Water Company ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill to provide for the taxation of mortgage loans was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. On motion of Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham, it was voted to close debate at fifteen minutes past three o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached. After extended debate the bill was rejected by a vote of 49 to 112, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill relative to the distribution of the personal estate of a husband dying intestate and without issue (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ; and the

Resolve in relation to a settlement of the claim of the Commonwealth against George W. Cram ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Reports :

Of the committee on the State House, inexpedient to legislate :

On an order relative to purchasing for the State the portrait of Edward Everett, now hanging in the Governor's room ; and

On an order relative to protecting the State House from the ravages of the white ant ; and

Of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Dwight W. Palmer and others for legisla-

tion relative to imposing a tax on the corporate property and franchise of the corporation known as the Trustees of the Smith Charities ;

Were severally accepted and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Claims, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of the mayor of Lowell for the reimbursement of money expended in the maintenance of state paupers, was accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

To change the name of the Harvard Clock Company ;

To extend the provisions of chapter 51 of the Public Statutes relating to the assessment of betterments ; and

Resolves :

In favor of Mary Going of Boston ;

In favor of the State Prison at Concord ; and

Concerning the printing of the provincial laws ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to provide a further supply of water for the city of Cambridge, and to take land around Fresh Pond to preserve the purity of the water, was referred to the next General Court as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Resolve in favor of the trustees of the Forbes Library, Northampton, was rejected, as recommended by the joint committee on the Judiciary, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Resolve providing for an amendment of the Constitution relative to the qualification of voters for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators and Representatives, was read a third time and considered. On motion of Mr. Bent of Gardner, the House voted to close debate at half-past four o'clock, unless a vote should be sooner reached. After debate the question was put on agreeing to the article of amendment, which, with the resolve was as follows :—

Resolved, By both houses, the same being agreed to by a majority of the Senators and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives, present and voting thereon, That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth by adopting the subjoined article of amend-

ment; and that the same as thus agreed to be entered on the journals of both houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen; and that the same be published, to the end that, if agreed to by the General Court next to be chosen in the manner provided by the Constitution, it may be submitted to the people for their approval and ratification, in order that it may become a part of the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

So much of Article III. of the amendments of the Constitution of this Commonwealth as is contained in the following words — “and who shall have paid, by himself, or his parent, master or guardian, any state or county tax, which shall, within two years next preceding such election, have been assessed upon him in any town or district of this Commonwealth; and also every citizen who shall be by law exempted from taxation, and who shall be in all other respects qualified as above mentioned” — is hereby annulled.

The yeas and nays were called and the article of amendment was not agreed to, two-thirds of the members present and voting not having voted therefor.

The vote was 81 yeas to 75 nays as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Coffin, Charles C.
Atkins, Isaac	Connor, James
Baker, John I.	Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Barry, Patrick T.	Cowdrey, George
Batcheller, Aldin	Cross, Henry M.
Beard, Alanson W.	Curry, Patrick S.
Bishop, George P.	Cushing, George A.
Blaney, Alexander	Damon, Calvin
Blyth, Robert	Darling, Moses B.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Davis, Everett A.
Bowker, Horace L.	Dean, Wilbert T.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Devney, Patrick F.
Bryant, Timothy	Doherty, Philip J.
Buckley, Michael J.	Donovan, James
Butler, Richard T.	Egleston, Eber A.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Ernst, George A. O.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Farrell, John R.
Clark, Aaron F.	Flint, Charles H.
Clark, George L.	Foley, Patrick E.

<p>Messrs. Forbes, William A. Francis, Henry H. Freeman, Clarendon A. Gaffney, Frank H. Gleason, George A. Hardy, John H. Harkins, Dominick J. Hazelton, Charles W. Hewins, James Homans, Wm. A., Jr. Hoynes, Edward F. Jones, Frank W. Kelly, Daniel F. Kendrick, Edmund P. Killion, Michael J. Kingsley, Chester W. Littlefield, George W. Maguire, John J. Melden, William R. Morse, Bushrod Murphy, John R. Nash, George M.</p>	<p>Messrs. Oakes, Charles N. O'Neil, Joseph H. Paine, Robert Treat, Jr. Paton, Andrew H. Potter, Burton W. Prime, Oliver Reilly, Michael, 2d Roads, Samuel, Jr. Salmon, Thomas Sanderson, George A. Saunders, Franklin Shaw, Elisha H. Small, Edward E. Stark, Henry C. Tarbox, Joseph E. Tarone, James Warner, John F. Wheeler, Orswell A. Whitcomb, Charles B. Woods, John M. Wright, John H.</p>
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NAYS.

<p>Messrs. Almy, Edward C. Bailey, Joseph W. Barker, Forrest E. Barstow, Henry Bent, George C. Bosworth, Benjamin S. Briggs, Fordyce W. Brown, Charles E. Bucklin, Daniel F. Burdett, Joseph O. Burditt, Alfred A. Burnham, Albert S. Burr, Charles C. Butterfield, Simeon Chamberlain, Geo. D. Chapin, Francis L. Cilley, John L. Clark, Charles N. Clark, Elijah C. Clark, John Cobb, George R. Collins, Edward Cook, Thomas W. Crowell, Zenas E. Cummings, Prentiss</p>	<p>Messrs. Davenport, James F. Davis, Samuel G. Dodge, Joseph A. Dresser, Jacob A. Eaton, Thomas S. Fassett, Alfred S. Foster, Joshua T. Frisbee, Frank W. Gifford, Meltiah Gray, Chester H. Harvey, Edwin B. Hastings, Joseph W. Hatch, Luther P. Hazen, Herman S. Hosley, Henry E. Hosmer, Henry J. Howes, Lewis W. Huntoon, George L. Hurlbut, Rufus H. Judkins, John B. Keyes, Lorrin P. Linnell, Solomon, 2d McFarland, Cromwell Milne, John C. Morrison, Peter</p>
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Messrs. Palmer, Moses P.	Messrs. Stone, Stillman
Pierce, John	Swift, Augustus
Potter, Lyman D.	Temple, Joseph W.
Rantoul, Robert S.	Toulmin, William B.
Richards, Charles W.	Tufts, George K.
Richardson, C. Frederic	Wadlin, Horace G.
Sargent, Wingate P.	Walker, Aaron G.
Smith, Frederick H.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Smith, George E.	Webb, Elisha
Snow, Edmund F.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Spooner, William H.	Williams, Fred H.
Starbird, Charles D.	Willson, Edmund B.
Stebbins, Erastus	

Yeas, 81 ; nays, 75.

On this question, Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Eaton of Auburn, Winter of Springfield, Wentworth of Dedham, Stow of Fall River, Johnson of Raynham, Mooney of Worcester, Howes of Gloucester, Dwyer of Boston, Creed of Boston, Baker of Rockland, Whitcomb of Watertown, Stafford of Lawrence and Pattee of Quincy, who, it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Willcomb of Ipswich, Carleton of Middleton, Towne of Orange, Morse of Acushnet, Gove of Boston, Clark of Medway, Harrub of Plympton, Crowell of Dennis, Warner of Worcester, Bent of Gardner, Burr of Seekonk, Burnham of Westminster, Baker of Brookline and Kingsbury of Holliston.

At five minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 21, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Motion to Reconsider.

Taxation of
mortgage loans.

Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge moved to reconsider the vote by which the House, yesterday, rejected the Bill to provide for the taxation of mortgage loans. The motion was lost.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Potter of Enfield, petition of D. P. Clapp and others, that the New London Northern Railroad Company be compelled to comply with the instructions of the Railroad Commissioners in relation to running trains upon said railroad. Referred to the committee on Railroads.

New London
Northern Rail-
road.

By Mr. Savery of Middleborough, petition of the selectmen of Middleborough and others for a further extension of time within which said town may accept the act passed this present year to supply said town with water. Referred to the committee on Water Supply, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

Middleborough
water supply.

Severally sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Mr. Stow of Fall River asked leave to introduce a Bill to amend section second, chapter 251, acts of 1883. The bill was read and leave was granted. The House then refused to suspend the 12th Joint Rule as moved by the same gentleman, and the bill was referred to the next General Court.

Fire escapes in
hotels, etc.

Order.

The following Order, offered by Mr. Cross of Newburyport, was laid over at the request of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston:—

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of seven members of the House and as many as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire as to whether any improper influences have been used to affect legislation upon a Bill to authorize the formation of water gas companies for light and fuel. The committee shall have the power to send for persons and papers. It shall not sit in secret session, and it shall report to the Legislature before its adjournment, or to the Governor and Council within thirty days thereafter.

Water gas bill
investigation.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to regulate the civil service of cities, introduced on leave in the Senate, came down referred to the committee on Public Service. After debate on the question of concurring with the Senate in the reference, Mr. Harvey of Westborough raised the point of order that House Rule 78 applied to the question under consideration, and that not more than ten minutes should be

Civil service.

Point of order.

allowed for debate. The Speaker ruled that the point was well taken.

On the question of concurring in the reference, the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Doherty of Boston, and the roll being called, the bill having been read, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service by a vote of 107 yeas to 75 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Dresser, Jacob A.
Adams, John S.	Eaton, Thomas S.
Almy, Edward C.	Egleston, Eber A.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Fassett, Alfred S.
Bancroft, William A.	Foster, Joshua T.
Barker, Forrest E.	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Batcheller, Aldin	Frisbee, Frank W.
Beard, Alanson W.	Gifford, Meltiah
Bent, George C.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Gove, Jesse M.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Hardy, John H.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Harrub, Fred M.
Brown, Charles E.	Hartwell, Harris G.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Hatch, Luther P.
Burnham, Albert S.	Hazen, Herman S.
Burr, Charles C.	Hewins, James
Butterfield, Simeon	Hosley, Henry E.
Carleton, O. Loring	Hosmer, Henry J.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Howard, Nathaniel
Chapin, Francis L.	Howes, Lewis W.
Clark, Charles N.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Clark, Elijah C.	Judkins, John B.
Clark, George L.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Clark, John	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Clark, Sewall J.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Cobb, George R.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Coffin, Charles C.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Cook, Thomas W.	McFarland, Cromwell
Crowell, Joshua	Millett, Joshua H.
Crowell, Zenas E.	Morse, George P.
Cummings, Prentiss	Osborne, William H.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Daggett, Handel N.	Palmer, Moses P.
Darling, Moses B.	Pierce, John
Davenport, James F.	Potter, Lyman D.
Davis, Samuel G.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Reed, Daniel

Messrs. Rice, Augustus
 Richards, Charles W.
 Savery, Albert T.
 Searell, William A.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Small, Edward E.
 Smith, Frederick H.
 Smith, George E.
 Smith, Oren B.
 Snow, Edmund F.
 Spooner, William H.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Stone, Stillman
 Swift, Augustus
 Temple, Joseph W.

Messrs. Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Wentworth, Alonzo B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 White, Lloyd E.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Williams, Fred H.
 Willson, Edmund B.
 Winslow, James A.
 Wolcott, Roger.

NATS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.
 Atkins, Isaac
 Baker, John I.
 Bent, Roderic L.
 Bishop, George P.
 Blyth, Robert
 Bowker, Horace L.
 Briggs, Fordyce W.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Buckley, Michael J.
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Cilley, John L.
 Clark, Aaron F.
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Cowdrey, George
 Creed, Michael J.
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Cushing, George A.
 Damon, Calvin
 Dean, Wilbert T.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Dunham, Henry J.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Ernst, George A. O.
 Farrell, John R.
 Foley, Patrick E.
 Forbes, William A.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Francis, Henry H.

Messrs. Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gimlich, Jacob
 Gleason, George A.
 Gray, Chester H.
 Harkins, Dominick J.
 Hazelton, Charles W.
 Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
 Howes, Erastus
 Hoynes, Edward F.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Killion, Michael J.
 Littlefield, George W.
 Madden, John J.
 Maguire, John J.
 Melden, William R.
 Mooney, John F. H.
 Morse, Bushrod
 Murphy, John R.
 Nash, George M.
 Oakes, Charles N.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Peakes, Simeon T.
 Peck, Herbert L.
 Randall, Charles L.
 Reilly, Michael, 2d
 Richardson, C. Frederic
 Salmon, Thomas
 Sanderson, George A.
 Stafford, John H.
 Stark, Henry C.
 Stebbins, Erastus

Messrs. Stow, T. Dwight
Stratton, James F.
Tarbox, Joseph E.
Tarone, James
Ward, John E.
Warner, John F.

Messrs. Wells, Daniel W.
Wheeler, Orswell A.
Whitcomb, Francis E.
Woods, John M.
Wright, John H.

Yeas, 107; nays, 75.

Mr. Doherty of Boston moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the House concurred in the reference, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow, under the rule.

Weekly pay-
ments of wages.

The report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling corporations to pay their employees at least once in seven days, and on so much of the Governor's address as refers to labor and petitions relative to the subject, recommitted by the House to the committee on Labor and sent up for concurrence, came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred.

On motion of Mr. Wolcott of Boston, the House receded from its action, and on motion of Mr. Tarone of Boston, the report was postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

Appointments
of officers by the
mayor of Bos-
ton.

The petition of James G. Freeman and others for the passage of an act providing that all appointments of officers by the mayor of the city of Boston shall either be absolute or subject only to confirmation by the board of aldermen, came down from the Senate referred to the committee on Public Service.

The House non-concurred in the reference, and the petition was referred to the next General Court under the 12th Joint Rule, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

Report of Committee.

State House.

By Mr. Bailey of Somerville, from the committee on the State House, under authority of section 13, chapter 5 of the Public Statutes, a Resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the State House and at the Commonwealth Building. Read and referred, under the rule, to the committee on Finance.

Bills Enacted and Resolve Passed.

Engrossed bills :

Providing for the appointment of trustees for the State Almshouse and the State Workhouse ; Bills enacted, —
resolve passed.

For the protection of harbors and navigable waters ;

To incorporate the Brockton Real Estate and Improvement Company ;

In relation to commitments to imprisonment upon two or more sentences ;

In relation to the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company ;

To authorize the holding of sessions of the district court of northern Berkshire at Adams ; and

Relating to the dismissal of actions in which the real estate of non-residents is attached ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve authorizing the collection of forestry statistics (which originated in the House) was passed, signed, and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, the report of the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for a special tax to be known as the registration tax, was taken from the table, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, postponed for further consideration until next Friday. Registration
tax.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Resolve tendering the thanks of the Commonwealth to Mr. James Wormley of Washington, D.C., was taken from the table, and was considered, the question being on its engrossment. The substitute resolve recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading was rejected. After debate the resolve was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in an amendment to the title, adopted on motion of Mr. Wolcott of Boston, adding at the end thereof the words "for his gift of a portrait of Charles Sumner." James Worm-
ley, — Portrait
of Charles Sum-
ner.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

Reports :

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, reference to the next General Court :

On the petition of the Worcester Safe Deposit and Trust Company for an amendment of its charter concerning the investments of its deposits ;

On the petition of the Massachusetts Loan and Trust Company of Boston for an amendment of its charter ; and

On the petition of H. F. Barrows and others for an act of incorporation as the Manufacturers' Loan and Trust Company ;

Were severally accepted, in concurrence.

Bills :

Relating to the labor of the prisoners in the State Prison ; and

Concerning suits in equity to reach and apply the property of a debtor ; and the

Resolve concerning the distribution, by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, among its stockholders, of certain of the shares of its stock received from the Commonwealth ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Taxation, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Enos Parsons and others for the repeal of section 4 of the act of incorporation of the Trustees of the Smith Charities, which provides for the taxation of the property of said corporation was accepted, and sent up for concurrence.

The Resolve in relation to the improvement of the entrance to Menemsha Pond was considered. Its rejection as recommended by the committee on Finance was negatived and the resolve was ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Davenport of Fall River moved a suspension of the rules that the resolve might be further considered. The motion was adopted and the resolve was read a second time, and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, referred to the next General Court, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to extend the provisions of chapter 51 of the Public Statutes relating to the assessment of betterments ; and the

Resolves :

In favor of the State Prison at Concord ;

Concerning the printing of the provincial laws ; and

For the appointment of a commission to consider a general system of drainage for the valleys of the Mystic, Blackstone and Charles rivers, and territory adjacent thereto (amended on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly and as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading including an amendment to the title striking out the words " territory adjacent thereto " and inserting in place thereof the words " certain other portions of the Commonwealth ") ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, the resolve last named being sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

The Bill to confirm the proceeding of the last annual town meetings of certain towns was read a second time (amended on motions of Messrs. Wentworth of Dedham, Osborne of East Bridgewater, and Cummings of Boston), was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently, the orders of the day having been disposed of, the bill was read a third time, under a suspension of the rule, moved by Mr. Osborne, and was passed to be engrossed and sent at once to the Senate for concurrence, Rule 15 having been suspended on further motion of Mr. Osborne.

The Bill to change the name of the Harvard Clock Company (amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading) ; and the

Resolve in favor of Mary Going of Boston ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof was read a second time and considered. On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg it was voted that debate be closed at three o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached. Various amendments moved by Messrs. Dwyer of Boston, Cummings of Boston, and Chamberlain of Cambridge were adopted. On an amendment moved by Mr. Beard of Boston to section

2, providing that the rules established by the civil service commission should be subject the approval of the Legislature instead of by the Governor and Council as provided in the bill the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. Burdett of Hingham, and the roll being called the amendment was adopted by a vote of 97 yeas to 81 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Foster, Joshua T.
Allis, Silas W.	Francis, Henry H.
Atkins, Isaac	Gaffney, Frank H.
Baker, Henry A.	Gilbert, Edwin
Baker, John I.	Gimlich, Jacob
Barker, Forrest E.	Gleason, George A.
Barry, Patrick T.	Gove, Jesse M.
Batcheller, Aldin	Harkins, Dominick J.
Beard, Alanson W.	Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Bishop, George P.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Blaney, Alexander	Howard, Nathaniel
Blyth, Robert	Howes, Erastus
Bowker, Horace L.	Howland, Charles H.
Bryant, Timothy	Hoynes, Edward F.
Butler, Richard T.	Jones, Frank W.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Killion, Michael J.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Madden, John J.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Maguire, John J.
Cilley, John L.	Martin, Charles B.
Clark, Aaron F.	Mead, John J.
Clark, George L.	Melden, William R.
Clark, John	Mooney, John F. H.
Connor, James	Morse, Bushrod
Cowdrey, George	Murphy, John R.
Creed, Michael J.	Oakes, Charles N.
Cross, Henry M.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Curry, Patrick S.	Palmer, Moses P.
Cushing, George A.	Randall, Charles L.
Damon, Calvin	Rantoul, Robert S.
Darling, Moses B.	Reed, Daniel
Davis, Everett A.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Dean, Wilbert T.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Doherty, Philip J.	Rice, Augustus
Donehue, John T.	Richardson, C. Frederic
Donovan, James	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Salmon, Thomas
Elwell, George	Sanderson, George A.
Farrell, John R.	Saunders, Franklin
Foley, Patrick E.	Searell, William A.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Smith, Oren B.

<p>Messrs. Starbird, Charles D. Stark, Henry C. Stone, Stillman Stow, T. Dwight Stratton, James F. Swift, Augustus Tarbox, Joseph E. Tarone, James Tufts, George K.</p>	<p>Messrs. Walker, Aaron G. Warner, John F. Warner, Emerson Wells, Daniel W. Whitcomb, Charles B. Whitcomb, Francis E. Winter, Frank E. Wright, John H.</p>
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NAYS.

<p>Messrs. Adams, George A. Almy, Edward C. Bailey, Joseph W. Baker, Benjamin F. Bancroft, William A. Barstow, Henry Bent, George C. Bent, Roderic L. Boardman, Halsey J. Bosworth, Benjamin S. Brackett, John Q. A. Briggs, Fordyce W. Brown, Charles E. Bucklin, Daniel F. Burdett, Joseph O. Burditt, Alfred A. Burnham, Albert S. Burr, Charles C. Burr, Nathaniel M. Butterfield, Simeon Carleton, O. Loring Clark, Charles N. Clark, Elijah C. Clark, Sewall J. Coffin, Charles C. Cook, Thomas W. Crowell, Joshua Cummings, Prentiss Daggett, Handel N. Davenport, James F. Davis, Samuel G. Dodge, Joseph A. Dresser, Jacob A. Egleston, Eber A. Ernst, George A. O. Fassett, Alfred S. Flagg, Levi L.</p>	<p>Messrs. Forbes, William A. Freeman, Clarendon A. Frisbee, Frank W. Gifford, Meltiah Gordon, William, Jr. Gray, Chester H. Hartwell, Harris C. Hastings, Joseph W. Hatch, Luther P. Hazleton, Charles W. Hazen, Herman S. Hewins, James Hosley, Henry E. Howes, Lewis W. Johnson, Thomas B. Judkins, John B. Kendrick, Edmund P. Keyes, Lorrin P. Kingsley, Chester W. Linnell, Solomon, 2d Millett, Joshua H. Milne, John C. Morse, George P. Osborne, William H. Pierce, John Potter, Lyman D. Richards, Charles W. Sargent, Wingate P. Shaw, Elisha H. Small, Edward E. Smith, Frederick H. Spooner, William H. Stebbins, Erastus Temple, Joseph W. Wadlin, Horace G. Wallis, Benjamin F. Webb, Elisha</p>
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Messrs. Wentworth, Alonzo B. Messrs. Willcomb, Frederic
 Weston, Thomas, Jr. Williams, Fred H.
 Wheeler, Orswell A. Willson, Edmund B.
 Wilbur, Edward P.

Yeas, 97; nays, 81.

On this question, Messrs. O'Neil of Boston, Coveney of Cambridge, Buckley of Marlborough, Crowley of Lowell, Kelly of Boston, Peck of Taunton, and Nash of Abington, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Crowell of Barnstable, White of Taunton, Potter of Worcester, Winslow of Plainfield, Morrison of Boston, Wolcott of Boston and Kingsbury of Holliston.

Mr. Doherty of Boston moved to amend by substituting a bill with the same title. Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge moved an amendment to the proposed substitute which was adopted. On the question of adopting the amendment moved by Mr. Doherty, the yeas and nays were ordered at his request, and the roll being called the amendment was rejected by a vote of 64 yeas to 115 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, John S.	Messrs. Donehue, John T.
Allis, Silas W.	Donovan, James
Atkins, Isaac	Farrell, John R.
Baker, Henry A.	Foley, Patrick E.
Baker, John I.	Forbes, William A.
Barry, Patrick T.	Fossitt, Edward J.
Bishop, George P.	Francis, Henry H.
Blaney, Alexander	Gaffney, Frank H.
Blyth, Robert	Gimlich, Jacob
Bowker, Horace L.	Harkins, Dominick J.
Bryant, Timothy	Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Butler, Richard T.	Howes, Erastus
Carpenter, Frank E.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Clark, Aaron F.	Jones, Frank W.
Connor, James	Killion, Michael J.
Creed, Michael J.	Madden, John J.
Cross, Henry M.	Maguire, John J.
Curry, Patrick S.	Martin, Charles B.
Cushing, George A.	Mead, John J.
Damon, Calvin	Mooney, John F. H.
Davis, Everett A.	Morse, Bushrod
Dean, Wilbert T.	Murphy, John R.
Doherty, Philip J.	Oakes, Charles N.

Messrs. O'Sullivan, Edward F.	Messrs. Stratton, James F.
Reilly, Michael, 2d	Tarone, James
Salmon, Thomas	Warner, John F.
Sanderson, George A.	Wells, Daniel W.
Saunders, Franklin	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Small, Edward E.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Stafford, John H.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Stark, Henry C.	Winter, Frank E.
Stow, T. Dwight	Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Davenport, James F.
Almy, Edward C.	Davis, Samuel G.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Bancroft, William A.	Dwyer, Patrick D.
Barker, Forrest E.	Egleston, Eber A.
Barstow, Henry	Elwell, George
Batcheller, Aldin	Ernst, George A. O.
Beard, Alanson W.	Fassett, Alfred S.
Bent, George C.	Flagg, Levi L.
Bent, Roderic L.	Foster, Joshua T.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Frisbee, Frank W.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Gifford, Meltiah
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Gilbert, Edwin
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Gleason, George A.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Gray, Chester H.
Burnham, Albert S.	Hartwell, Harris C.
Burr, Charles C.	Harvey, Edwin B.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Butterfield, Simeon	Hatch, Luther P.
Carleton, O. Loring	Hazelton, Charles W.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Hazen, Herman S.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Hewins, James
Cilley, John L.	Hosley, Henry E.
Clark, Charles N.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Clark, Elijah C.	Howard, Nathaniel
Clark, George L.	Howes, Lewis W.
Clark, John	Howland, Charles H.
Clark, Sewall J.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Coffin, Charles C.	Judkins, John B.
Cook, Thomas W.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Crowdrey, George	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Crowell, Joshua	Kingsley, Chester W.
Cummings, Prentiss	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Daggett, Handel N.	McFarland, Cromwell
Darling, Moses B.	Melden, William R.

Messrs. Millett, Joshua H.	Messrs. Spooner, William H.
Milne, John C.	Starbird, Charles D.
Morse, George P.	Stebbins, Erastus
Osborne, William H.	Stone, Stillman
Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.	Temple, Joseph W.
Palmer, Moses P.	Tufts, George K.
Pierce, John	Wadlin, Horace G.
Potter, Lyman D.	Walker, Aaron G.
Rantoul, Robert S.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Reed, Daniel	Warner, Emerson
Reynolds, Enos H.	Webb, Elisha
Rice, Augustus	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Richards, Charles W.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Richardson, C. Frederic	White, Lloyd E.
Roads, Samuel, Jr.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Sargent, Wingate P.	Willcomb, Frederic
Searell, William A.	Williams, Fred H.
Shaw, Elisha H.	Willson, Edmund B.
Smith, Frederick H.	Wolcott, Roger.
Smith, Oren B.	

Yeas, 64 ; nays, 115.

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After extended debate the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading.

At twenty-five minutes before five o'clock adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 22, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain of the Senate.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham :—

Ordered, That the committee on the Close of the Session inquire and report to-morrow morning a list,

Prorogation.

in detail, of matters not yet disposed of, and at what time in their judgment the Legislature may be prorogued.

Sent up for concurrence.

The order relative to the appointment of a joint committee to inquire as to whether any improper influences have been used to affect legislation upon a Bill to authorize the formation of water gas companies for light and fuel, laid over from yesterday, was amended on motions of Messrs. Cross of Newburyport and Baker of Beverly, and was adopted, as amended, and sent up for concurrence by a vote of 78 to 64.

Water gas investigation.

Two Legislative Sessions a Day.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, —

Voted, That hereafter, until otherwise ordered, each session of the House shall be considered a legislative day; that the hour of meeting in the afternoon shall be two o'clock, and that whenever the House shall be in session at quarter before one o'clock in the afternoon, the Speaker shall declare an adjournment.

Two legislative sessions a day.

Papers from the Senate.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to have properly fitted up the rooms in the basement of the State House recently occupied by the Commissioners on Savings Banks, and assign the same to the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity, for their use.

Rooms for the State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity.

Bills :

To establish a homœopathic hospital for the insane ; and

Homœopathic hospital for the insane. State Reform School.

Concerning the State Reform School ;

Severally reported, in part, on the report of the joint special committee of the Legislature of 1883, who were instructed to make certain inquiries relative to the charitable and penal institutions, and severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The report of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, leave to withdraw, on the petition of Charles R.

Cape Cod Ship Canal.

Howard and others, for incorporation as a ship canal company for cutting a ship canal across Cape Cod, was recommitted, in concurrence, with instructions to hear the parties after such notice has been given as the committee shall direct.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the

Employment of minors. House Bill relating to the employment of minors; and of the

Holyoke. Senate Bill providing for a new division of wards in the city of Holyoke.

The House bills :

Lynn, — Nahant water supply. Authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Nahant with water ;

Lynn, — Swampscott water supply. Authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Swampscott with water ; and

Cockeast or Davol's Pond and Richmond's Pond. For the protection of game in the ponds known as Cockeast or Davol's Pond, and Richmond's Pond, situated between the Westport River and the Rhode Island boundary line ;

Severally came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in which the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule in each case.

Extra copies of the agricultural report. A Resolve providing for the printing of extra copies of the thirty-first annual report of the secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and, under a suspension of Rule 42, moved by Mr. Davenport of Fall River, was ordered to a second reading. On further motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the resolve was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Adulteration of food and drugs. The House Bill to amend "An Act relating to the adulteration of food and drugs" came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

Reports of Committees.

Superior Court. By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the joint committee on the Judiciary, on a petition and an order, a Bill relating to

practice in the Superior Court. Read and ordered to a second reading.

By the same gentleman, from the committee on the Judiciary, no legislation necessary, on the Annual Report of the Attorney General. Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Report of At-
torney-General.

Bill Enacted.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Somerville Wharf and Improvement Company (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the report of the committee on Public Service, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to a revision of the laws regarding the appointment and compensation of all officers, clerks and employees of the Commonwealth, was taken from the table, and was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Appointment
and compensa-
tion of employ-
ees of the state.

On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly, the order relative to the committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad having further time within which to report, was taken from the table, and was indefinitely postponed, and notice was sent to the Senate.

Committee on
Hoosac Tunnel
and Troy and
Greenfield Rail-
road.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employees in their service, was taken from the table and, pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on further motion of the same gentleman, placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until the afternoon.

Liability of em-
ployers.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Bill in relation to the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Prisons, was taken from the table, and, pending the question on its rejection, as recommended by the committee on Finance, it was placed in the orders of the day and postponed for further consideration until the afternoon.

Salary of Secre-
tary of Board of
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Orders of the Day.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the House, yesterday, concurred with the Senate in the reference to Orders of the day.

the committee on Public Service of the Bill (introduced on leave in the Senate) to regulate the civil service of cities, was considered. After debate the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Beard of Boston, and the roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 76 yeas to 78 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Hartwell, Harris C.
Atkins, Isaac	Hazelton, Chas. W.
Baker, Henry A.	Howes, Erastus
Barry, Patrick T.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Bent, Roderic L.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Bishop, George P.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Blyth, Robert	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Killion, Michael J.
Bowker, Horace L.	Littlefield, George W.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Madden, John J.
Bryant, Timothy	Maguire, John J.
Buckley, Michael J.	Mead, John J.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Melden, William R.
Clark, Aaron F.	Mooney, John F. H.
Coffey, John A.	Morse, Bushrod
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Nash, George M.
Cowdrey, George	Oakes, Charles N.
Cross, Henry M.	O'Brien, Francis
Crowley, Dennis J.	Osborne, William H.
Curry, Patrick S.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Cushing, George A.	Paton, Andrew H.
Darling, Moses B.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Davis, Everett A.	Prime, Oliver
Dean, Wilbert T.	Randall, Charles L.
Devney, Patrick F.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Doherty, Philip J.	Richardson, C. Frederic
Donovan, James	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Douglas, William L.	Salmon, Thomas
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Saunders, Franklin
Farrell, John R.	Stebbins, Erastus
Flint, Charles H.	Stratton, James F.
Forbes, William A.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Tarone, James
Gaffney, Frank H.	Towne, Charles A.
Gimlich, Jacob	Wheeler, Orswell A.
Gleason, George A.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Gross, William H.	Woods, John M.
Harkins, Dominick J.	Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Gray, Chester H.
Adams, John S.	Hatch, Luther P.
Almy, Edward C.	Hazen, Herman S.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Hewins, James
Baker, Benjamin F.	Homans, William A., Jr.
Bancroft, William A.	Hosley, Henry E.
Barker, Forrest E.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Batcheller, Aldin	Howard, Nathaniel
Beard, Alanson W.	Howes, Lewis W.
Bent, George C.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Burditt, Alfred A.	Marden, George A.
Burnham, Edwin L.	McFarland, Cromwell
Burr, Charles C.	Millett, Joshua H.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Morse, George P.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Cilley, John L.	Pierce, John
Clark, Charles N.	Potter, Lyman D.
Clark, George L.	Rantoul, Robert S.
Clark, John	Reed, Daniel
Clark, Sewall J.	Rice, Augustus
Cobb, George R.	Richards, Charles W.
Coffin, Charles C.	Savery, Albert T.
Collins, Edward	Shaw, Elisha H.
Crowell, Joshua	Small, Edward E.
Cummings, Prentiss	Smith, George E.
Daggett, Handel N.	Smith, Oren B.
Davenport, James F.	Snow, Edmund F.
Davis, Samuel G.	Spooner, William H.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Swift, Augustus
Dresser, Jacob A.	Temple, Joseph W.
Fassett, Alfred S.	Walker, Aaron G.
Foster, Joshua T.	Wells, Daniel W.
Frisbee, Frank W.	White, Lloyd E.
Gifford, Meltiah	Wilbur, Edward P.
Gilbert, Edwin	Willson, Edmund B.
Gove, Jesse M.	Wolcott, Roger.

Yeas, 76 ; nays, 78.

On this question Messrs. O'Neil of Boston, Donehue of Lowell, Baker of Beverly, Stark of Hyde Park, Sander-son of Boston, Peck of Taunton, Dolan of Boston, Francis of Randolph, Jones of Lynn, Ward of Boston, Damon of Lawrence and Oman of Pittsfield, who it was announced

would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively, with Messrs. Kingsley of Cambridge, Harvey of Westborough, Chamberlain of Cambridge, Butterfield of Chelsea, Carleton of Middleton, Burnham of Revere, Smith of Ashfield, Wentworth of Dedham, Starbird of Lowell, Warner of Worcester, Willcomb of Ipswich and Wallis of Fitchburg.

The report of the committee on Labor, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to compelling corporations to pay their employees at least once in seven days, and on so much of the Governor's address as refers to labor and petitions relative to the subject, was further considered. Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence moved to amend by substituting a "Bill relative to the payment of operatives by manufacturing corporations at intervals not exceeding ten days." After debate the yeas and nays were ordered on this question, at the request of Mr. O'Sullivan and the roll being called the amendment was rejected by a vote of 71 yeas to 76 nays, as follows: —

YEAS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Damon, Calvin
Baker, Benjamin F.	Davis, Everett A.
Baker, Henry A.	Devney, Patrick F.
Baker, John I.	Doherty, Philip J.
Bancroft, William A.	Donehue, John T.
Barker, Forrest E.	Donovan, James
Batcheller, Aldin	Douglas, William L.
Bishop, George P.	Dwyer, Patrick D.
Blyth, Robert	Farrell, John R.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Flint, Charles H.
Bowker, Horace L.	Francis, Henry H.
Bryant, Timothy	Frisbee, Frank W.
Buckley, Michael J.	Gaffney, Frank H.
Chappelle, Julius C.	Gimlich, Jacob
Clark, Aaron F.	Harkins, Dominick J.
Clark, George L.	Homans, William A., Jr.
Clark, John	Howes, Erastus
Clark, Sewall J.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Coffey, John A.	Killion, Michael J.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Cowdrey, George	Madden, John J.
Cross, Henry M.	Maguire, John J.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Mead, John J.
Curry, Patrick S.	Melden, William R.
Cushing, George A.	Mooney, John F. H.

Messrs. Morse, Bushrod
 O'Brien, Francis
 O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Peakes, Simeon T.
 Prime, Oliver
 Randall, Charles L.
 Reed, Daniel
 Reilly, Michael, 2d
 Roads, Samuel, Jr.
 Salmon, Thomas

Messrs. Saunders, Franklin
 Small, Edward E.
 Stratton, James F.
 Swift, Augustus
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Tarone, James
 Toulmin, William B.
 Whitcomb, Francis E.
 Woods, John M.
 Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.
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 Allis, Silas W.
 Almy, Edward C.
 Bailey, Joseph W.
 Barstow, Henry
 Beard, Alanson W.
 Bent, George C.
 Bent, Roderic L.
 Brackett, John Q. A.
 Briggs, Fordyce W.
 Bucklin, Daniel F.
 Burdett, Joseph O.
 Burditt, Alfred A.
 Burnham, Edwin L.
 Burr, Charles C.
 Burr, Nathaniel M.
 Carpenter, Frank E.
 Cilley, John L.
 Clark, Charles N.
 Cobb, George R.
 Crowell, Joshua
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Daggett, Handel N.
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 Davenport, James F.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dean, Wilbert T.
 Dodge, Joseph A.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Fassett, Alfred S.
 Foster, Joshua T.
 Gifford, Meltiah
 Gove, Jesse M.
 Gray, Chester H.

Messrs. Gross, William H.
 Hardy, John H.
 Hartwell, Harris C.
 Hatch, Luther P.
 Hazelton, Charles W.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hewins, James
 Hosley, Henry E.
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howard, Nathaniel
 Howes, Lewis W.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Johnson, Thomas B.
 Kendrick, Edmund P.
 Linnell, Solomon, 2d
 McFarland, Cromwell
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Morse, George P.
 Potter, Lyman D.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Richards, Charles W.
 Richardson, C. Frederic
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 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Smith, Frederick H.
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 Snow, Edmund F.
 Starbird, Charles D.
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Wells, Daniel W.
White, Lloyd E.

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Willson, Edmund B.
Wolcott, Roger.

Yeas, 71 ; nays, 76.

On this question Messrs. Nash of Abington, Reynolds of Brockton, Stark of Hyde Park, Peck of Taunton, Gleason of Douglas, Kelly of Boston, Creed of Boston, Fossitt of Boston and Jones of Lynn, who it was announced would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Williams of Foxborough, Savery of Middleborough, Butterfield of Chelsea, Burnham of Revere, Gilbert of Southwick, Oakes of Westfield, Pierce of Boston, Collins of Salem and Kingsbury of Holliston.

The report was then accepted, in concurrence.

At one o'clock adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Introduced on Leave.

Transfer of a
map to the U. S.
Coast and Geo-
detic Survey.

By Mr. Davis of Tisbury, a Bill authorizing the transfer of a certain map from the State Library to the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. Read and referred to the committee on the Library, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills Enacted.

Bills enacted.

Engrossed bills :

To incorporate the Framingham Water Company ; and
Relating to the employment of minors in mercantile establishments ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ; and

To provide for the filling of vacancies in the school committee of the city of Salem (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Employees of
railroad and
other corpora-
tions.

Of the committee on Labor, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to providing for deserving employees of railroads and other corporations, in case

of accident, etc., by voluntary contribution by both said employees and corporations; and

Of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, leave to withdraw, on petitions of S. B. Phinney and others for a highway bridge across the Cape Cod Canal;

Highway bridge across the Cape Cod Canal.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports :

Of the committee on Agriculture, no legislation necessary, on the annual report of the commissioners on contagious diseases among cattle; and

Report of commissioners on contagious diseases among cattle.

Of the committee on Railroads, no further legislation necessary :

On so much of the Governor's address as refers to the New York and New England Railroad and to railroads generally; and

New York and New England Railroads.

On the annual report of the board of railroad commissioners;

Report of Board of Railroad Commissioners.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule in each case.

Bills :

To incorporate the city of Waltham (reported on a petition);

Waltham.

Relating to warrants issued by justices of the peace;

Warrants.

Relating to the planting and the care of trees in highways;

Trees.

(Severally reported on orders);

Relating to service of process in proceedings in equity (substituting in the Senate for report of the joint committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to practice in the Supreme Judicial Court and Superior Court);

Equity.

Relating to the fees for certain licenses to sell intoxicating liquors, (substituted in the Senate for report of committee on the Liquor Law, inexpedient to legislate on an order relative to removing the restrictions on the sale of light wines and malt beer);

Liquor licenses.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

The House bills :

To authorize and require the county commissioners of Plymouth County to enlarge and remodel the jail and house of correction at Plymouth; and

Plymouth County jail and house of correction.

New England
Spiritualists'
Camp Meeting
Association.

Relating to the taxation of buildings and structures upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualists' Camp Meeting Association ;

Severally came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed in concurrence with certain amendments.

Severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question in each case being on concurring, with the Senate in the amendments.

Telegraph and
telephone lines.

The House Bill providing for compensation for damages occasioned by the erection of telegraph and telephone lines came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the

Innholders, etc.

Senate Bill (on leave) relating to innholders, common victuallers and liquor dealers ; and the

Naturalization.

Senate Bill in relation to naturalization (reported on the order in relation to the subject) ; and the

House bills :

New England
Society for the
Suppression of
Vice.
Nantucket
fisheries.

To incorporate the New England Society for the Suppression of Vice ; and

Repealing certain statutes relating to the taking of fish in the waters of the town and county of Nantucket.

New London
Northern Rail-
road Co.

The petition of the faculty and students of the Agricultural College, that the New London Northern Railroad Company be compelled to comply with the instructions of the railroad commissioners in relation to running trains on said railroad, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Railroads.

Reports of Committees.

Taxation.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, from the committee on Taxation, on petitions for a revision of the laws relative to taxation, in part, a Bill to equalize taxation.

Middleborough
water supply.

By Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, from the committee on Water Supply, on a petition, a Bill relating to a water supply for the town of Middleborough.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the
day.

The Bill relating to the labor of the prisoners in the State Prison was read a third time, and pending the question

on its engrossment it was, on motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, postponed for further consideration until to-morrow.

The Bill concerning suits in equity to reach and apply the property of a debtor; and

Resolves:

Concerning the distribution, by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, among its stockholders, of certain of the shares of its stock received from the Commonwealth; and

Providing for the printing of extra copies of the thirty-first annual report of the secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Bills:

To establish a homœopathic hospital for the insane; and

Concerning the State Reform School;

Were severally read a second time and were severally postponed for further consideration until Monday, the question in each case being on ordering the bill to a third reading.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the Bill relating to the adulteration of food and drugs, with an amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

The Bill relating to practice in the Superior Court was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employees in their service was further considered, and after debate, was ordered to a third reading, an amendment moved by Mr. O'Sullivan of Lawrence, to substitute a "Bill relating to the liability of employees for the death of or personal injuries sustained by their employees," having been rejected.

The Bill in relation to the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Prisons was further considered. Pending the question on its rejection as recommended by the committee on Finance, the House,

At ten minutes before five o'clock, adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 23, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Reports :

Divorce and insolvency.

Of the joint committee on Probate and Chancery, inexpedient to legislate, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to divorce and insolvency; and

Fitchburg Railroad.

Of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Fitchburg Railroad Company for authority to locate and construct a branch railroad in the city of Cambridge;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule in each case.

Walter Shanly.

A Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly (reported on a petition) passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Steam engines and steam boilers.

The Bill to provide for the public safety in the use of steam-engines and steam-boilers, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments and sent up for concurrence in the amendments, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly the House insisted and asked for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Kingsley of Cambridge and Hurlbut of Sudbury, were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence.

The House bills :

Elections and voting.

To ascertain by proper proofs the citizens who are entitled to the right of suffrage; and

Ibid.

Concerning elections and voting therein;

Severally came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments in which the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule in each case.

Oysters.

An engrossed Bill relating to the planting and growing of oysters came down from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been returned to the Senate by the Governor, at its request, that its enactment had been

reconsidered under a suspension of the rule, and that it had been amended. On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston the rules were suspended, the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted by the House was reconsidered, and the House concurred with the Senate in the amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order relative to legislation concerning the inspection of buildings, and an order relative to amending the building laws of the city of Boston, in part, a Bill in relation to buildings to be used for tenement houses or lodging houses in the city of Boston.

Tenement and
lodging houses
in Boston.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, on an order relative to legislation concerning the inspection of buildings, in part, a Bill relating to the inspection and construction of buildings in the city of Boston.

Inspection, etc.,
of buildings in
Boston.

By Mr. Saunders of Methuen, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve relating to fire escapes at the State Normal School at Bridgewater, ought to pass in a new draft with the title "Resolve providing for fire escapes at the State Normal School at Bridgewater."

Bridgewater
Normal School.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Saunders of Methuen, from the last named committee, that the Senate Bill to authorize the taking by the Commonwealth of certain lands and flats in South Boston, ought to pass. Placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon, for a second reading.

Commonwealth
flats at South
Boston.

By Mr. Willson of Salem, from the committee on the Close of the Session, on an order stating the condition of business before the several committees, that, in the opinion of the committee, the Legislature may be prorogued on Wednesday, May 28th. Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Prorogation.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

In relation to names of public ways in the city of Boston ;

Bills enacted.

To permit the construction of branch railroads within eight miles from the State House ;

To prevent the building and maintaining of barbed wire fences along or upon public streets and highways; and

To prevent the sale or exchange of property under the inducement that a gift or prize is to be part of the transaction;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motions of Mr. Brackett of Boston the following matters were severally discharged from the orders of the day, under suspension of the rule in each case, and were considered, as follows:—

Bills:

Middleborough
water supply.

Relating to a water supply for the town of Middleborough;

Waltham.
Equity.

To incorporate the city of Waltham;

Relating to service of process in proceedings in equity; and

Warrants.

Relating to warrants issued by justices of the peace.

Severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills:

Plymouth
County jail and
house of correc-
tion.

To authorize and require the county commissioners of Plymouth County to enlarge and remodel the jail and house of correction at Plymouth; and

New England
Spiritualists'
Camp meeting
Association.

Relating to the taxation of buildings and structures upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualists' Camp-meeting Association;

The House concurred in the Senate amendments thereto, and the bills were returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Highway bridge
across Cape Cod
Canal.

Report of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, leave to withdraw, on petitions of S. B. Phinney and others, for a highway bridge across the Cape Cod Canal.

On motion of Mr. Crowell of Barnstable, it was recommended to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill in relation to the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Prisons was further considered and, after debate, was rejected as recommended by the committee on Finance, by a vote of 64 to 50, and notice was sent to the Senate. Orders of the day.

The Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof was read a third time and considered. On motion of Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham it was voted that debate be closed at 12 o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached. Mr. Wolcott of Boston moved to amend by striking out in line 12, section 2, the word "Legislature" and substituting therefor the words "Governor and Council" so as to provide that the rules of the Civil Service Commission should be approved by the Governor and Council instead of by the Legislature. On this question, at the request of Mr. Wolcott, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 78 yeas to 68 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Crowell, Joshua
Adams, John S.	Crowell, Zenas E.
Almy, Edward C.	Cummings, Prentiss
Bailey, Joseph W.	Davenport, James F.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Davis, Samuel G.
Barstow, Henry	Dodge, Joseph A.
Batcheller, Aldin	Dresser, Jacob A.
Bent, George C.	Dunham, Henry J.
Bent, Roderic L.	Ernst, George A. O.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Flagg, Levi L.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Foster, Joshua T.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Brown, Charles E.	Gifford, Meltiah
Burdett, Joseph O.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Burr, Charles C.	Hardy, John H.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Harrub, Fred M.
Butterfield, Simeon	Harvey, Edwin B.
Chapin, Francis L.	Hatch, Luther P.
Clark, Elijah C.	Hazelton, Charles W.
Clark, George L.	Hewins, James
Clark, Sewall J.	Hosley, Henry E.
Coffin, Charles C.	Howes, Lewis W.
Collins, Edward	Hurlburt, Rufus H.
Cook, Thomas W.	Johnson, Thomas B.

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Messrs Judkins, John B.
 Kendrick, Edmund P.
 Kingsbury, Willis A.
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Linnell, Solomon, 2d
 McFarland, Cromwell
 Mead, John J.
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Morse, George P.
 Osborne, William H.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Pierce, John
 Savery, Albert T.
 Small, Edward E.
 Smith, George E.

Messrs. Snow, Edmund F.
 Spooner, William H.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Stone, Stillman
 Toulmin, William B.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Webb, Elisha
 Wentworth, Alonzo B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 White, Lloyd E.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Willson, Edmund B.
 Winslow, James A.
 Wolcott, Roger.

NAYS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac
 Baker, Henry A.
 Baker, John I.
 Barker, Forrest E.
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Beard, Alanson W.
 Blaney, Alexander
 Bowker, Horace
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Cilley, John L.
 Clark, Aaron F.
 Clark, John
 Coveney, Jeremiah W.
 Cowdrey, George
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Cushing, George A.
 Damon, Calvin
 Devney, Patrick F.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Donovan, James
 Douglas, William L.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Eaton, Thomas S.
 Elwell, George
 Forbes, William A.
 Fossitt, Edward, J.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gove, Jesse M.
 Gross, William H.

Messrs. Hallett John W.
 Harkins, Dominick J.
 Homans, William A., Jr.
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Howes, Erastus
 Howland, Charles H.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Littlefield, George W.
 Morse, Bushrod
 Nash, George M.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Paton, Andrew H.
 Peakes, Simeon T.
 Prime, Oliver
 Randall, Charles L.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Reed, Daniel
 Reilly, Michael, 2d
 Roads, Samuel, Jr.
 Salmon, Thomas
 Saunders, Franklin
 Stafford, John H.
 Stark, Henry C.
 Stow, T. Dwight
 Stratton, James F.
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Tarone, James
 Towne, Charles A.
 Tufts, George K.
 Walker, Aaron G.

Messrs. Ward, John E.	Messrs. Winter, Frank E.
Warner, Emerson	Woods, John M.
Whitcomb, Francis E.	Wright, John H.

Yeas, 78 ; nays, 68.

On this question, Messrs. Bancroft of Cambridge, Sanderson of Boston, Bucklin of Cheshire, Burnham of Westminster, Wilbur of Boston, Shaw of Chelmsford, Briggs of Lanesborough, Frisbee of North Andover, Temple of Spencer, Potter of Worcester, Hazen of Shirley, Howard of Springfield, and Williams of Foxborough, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Hoynes of Boston, Carleton of Middleton, Blyth of Wakefield, Gleason of Douglas, Melden of Lynn, Maguire of Boston, Foley of Fall River, Creed of Boston, Carpenter of Springfield, Buckley of Marlborough, Killion of Boston, Danforth of Lawrence, and Farrell of Boston.

Before the vote was taken on the main question, Mr. Cross of Newburyport, asked to be excused from voting, and his request was granted.

On the main question on engrossment, the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, and the roll being called, the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended, and sent up for concurrence by a vote of 83 yeas to 55 nays, as follows : —

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Clark, Sewall J.
Adams, John S.	Coffin, Charles C.
Almy, Edward C.	Collins, Edward
Bailey, Joseph W.	Cook, Thomas W.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Crowell, Joshua
Barstow, Henry	Crowell, Zenas E.
Batcheller, Aldin	Cummings, Prentiss
Bent, George C.	Damon, Calvin
Boardman, Halsey J.	Davenport, James F.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Davis, Samuel G.
Brown, Charles E.	Dodge, Joseph A.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Doherty, Philip J.
Burr, Charles C.	Dresser, Jacob A.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Dunham, Henry J.
Bytterfield, Simeon	Ernst, George A. O.
Chapin, Francis L.	Flagg, Levi L.
Clark, George L.	Forbes, William A.
Clark, John	Foster, Joshua T.

Messrs. Freeman, Clarendon A.	Messrs. Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Pierce, John
Gifford, Meltiah	Rantoul, Robert S.
Gordon, William, Jr.	Savery, Albert T.
Hallett, John W.	Small, Edward E.
Hardy, John H.	Smith, George E.
Harrub, Fred M.	Snow, Edmund F.
Hatch, Luther P.	Spooner, William H.
Hazelton, Charles W.	Stark, Henry C.
Hewins, James	Stone, Stillman
Hosley, Henry E.	Toulmin, William B.
Howes, Lewis W.	Towne, Charles A.
Hurlbut, Rufus H.	Tufts, George K.
Johnson, Thomas B.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Kendrick, Edmund P.	Wallis, Benjamin F.
Kingsbury, Willis A.	Webb, Elisha
Kingsley, Chester W.	Wentworth, Alonzo B.
Linnell, Solomon, 2d	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
McFarland, Cromwell	White, Lloyd E.
Mead, John J.	Whiting, Albert T.
Millett, Joshua H.	Willson, Edmund B.
Morse, Bushrod	Winslow, James A.
Morse, George P.	Wolcott, Roger.
Osborne, William H.	

NATS.

Messrs. Atkins, Isaac	Messrs. Fossitt, Edward J.
Baker, John I.	Gaffney, Frank H.
Barker, Forrest E.	Gove, Jesse M.
Barry, Patrick T.	Gross, William H.
Beard, Alanson W.	Harkins, Dominick J.
Blaney, Alexander	Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Bowker, Horace L.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Howes, Erastus
Cilley, John L.	Howland, Charles H.
Clark, Aaron F.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Clark, Elijah C.	Littlefield, George W.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Cowdrey, George	Palmer, Moses P.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Paton, Andrew H.
Curry, Patrick S.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Cushing, George A.	Prime, Oliver
Devney, Patrick F.	Randall, Charles L.
Donovan, James	Reed, Daniel
Douglas, William L.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Salmon, Thomas
Eaton, Thomas S.	Saunders, Franklin
Elwell, George	Stafford, John H.
Farrell, John B.	Starbird, Charles D.

Messrs. Stow, T. Dwight	Messrs. Ward, John E.
Stratton, James F.	Warner, Emerson
Tarbox, Joseph E.	Winter, Frank E.
Tarone, James	Woods, John M.
Walker, Aaron G.	

Yeas, 83 ; nays, 55.

On this question, Messrs. Harvey of Westborough, Bancroft of Cambridge, Carleton of Middleton, Bucklin of Cheshire, Burnham of Westminster, Burnham of Revere, Wilbur of Boston, Shaw of Chelmsford, Briggs of Lanesborough, Howard of Springfield, Kimball of Chelsea, Potter of Worcester, Bent of Gardner, Hazen of Shirley, Temple of Spencer, Darling of North Adams, Williams of Foxborough, and Dean of Holyoke, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Donehue of Lowell, Hoynes of Boston, Sanderson of Boston, Blyth of Wakefield, Gleason of Douglas, Bosworth of Taunton, Melden of Lynn, Maguire of Boston, Foley of Fall River, Danforth of Lawrence, Whitcomb of Watertown, Buckley of Marlborough, Creed of Boston, Killion of Boston, Carpenter of Springfield, Baker of Rockland, Nash of Abington, and Wright of Holyoke.

The report of the committee on Labor, reference to the next General Court, on an order relative to providing for deserving employees of railroads and other corporations, in case of accident, etc., by voluntary contribution by both said employees and corporations was accepted, in concurrence.

The Bill relating to the labor of the prisoners in the State Prison was further considered, the question being on engrossment. Pending which question and pending an amendment moved by Mr. Beard of Boston, the House,

At forty-three minutes past twelve o'clock, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Howland of Plymouth moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House this morning rejected the Bill in

Salary of Secretary of Board of Commissioners of Prisons.

relation to the salary of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Prisons. The motion was lost.

Rule Fifteen Suspended.

Rule 15 suspended.

On motion of Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, —

Voted, That Rule 15 (which provides that the Clerk shall retain papers until the right of reconsideration has expired) be suspended for the remainder of the session.

Report of Committee.

Appropriation bill, —
State Reform School.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill providing additional appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Reform School for Boys. Read, and ordered to a third reading.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted, —
resolves passed.

For the protection of game in the ponds known as Cockeyast or Davol's Pond, and Richmond's Pond, situated between Westport River and the Rhode Island boundary line ;

Authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Swampscott with water ; and

Authorizing the city of Lynn to supply the town of Nahant with water ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Relating to the formation of companies to guarantee the fidelity of persons and to act as surety on bonds ;

To protect game and to protect private lands from trespass ; and

To extend the provisions of chapter 51 of the Public Statutes, relating to the assessment of betterments ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Relating to the records, files, papers, and documents in the State Department ;

In relation to the conservation of the Connecticut River ; and

Relative to the occupation of railroad locations by companies organized for the purpose of transmitting intelligence by electricity ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Concerning the printing of the provincial laws ; and

In favor of the State Prison at Concord ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motions of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the following matters were severally discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule in each case, and were considered as follows : —

Bill relating to practice in the Superior Court. Read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Practice in Superior Court.

Bill relating to service of process in proceedings in equity. Read a third time and on further motion of Mr. Brackett, referred to the committee on the Judiciary, pending the question on its engrossment. Equity

Bill relating to warrants issued by justices of the peace. Read a third time, and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence. Warrants.

On motion of Mr. Cross of Newburyport, the report of the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for a special tax to be known as the registration tax, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule, and was accepted and sent up for concurrence. Registration tax.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge, the Bill relating to a water supply for the town of Middleborough, was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Middleborough water supply.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill relating to the labor of the prisoners in the State Prison was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. The pending amendment moved by Mr. Beard of Boston was rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Bill to authorize the taking by the Commonwealth of certain lands and flats in South Boston, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill to equalize taxation, was read a second time, and after debate, was rejected, and notice of its rejection was sent to the Senate.

The Bill relating to the fees for certain licenses to sell intoxicating liquors, was read a second time and considered, and after debate, the bill was rejected, and notice of its rejection was sent to the Senate.

The Bill relating to the planting and the care of trees in highways, was read a second time and considered. Amendments moved by Messrs. Millett of Malden and Woods of Somerville were adopted, and after debate, the bill was rejected, and notice of its rejection was sent to the Senate.

The Resolve providing for fire escapes at the State Normal School at Bridgewater, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Subsequently, the orders of the day having been laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Coffin of Boston, the rules were suspended and the resolve was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employees in their service, was read a third time and considered. Pending amendments moved by Messrs. Weston of Newton, Wentworth of Dedham and Clark of Boston, and pending the main question on engrossment, the House,
At thirty-five minutes past four o'clock, adjourned.

MONDAY, May 26, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Strong of Newton.

Remonstrances Presented.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall-River, remonstrances of the Merchants' Manufacturing Company and others, and by Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, remonstrances of the Holyoke Machine Company and others, — severally against the passage of the bill known as the employers' liability act.

Severally placed on file.

Liability of
employers.

Paper from the Senate.

An engrossed Bill in relation to the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company came down from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been returned to the Senate by the Governor at its request, that its enactment had been reconsidered under a suspension of the rule, and that it had been amended. On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the rules were suspended, the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted by the House was reconsidered, and the House concurred with the Senate in the amendments, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Cape Cod Ship Canal Company.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Brackett of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to providing for the settlement of titles to real estate derived through sales under power of sale mortgages in cases where the validity of such sales is brought in question.

Real estate titles.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to parliamentary proceedings in town and city governments.

Parliamentary proceedings in city and town governments.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to defining the powers and duties of cities and towns relative to by-laws, ordinances, etc.

By-laws, etc., of cities and towns.

By Mr. Rantoul of Salem, from the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the expediency of legislation empowering any city, village or town in this Commonwealth to accept or reject by a yea or nay vote, at any annual or other election, the compulsory provisions of the vaccination acts.

Vaccination.

Severally read and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

By Mr. Burr of Newton, from the committee on Finance, that the Senate Bill to provide for the further improvement of the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston, ought to pass in a new draft with the same title.

Commonwealth's flats at South Boston.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill relating to medical examiners in the county of Franklin, ought to pass in a new draft, with the title, "Bill to provide for the appointment of a medical examiner for the north-western district of the county of Franklin."

Medical examiners in Franklin County.

Sales of furniture, etc., on the instalment plan.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the same committee, that the Bill (introduced on leave) concerning sales of furniture or other household effects, on the instalment plan, so called, ought to pass, in a new draft with the title, "Bill concerning conditional sales of furniture or other household effects."

Topographical survey and map of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Dresser of Boston, from the committee on Expenditures, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to a survey of the Commonwealth, a Resolve to provide for a topographical survey and map of the Commonwealth.

Severally read, and ordered to a third reading.

Equity process.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Bill relating to the service of process in equity proceedings, ought to pass with an amendment. Read, and on motion of Mr. Osborne, the rules were suspended and the bill was amended as recommended by the committee, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Telegraph and telephone lines.

By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the House should concur in the Senate amendments at "B," and should non-concur in the amendments at "A" and "C" to the Bill providing for compensation for damages occasioned by the erection of telegraph and telephone lines. Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule, and the House concurred in the Senate amendments at "B" and non-concurred in the amendments at "A" and "C," and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Fire escapes in private hotels.

By Mr. Pattee of Quincy, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill relating to watchmen and fire escapes in apartment houses known as private hotels, ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Foreign immigration.

By Mr. White of Taunton, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Resolutions in relation to foreign immigration ought not to be adopted. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, the question being on the rejection of the resolutions.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :

Relating to the taxation of buildings and structures upon the grounds occupied by the New England Spiritualists' Camp Meeting Association ;

Bills enacted, —
resolves passed.

Relating to the planting and growing of oysters ; and

To authorize and require the county commissioners of Plymouth County to enlarge and remodel the jail and house of correction at Plymouth ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Concerning suits in equity to reach and apply the property of a debtor ; and

Relating to warrants issued by justices of the peace ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Tendering the thanks of the Commonwealth to Mr. James Wormley of Washington, D. C., for his gift of a portrait of Charles Sumner ;

Concerning the distribution by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company among its stockholders of certain of the shares of its stock received from the Commonwealth ;

Providing for the printing of extra copies of the thirty-first annual report of the Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture ; and

For the appointment of a commission to consider a general system of drainage for the valleys of the Mystic, Blackstone and Charles rivers and certain other portions of the Commonwealth ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

On motions of Mr. Barker of Worcester, the Bills :

In relation to buildings to be used for tenement houses or lodging houses in the city of Boston ;

Tenement, etc.,
houses in Bos-
ton.

Relating to the inspection and construction of buildings in the city of Boston ;

Inspection, etc.,
of buildings in
Boston.

Were severally discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule in each case. They were

severally read a second time, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, were, on further motions of Mr. Barker, severally referred to the next General Court, and notice in each case was sent to the Senate.

Appropriation
bill, — State
Reform School.

On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, the Bill providing additional appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Reform School for Boys, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

Commonwealth
flats at South
Boston.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the Bill to authorize the taking by the Commonwealth of certain lands and flats in South Boston, was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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The Bill to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by employees in their service, was further considered, the question being on its engrossment. On motion of Mr. Bent of Gardner, it was voted that debate be closed at five minutes before three o'clock, unless a vote should be sooner reached. Amendments moved by Messrs. Howes of Cambridge, Wolcott of Boston, and the pending amendment moved by Mr. Wentworth of Dedham were severally adopted. The pending amendments moved by Messrs. Weston of Newton, and Clark of Boston were severally rejected. After debate, the bill was rejected and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to establish a homœopathic hospital for the insane was further considered, the question being on ordering to a third reading. On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, it was voted that debate be closed at four o'clock unless a vote should be sooner reached. After debate the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Bill concerning the State Reform School, was further considered and was ordered to a third reading.

The Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly was read a second time, and, after debate, was refused a third reading by a vote of 39 to 60.

At five minutes before five o'clock, adjourned.

● TUESDAY, May 27, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Williams of Foxborough, was referred to the next General Court, under the 12th Joint Rule:—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 108, chapter 204 of the Public Statutes, relative to burning brushwood, that its provisions shall apply to all the towns and cities of the Commonwealth. Burning of brushwood.

Introduced on Leave.

By Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, a Resolve confirming the acts of Milton B. Whitney as a justice of the peace, and as a justice of the peace and of the quorum. Read, and on motion of Mr. Kendrick the 12th Joint Rule was suspended, also the rule requiring its reference to a committee, and the resolve was sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. Milton B. Whitney.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

For the protection and preservation of certain birds; Birds.

In relation to the inspection and sale of milk and butter; Milk and butter.

(Severally reported, in part, on an order relative to the protection and encouragement of Agriculture); and

Relative to fishing in the Merrimack River (reported on the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries); Fishing in the Merrimack River.

and a Resolve relating to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel (reported on that portion of the address of the Governor as relates to Hoosac Tunnel, and on so much of the matters not fully reported upon last year relating to the Hoosac Tunnel and referred to this General Court); Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reformatory for male prisoners.

The Bill in addition to an act to establish a reformatory for male prisoners, introduced on leave in the Senate, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Expenditures, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

Transfer of a map to the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

The Bill authorizing the transfer of a certain map from the State Library to the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, referred to the committee on the Library, under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, and sent up for concurrence, came down concurred.

State Almshouse, — State Workhouse.

An engrossed Bill providing for the appointment of trustees for the State Almshouse and the State Workhouse, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been returned to the Senate by the Governor at its request, that its enactment had been reconsidered under a suspension of the rule, and that it had been amended. On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Holliston, the rules were suspended, the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted by the House was reconsidered and the House concurred with the Senate in the amendments, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Mortgages.

A Bill in relation to the foreclosure and redemption of mortgages, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Final report of Committee on Prisons.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons be authorized to make their final report on the condition of the several penal institutions of the Commonwealth, in print.

Highway bridge over the Cape Cod Ship Canal.

The report of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, leave to withdraw on the petitions of S. B. Phinney and others and of Charles P. Horton and others, for a bridge over the Cape Cod Ship Canal, recommitted in the House to the committee on Harbors and Public Lands and sent up for concurrence, came down from the Senate, with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Crowell of Barnstable, the House receded and the report was accepted, in concurrence.

Springfield charter.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of differences between the two branches on the Bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen, that the Senate should recede and that the bill ought to pass with the following

amendment: strike out the word "State" in section 3, and insert the word "municipal," accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an order in relation to the salaries of members of the Legislature. Read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Salary of members of the legislature.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the committee on Finance, no legislation necessary:

On the aggregates of polls, property, taxes, etc.; and

On the report of the tax commissioner;

Aggregates of polls, property, taxes, etc.
Report of tax commissioner.

Severally read and accepted under a suspension of the rule in each case.

By Mr. Ball of Worcester, from the committee on Railroads, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad corporation to use the proceeds of certain bonds in its treasury.

Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on the report of the joint special committee of the Legislature of 1883, appointed to sit during the recess and investigate the charitable and penal institutions of the State, in part, a Bill in relation to the payment of money into the treasury of the Commonwealth.

Payments of money into the State treasury.

Severally read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the same committee, that the Resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the State House, and at the Commonwealth Building, ought to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon for a second reading.

State House, — Commonwealth Building.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Expenditures, that the Bill (on leave) repealing the act regulating the compensation and mileage of members of the General Court, ought not to pass. Read and placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon the question being on the rejection of the bill.

Compensation and mileage of members.

By Mr. Dunham of Stockbridge, from the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petitions of the Faculty and Students of Amherst College, and petitions

New London Northern Railroad Company.

in aid of the same, that the New London Northern Railroad Company be compelled to comply with the recommendation of the railroad commissioners in relation to running trains upon said road. Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :
Bills enacted. Concerning elections and voting thereon (which originated in the House) ; and
 In relation to the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company (which originated in the Senate) ;
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Motion to Reconsider.

Walter Shanly. Mr. Weston of Newton, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House yesterday rejected the Resolve in favor of Walter Shanly. The motion was lost, and notice of the rejection of the resolve was sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

Electric wires. On motion of Mr. Clark of Boston, the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relating to the erection and use of wires used to convey electricity for light or power or otherwise, was taken from the table and was accepted, in concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Reports :
Orders of the day. Of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate :
 On an order relative to providing for the settlement of titles to real estate derived through sales under power of sale mortgages in cases where the validity of such sales is brought in question ;
 On an order relative to parliamentary proceedings in town and city governments ; and
 On an order relative to defining the powers and duties of cities and towns relative to by-laws, ordinances, etc ;
 Were severally accepted.

The report of the committee on Election Laws, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the expediency of legislation empowering any city, village or town

in this Commonwealth to accept or reject, by a ye and nay vote, at any annual or other election, the compulsory provisions of the vaccination acts, was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning conditional sales of furniture or other household effects ;

To provide for the appointment of a medical examiner for the Northern District of the county of Franklin ;

To provide for the further improvement of the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston ; and the .

Resolve to provide for a topographical survey and map of the Commonwealth ;

Were severally read a second time, and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill relating to watchmen and fire escapes in apartment houses and private hotels ; and the

Resolutions in relation to foreign immigration ;

Were severally rejected, as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and notice in each case was sent to the Senate.

Bills :

To establish a homœopathic hospital for the insane ; and

Concerning the State Reform School (amended on motion of Mr. Harvey of Westborough) ;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and the bill last named was sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

The Bill providing additional appropriations for salaries and expenses at the State Reform School for Boys, was read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

At a quarter before one o'clock, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Motion to Reconsider.

Mr. Randall of Boston, moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House this morning passed to be engrossed the Bill to establish a homœopathic hospital for the insane. The motion was lost.

Homœopathic
hospital for the
insane.

Introduced on Leave.

Lewis Gaul.

By Mr. Chapelle of Boston, a Resolve in favor of the family of the late Lewis Gaul. Read and sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills:

Vinegar.

To prevent the adulteration of vinegar (reported, in part, on an order relative to legislation, to prevent the adulteration of articles designed for food, drugs and medicine);

Salem,—
Palmer's Cove.

To authorize the city of Salem to take certain lands or flats in Palmer's Cove, so called, in said city (substituted for the report of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, leave to withdraw, on a petition); and a

Coal tariffs on
the Boston and
Albany Rail-
road.

Resolve concerning certain coal tariffs of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company (substituted for the House report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on a petition);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Ship Canal Com-
pany.

The report of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, leave to withdraw, on the petition (recommitted) of Charles R. Howard for incorporation as a Ship Canal Company, for cutting a ship canal across Cape Cod, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

Distribution of
personal estate
of deceased hus-
bands.

Notice was received from the Senate of the rejection by that branch of the

House Bill relative to distribution of the personal estate of a husband dying intestate and without issue; also the

Water gas bill
investigation.

House order relative to an investigation as to whether any improper influences were used to affect legislation upon a Bill to authorize the formation of water-gas companies.

The House bills:

Telephonic,
etc., lines.

To regulate the construction and operating of telephonic, telegraphic and other electrical lines; and

Married women.

Relating to the powers of married women in the disposal of their separate estate by will;

Severally came down from the Senate, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule, in each case.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Bancroft of Cambridge, from the committee on the Library, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the transfer of a certain map from the State Library to the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. The bill was read, and under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Davis of Tisbury, it was read a second and third time, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Transfer of a map from the State Library to the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on all matters relating to the finances of the Commonwealth, a Bill to apportion and assess a State tax of two million dollars. Read and ordered to a second reading.

State tax.

By Mr. Baker of Beverly, from the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches, on the House Bill to provide for the public safety in the use of steam engines and steam boilers, recommending reference of the matter to the next General Court. (See House No. 427). Read and on motion of Mr. Beard of Boston, further consideration of the report was postponed until to-morrow.

Steam engines and steam boilers.

By Mr. Howland of Plymouth, from the committee of conference, on the matters of difference between the two branches on the Bill to prevent the use of nets in ponds, that the House should concur in the Senate amendments with an amendment. Read and accepted, under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

Nets in ponds.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :

Relative to the proof of equitable liabilities against insolvent estates ;

Bills enacted.

Authorizing special administrators to pay the expenses of executors in the proof of wills ;

Relating to the adulteration of food and drugs ;

To confirm the proceedings of the town meetings of certain towns ;

To fix the times and places of holding probate courts in the county of Hampden ; and

To ascertain by proper proofs the citizens who are entitled to the right of suffrage ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ; and

To authorize the taking by the Commonwealth of certain lands and flats in South Boston (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves:

In relation to public records of parishes, towns and counties; and

In relation to a settlement of the claim of the Commonwealth against George W. Cram;

(Which severally originated in the House);

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

Compensation
and mileage of
members.

On motion of Mr. Chappelle of Boston the Bill (on leave) repealing the act regulating the compensation and mileage of members of the General Court was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule, and was, on further motion of the same gentleman, laid on the table, pending the question on its rejection as recommended by the committee on Expenditures.

Taken from the Table.

Old Colony
Railroad.

On motion of Mr. Ernst of Boston, the report of the committee on Railroads, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Old Colony Railroad Company for leave to build a branch within eight miles of the State House, was taken from the table, and was accepted and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

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day.

The Bill to incorporate the city of Waltham was read a third time, amended on motions of Mr. Barker of Worcester, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, as amended, and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Bills:

Relative to fishing in the Merrimack River;

In relation to the inspection and sale of milk and butter (amended on motions of Messrs. Millett of Malden, Hastings of Warren, and Bowker of Boston); and

In relation to the payment of money into the treasury of the Commonwealth; and

Resolves :

Relating to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel ; and

Providing for repairs and improvements in the State House and at the Commonwealth Building ;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Bill for the protection and preservation of certain birds was read a second time, amended on motions of Messrs. Foster of Medford and Freeman of Chatham, and, after debate, was rejected, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation to use the proceeds of certain bonds in its treasury was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Subsequently, the orders of the day having been laid on the table, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills :

Concerning conditional sales of furniture or other household effects ; and

To provide for the further improvement of the Commonwealth's flats at South Boston ;

Were severally read a third time, passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

The report of the committee on Expenditures, inexpedient to legislate, on an order relative to the compensation of members of the General Court, was considered. Mr. Stow of Fall River moved to amend by substituting a " Bill providing for the compensation of members of the Legislature." After debate the bill was substituted, and having been read, it was ordered to a second reading.

The orders of the day having been laid on the table on motion of Mr. Davis of Tisbury, the same gentleman moved a suspension of the rules that the bill might take its several readings. The motion to suspend the rules was lost by a vote of 92 to 53.

The orders of the day having been taken up the Bill to provide for the appointment of a medical examiner for the northern district of the county of Franklin was read a third time, and considered. Pending the question on its engrossment, the House,

At five minutes before five o'clock, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 28, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

*Report of a Committee.*Campello Co-
operative Bank
of Brockton.

By Mr. Beard of Boston, from the committee on Finance, that the Resolve in favor of the Campello Coöperative Bank of Brockton ought to pass in a new draft, with the same title. Read, and ordered to a second reading.

Subsequently the rules were suspended, and the resolve was read a second and a third time, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Papers from the Senate.

Bills :

Water supply of
cities and towns.

To enable cities and towns to protect the purity of their water supply (reported, in part, on an order relative to the pollution of the streams of the Commonwealth); and

Appointment of
certain officers
in cities.

To regulate the appointment of certain officers in cities (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read, and ordered to a second reading.

Mary Going.

The Resolve in favor of Mary Going of Boston, came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule, moved by Mr. Burr of Newton.

Lewis Gaul.

The Resolve in favor of the family of the late Lewis Gaul, came down from the Senate concurred in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. On motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River, Rule 42 was suspended, and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon, for a second reading.

Foreign corpo-
rations.

The House Bill concerning foreign corporations having a usual place of business in this Commonwealth came down, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments. On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, the rule requiring its reference to the committee on the Judiciary was suspended, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments.

The Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof came down, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments. Placed in the orders of the day for the afternoon, the question being on concurring with the Senate in the amendments. Civil service.

The House Bill relating to service of process in proceedings in equity passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment, came down with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the rule was suspended, and the House insisted on its amendment and asked for a committee of conference; and Messrs. Hartwell of Fitchburg, Kendrick of Springfield, and Pattee of Quincy, were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Equity process.

Sent up for concurrence.

Notice was received from the Senate that the Senate Resolve relating to the records of the colony of New Plymouth, had been referred to the next General Court. New Plymouth colony records.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Relating to practice in the Superior Court ; Bills enacted.

To change the name of the Harvard Clock Company ; and

Relating to a water supply for the town of Middleborough ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ; and

Providing for the appointment of trustees for the State Almshouse and the State Workhouse (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill to provide for the appointment of a medical examiner for the Northern District of the county of Franklin, was further considered and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The report of the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches, on the House bill to provide for the public safety in the use of steam engines and steam boilers, recommending reference of the matter

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to the next General Court, was recommitted to the committee, on motion of Mr. Baker of Beverly.

The Bill in relation to the payment of money into the treasury of the Commonwealth; and the

Resolves:

To provide for a topographical survey and map of the Commonwealth; and

Providing for repairs and improvements in the State House and at the Commonwealth Building;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bills:

Relative to fishing in the Merrimack River; and

In relation to the inspection and sale of milk and butter; and

Resolve relating to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel;

Were severally read a third time and were passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and the last named bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House.

Bills:

To prevent the adulteration of vinegar (amended on motion of Mr. Hastings of Warren);

To authorize the city of Salem to take certain lands or flats in Palmer's Cove, so called, in said city; and

To apportion and assess a State tax of two million dollars;

Providing for the compensation of members of the legislature (amended on motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River); and the

Resolve concerning certain coal tariffs of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company;

Were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

At a quarter before one o'clock, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

An Engrossed Bill.

Fishing in Merrimack River.

The engrossed Bill relative to fishing in the Merrimack River was put upon its final passage. Mr. Cross of New-

buryport moved that it be referred to the next General Court. The motion was lost by a vote of 58 to 74, and the bill was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill to secure uniform lists of property for taxation (reported on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to taxation); and a

Taxation.

Resolve relating to the contract with the Waring Hat Manufacturing Company (substituted for the report of the committee on Prisons, leave to withdraw);

Waring Hat Manufacturing Co.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A Resolve to amend the Constitution so as to provide for precinct voting in towns (reported on an order), agreed to by the Senate, was read, and, under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Barker of Worcester, it was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Precinct voting in towns.

The Bill to incorporate the city of Waltham, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with certain amendments and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate non-concurred in the amendment at "A," and concurred in the rest of the amendments adopted by the House. On motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester, the House receded from its amendment at [A], and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Waltham.

The House Bill providing for compensation for damages occasioned by the erection of telegraph and telephone lines came down from the Senate with the endorsement that the Senate insisted on its amendments at "A and C," in which amendments the House had previously non-concurred. On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the House receded and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Telegraph and telephone lines.

The Resolve confirming the acts of Milton B. Whitney as a justice of the peace and as a justice of the peace and of the quorum, came down from the Senate concurred in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. It was read a second and a third time, under a suspension of the rules,

Milton B. Whitney.

moved by Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Commonwealth flats at South Boston.

A Resolve in relation to the purchase of undivided portions of flats at South Boston, owned in part by the Commonwealth, reported on the report of the Harbor and Land Commissioners, passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Beard of Boston, it was read a second and a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Protection of game and private lands.

An engrossed Bill to protect game and private lands from trespass, came down from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been returned to the Senate by the Governor, at its request, that its enactment had been reconsidered, and that it had been amended under a suspension of the rules. On motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, the rules were suspended, the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted by the House was reconsidered, and the House concurred with the Senate in the amendment, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Boston, — Charles River.

A Bill authorizing the city of Boston to build a pile structure in Charles River (reported on a petition) passed to be engrossed by the Senate was read, and under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Coveney of Cambridge, it was read a second and a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, an amendment moved by Mr. Baker of Beverly to substitute a "Bill in addition to the act in relation to Warren Bridge" having been rejected.

Reports of the committee on Public Health, inexpedient to legislate:

Adulterations.

On an order relative to further legislation in relation to the adulteration of articles designed for food, drugs and medicines;

Ibid.

On an order relative to legislation to prevent the adulteration of articles designed for use as a beverage;

Pollution of streams.

On an order relative to preventing the pollution of the streams of the Commonwealth; and

Health, Lunacy, and Charity.

On the communication of H. P. Walcott, chairman of the health committee of the Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity;

Severally accepted by the Senate, were severally read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule in each case.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Gove of Boston, from the committee on Cities, Elections in Boston, — ballots. on an order, a Bill to provide a safe for the keeping of ballots cast at the state and municipal elections in the city of Boston. Read and ordered to a second reading.

By Mr. Barker of Worcester, from the committee on Election laws. Election Laws, on so much of the Governor's Address as relates to elections, in part, a Resolve concerning the printing of laws relating to elections. Read and, on motion of Mr. Barker, the rules were suspended and the resolve was read a second and a third time, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Resolution Presented.

By Mr. Morse of Sharon, a Resolution relative to the Prorogation. prorogation of the Legislature.

Read and adopted under a suspension of the rules, and sent up for concurrence, as follows: —

Whereas, This Legislature has considered and finished nearly all the business brought before it, except such matters as can be disposed of during the day and to-morrow; and

Whereas, As long as the session continues, many matters will be presented which are not of a public exigency:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the two branches of the Legislature that they can be prorogued not later than to-morrow, Thursday, May 29, without detriment to public business.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills:

To regulate the construction and operating of telephonic, Bills enacted, — resolves passed. telegraphic and other electrical lines;

Relating to the powers of married women in the disposal of their separate estate by will or deed; and

To amend the charter of the city of Springfield in relation to the election of aldermen;

(Which severally originated in the House); and

Concerning the State Reform School (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

In favor of Mary Going of Boston (which originated in the House) ; and

Relating to the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Discharged from the Orders.

Lewis Gaul.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the Resolve in favor of the family of the late Lewis Gaul was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rules. It was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. Kingsbury of Holliston, by striking out the word "family" wherever it occurred and substituting therefor, the word "widow," and was ordered to a third reading. On further motion of Mr. Hartwell, the rules were further suspended, and the resolve was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Vinegar.

On motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston, the Bill to prevent the adulteration of vinegar was discharged from the orders of the day under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment adopted by the House.

State tax.

On motion of Mr. Davenport of Fall River, the Bill to apportion and assess a State tax of two million dollars was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Salem, —
Palmer's Cove.

On motion of Mr. Gaffney of Gloucester, the Bill to authorize the city of Salem to take certain lands or flats in Palmer's Cove, so called, in said city was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and, after debate, was rejected by a vote of 56 to 91, and notice was sent to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, the Bill providing for the compensation of members of the Legislature was discharged from the orders of the day, under a suspension of the rule. It was read a third time, and was amended on motion of Mr. Stow of Fall River. On the

question of engrossment, at the request of Mr. Chappelle of Boston, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the roll being called, the bill was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, by a vote of 118 yeas to 70 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Almy, Edward C.	Messrs. Dunham, Henry J.
Atkins, Isaac	Eaton, William N.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Elwell, George
Barry, Patrick T.	Farrell, John R.
Bent, George C.	Forbes, William A.
Bishop, George P.	Fossitt, Edward J.
Blaney, Alexander	Freeman, Clarendon A.
Blyth, Robert	Gaffney, Frank H.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Gilbert, Edwin
Bowker, Horace L.	Gimlich, Jacob
Bradlee, J. Walter	Gleason, George A.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Bryant, Timothy	Gove, Jesse M.
Buckley, Michael J.	Hallett, John W.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Hardy, John H.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Harrub, Fred M.
Burnham, Edwin L.	Harkins, Dominick J.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Butler, Richard T.	Hosley, Henry E.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Howard, Nathaniel
Chappelle, Julius C.	Howes, Erastus
Clark, Charles N.	Howes, Lewis W.
Clark, Elijah C.	Howland, Charles H.
Cobb, George R.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Connor, James	Kelly, Daniel F.
Cook, Thomas W.	Keyes, Lorrin P.
Covenev, Jeremiah W.	Killion, Michael J.
Creed, Michael J.	Kingsbury, Willis A.
Cross, Henry M.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Crowell, Joshua	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Crowley, Dennis J.	Littlefield, George W.
Curry, Patrick S.	Madden, John J.
Cushing, George A.	Mead, John J.
Cutler, Lucius A.	Melden, William R.
Danforth, Henry P.	Morrison, Peter
Darling, Moses B.	Morse, Bushrod
Davis, Everett A.	Morse, George P.
Dean, Wilbert T.	Murdock, John N.
Devney, Patrick F.	Murphy, John R.
Doherty, Philip J.	Nash, George M.
Dolan, Michael J.	Oakes, Charles N.
Donehue, John T.	O'Brien, Francis
Donovan, James	Oman, Thomas A.

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Messrs. Palmer, Moses P.	Messrs. Stebbins, Erastus
Paton, Andrew H.	Stone, Stillman
Pattee, William G. A.	Stow, T. Dwight
Peakes, Simeon T.	Swift, Augustus
Peck, Herbert L.	Tarbox, Joseph E.
Pierce, John	Tarone, James
Prime, Oliver	Toulmin, William B.
Reilly, Michael, 2d	Ward, John E.
Richardson, C. Frederic	Warner, John F.
Roads, Samuel, Jr.	Warner, Emerson
Salmon, Thomas	Wells, Daniel W.
Sanderson, George A.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Searell, William A.	Whitcomb, Francis E.
Snow, Edmund F.	Winter, Frank E.
Stafford, John H.	Woods, John M.
Stark, Henry C.	Wright, John H.

NAVS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Flagg, Levi L.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Foster, Joshua T.
Baker, Henry A.	Francis, Henry H.
Bancroft, William A.	Hastings, Joseph W.
Barker, Forrest E.	Hazen, Herman S.
Barstow, Henry	Hewins, James
Beard, Alanson W.	Hosmer, Henry J.
Bent, Roderic L.	Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Johnson, Thomas B.
Brackett, John Q. A.	Judkins, John B.
Burdett, Joseph O.	Kendrick, Edmund P.
Burnham, Albert S.	McFarland, Cromwell
Burr, Charles C.	Millett, Joshua H.
Butterfield, Simeon	Milne, John C.
Carleton, O. Loring	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Carpenter, Frank E.	Potter, Burton W.
Cilley, John L.	Potter, Lyman D.
Clark, George L.	Randall, Charles L.
Clark, John	Rantoul, Robert S.
Clark, Sewall J.	Reed, Daniel
Coffin, Charles C.	Reynolds, Enos H.
Collins, Edward	Rice, Augustus
Crowell, Zenas E.	Richards, Charles W.
Cummings, Prentiss	Savery, Albert T.
Daggett, Handel N.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Davenport, James F.	Small, Edward E.
Davis, Samuel G.	Smith, Frederick H.
Dodge, Joseph A.	Smith, George E.
Douglas, William L.	Spooner, William H.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Towne, Charles A.
Ernst, George A. O.	Tufts, George K.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1884.

Messrs. Wadlin, Horace G.	Messrs. White, Lloyd E.
Walker, Aaron G.	Wilbur, Edward P.
Webb, Elisha	Willcomb, Frederic
Weston, Thomas, Jr.	Wolcott, Roger.

Yeas, 118; nays, 70.

On this question, Messrs. Hartwell of Fitchburg, Gross of Lee, Dwyer of Boston, and Starbird of Lowell, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Wallis of Fitchburg, Hatch of Marshfield, Hazelton of Montague, and Temple of Spencer.

Orders of the Day.

The Bill concerning foreign corporations having a usual place of business in this Commonwealth, was further considered, the question being on concurring with the Senate in certain amendments. On motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston, the House non-concurred and asked for a committee of conference, and Messrs. Cummings of Boston, Millett of Malden and Bowker of Boston were appointed the committee on the part of the House. Sent up for concurrence. Orders of the day.

The Bill to enable cities and towns to protect the purity of their water supply, was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected by a vote of 54 to 70 and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to regulate the appointment of certain officers in cities, was read a second time and considered. An amendment providing that the act take effect January first, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, was adopted. After debate the bill was referred to the next General Court on motion of Mr. Snow of Boston, and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof, was considered, the question being on concurring with the Senate in certain amendments. After debate the House concurred in the amendments at A, B, C, D, I, and J, and non-concurred in the amendments at E, F, G, and H, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

The Resolve concerning certain coal tariffs of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, was read a third time

and considered. The committee on Bills in the Third Reading recommended as a substitute a bill with a similar title. Amendments moved by Messrs. Oman of Pittsfield and Hartwell of Fitchburg to the substitute bill were adopted, and, after debate, the bill, as amended, was substituted for the resolve. Pending the question on its engrossment, the House

At thirty-seven minutes past five o'clock adjourned, the House having previously voted a motion of Mr. Brackett of Boston to suspend the rule requiring the Speaker to declare an adjournment on the completion of the business on which the House was engaged at five o'clock.

THURSDAY, May 29, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Order.

The following order, offered by Mr. Linnell of Orleans, was laid over at the request of Mr. O'Neil of Boston ;—

Pay roll.

Ordered, That the committee on the Pay Roll make up the pay roll for the compensation of members for attendance during the present session of the Legislature ; also the travel to be computed according to the table of distance established by order of the House of Representatives, adopted February 4, 1869 ; and that the pay of Messrs. Henry A. Baker of Rockland, Emerson Warner of Worcester and Dominick J. Harkins of Boston, be made up as for the full session.

Introduced on Leave.

James William Finan, deceased.

By Mr. Murphy of Boston, a Resolve in favor of the brothers of the late James William Finan. Read, and on motion of Mr. Murphy the 12th Joint Rule was suspended, and the resolve was sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

John Doherty, deceased.

By Mr. O'Neil of Boston, a Resolve in favor of the widow of the late John Doherty. Read, and on motion of

Mr. O'Neil the 12th Joint Rule was suspended, and the resolve was sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule.

By Mr. Whitcomb of Watertown, a Bill in relation to the compensation of members of the General Court. Read, and on motion of Mr. Whitcomb the 12th Joint Rule was suspended, and the bill was sent up for concurrence in the suspension of the rule.

Compensation of members.

Motions to Reconsider.

Mr. Beard of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House, yesterday afternoon, non-concurred in certain Senate amendments to the House Bill to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof. The motion was lost.

Civil service.

Mr. Dwyer of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House, yesterday, rejected the Bill to enable cities and towns to protect the purity of their water supply. The motion was lost by a vote of 40 to 73.

Water supply of cities and towns.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill relating to pawnbrokers (substituted for the House Bill further defining the business of pawnbrokers and regulating the sale of wearing apparel deposited in pawn), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Pawnbrokers.

Notice was received from the Senate that the Bill providing for the compensation of members of the Legislature had been rejected by that branch.

Compensation of members.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Engrossed bills :

To authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation to use the proceeds of certain bonds in its treasury (which originated in the House) ;

Bills enacted, — resolves passed.

To incorporate the city of Waltham ;

Authorizing the city of Boston to build a pile structure in Charles River ;

To establish a Homœopathic Hospital for the Insane ; and

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To prevent the use of nets in ponds ;
 (Which severally originated in the Senate) ;
 Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent
 to the Senate.

Engrossed resolves :

Providing for fire escapes at the State Normal School
 at Bridgewater (which originated in the House) ; and

In relation to the purchase of undivided portions of
 flats at South Boston owned in part by the Common-
 wealth (which originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

West Boylston. By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of West Boylston, for legislation confirming certain proceedings of the annual town meeting of said town. Read and accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Boston School Committee. By Mr. Bailey of Somerville, from the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the orders in regard to the election of school committees in the city of Boston.

Equity process. By Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, from the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches on the Bill relating to the service of process in equity proceedings, that the House should recede.

Severally read and accepted, under a suspension of the rule in each case, and sent up for concurrence.

Orders of the Day.

Orders of the day.

The Bill concerning the coal tariff of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, was passed to be engrossed by a vote of 68 to 57 and sent up for concurrence.

The Bill to secure uniform lists of property for taxation was read a second time and, after debate, was rejected and notice was sent to the Senate.

The Resolve relating to the contract with the Waring Hat Manufacturing Company was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Subsequently, the orders of the day having been disposed of, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, and the resolve was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

The Bill to provide a safe for the keeping of ballots cast at the state and municipal elections in the city of Boston was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Subsequently, the orders of the day having been disposed of, the bill was read a third time, under a suspension of the rule moved by Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence, its title having been amended as recommended by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read "Bill to require the city of Boston to provide a safe for the keeping of ballots cast at the state and municipal elections in said city."

The Resolve to amend the Constitution so as to provide for precinct voting in towns was read a third time and considered. On the question of agreeing to the article of amendment the yeas and nays were called, and the article of amendment was agreed to, in concurrence, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen, by a vote of 172 yeas to 18 nays, two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Burnham, Albert S.
Adams, John S.	Burnham, Edwin L.
Allis, Silas W.	Burr, Charles C.
Almy, Edward C.	Burr, Nathaniel M.
Atkins, Isaac	Butterfield, Simeon
Bailey, Joseph W.	Carleton, O. Loring
Baker, Benjamin F.	Carpenter, Frank E.
Baker, John I.	Chamberlain, Geo. D.
Bancroft, William A.	Chapin, Francis L.
Barker, Forrest E.	Chappelle, Julius C.
Barstow, Henry	Cilley, John L.
Batcheller, Aldin	Clark, Aaron F.
Bent, George C.	Clark, Charles N.
Blyth, Robert	Clark, Elijah C.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Clark, George L.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Clark, John
Brackett, John Q. A.	Clark, Sewall J.
Bradlee, J. Walter	Coffin, Charles C.
Briggs, Fordyce W.	Collins, Edward
Brown, Charles E.	Cook, Thomas W.
Buckley, Michael J.	Cross, Henry M.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Crowell, Joshua
Burdett, Joseph O.	Crowell, Zenas E.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Curry, Patrick S.

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| <p>Messrs. Cushing, George A.
Cutler, Lucius A.
Daggett, Handel N.
Damon, Calvin
Danforth, Henry P.
Darling, Moses B.
Davenport, James F.
Davis, Everett A.
Davis, Samuel G.
Dean, Wilbert T.
Devney, Patrick F.
Dodge, Joseph A.
Doherty, Philip J.
Donehue, John T.
Donovan, James
Douglas, William L.
Dresser, Jacob A.
Dwyer, Patrick D.
Eaton, Thomas S.
Egleston, Eber A.
Elwell, George
Farrell, John R.
Flagg, Levi L.
Flint, Charles H.
Forbes, William A.
Fossitt, Edward J.
Foster, Joshua T.
Freeman, Clarendon A.
Frisbee, Frank W.
Gaffney, Frank H.
Gifford, Meltiah
Gilbert, Edwin
Gove, Jesse M.
Gray, Chester H.
Hallett, John W.
Hardy, John H.
Harrub, Fred M.
Harkins, Dominick J.
Hartwell, Harris C.
Hastings, Joseph W.
Hatch, Luther P.
Hazelton, Charles W.
Hewins, James
Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Hosley, Henry E.
Hosmer, Henry J.
Howard, Nathaniel
Howes, Erastus
Howes, Lewis W.
Howland, Charles H.</p> | <p>Messrs. Hurlbut, Rufus H.
Johnson, Thomas B.
Jones, Frank W.
Judkins, John B.
Kelly, Daniel F.
Kendrick, Edmund P.
Keyes, Lorrin P.
Killion, Michael J.
Kingsbury, Willis A.
Kingsley, Chester W.
Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Littlefield, George W.
Madden, John J.
Maguire, John J.
McFarland, Cromwell
Melden, William R.
Millett, Joshua H.
Milne, John C.
Morse, Bushrod
Morse, George P.
Murdock, John N.
Nash, George M.
Oakes, Charles N.
O'Neil, Joseph H.
Osborne, William H.
Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Palmer, Moses P.
Paton, Andrew H.
Pattee, William G. A.
Peakes, Simeon T.
Peck, Herbert L.
Pierce, John
Potter, Lyman D.
Prime, Oliver
Rantoul, Robert S.
Reed, Daniel
Reilly, Michael, 2d
Reynolds, Enos H.
Rice, Augustus
Richardson, C. Frederic
Sargent, Wingate P.
Savery, Albert T.
Searell, William A.
Shaw, Elisha H.
Small, Edward E.
Smith, Frederick H.
Smith, George E.
Smith, Oren B.
Snow, Edmund F.
Spooner, William H.</p> |
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Messrs. Stafford, John H.
 Stebbins, Erastus
 Stone, Stillman
 Stow, T. Dwight
 Swift, Augustus
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Tarone, James
 Temple, Joseph W.
 Toulmin, William B.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.

Messrs. Warner, John F.
 Wells, Daniel W.
 Wheeler, Orswell A.
 Whitcomb, Francis E.
 White, Lloyd E.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Winslow, James A.
 Wolcott, Roger.
 Woods, John M.
 Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Blaney, Alexander
 Bowker, Horace L.
 Bryant, Timothy
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Dunham, Henry J.
 Eaton, William N.
 Gimlich, Jacob
 Gleason, George A.
 Oman, Thomas A.

Messrs. O'Sullivan, Edward F.
 Roads, Samuel, Jr.
 Salmon, Thomas
 Sanderson, George A.
 Saunders, Franklin
 Stratton, James F.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Wentworth, Alonzo B.
 Winter, Frank E.

Yeas, 172 ; nays, 18.

On this question Mr. Bent of Gardner, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, was paired with Mr. Creed of Boston.

The resolve, with the article of amendment, is as follows :

Resolved, By both Houses, That it is expedient to alter the Constitution of this Commonwealth by the adoption of the subjoined article of amendment ; and that the said article, being agreed to by a majority of the Senators and two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives present and voting thereon, be entered on the journals of both Houses, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and referred to the General Court next to be chosen ; and that the said article be published, to the end that if agreed to in the manner provided by the Constitution, by the General Court next to be chosen, it may be submitted to the people for their approval and ratification, in order that it may become a part of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

The General Court shall have full power and authority to provide for the inhabitants of the towns in this Commonwealth more than one place of public meeting within the limits of each town for the election of officers under the Constitution, and to prescribe the manner of calling, holding and conducting such meetings.

All the provisions of the existing Constitution inconsistent with the provisions herein contained are hereby annulled.

At seven minutes past twelve o'clock, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Kingsley of Cambridge,—

Everett Spring
Water Co.

Ordered, That the thanks of this Legislature be tendered to the "Everett Spring Water Company" for furnishing at the State House during the session of the Legislature a supply of their excellent water free of expense. Sent up for concurrence.

Pay roll of
members.

The order relative to the making up the pay roll for the compensation of members for attendance during the present session of the Legislature, laid over from this morning, was laid on the table on motion of Mr. Barker of Worcester.

Bills Enacted.

Engrossed bills :

Bills enacted.

Providing for compensation for damages occasioned by the erection of telegraph and telephone lines ; and

To apportion and assess a state tax of two million dollars ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

In relation to the inspection and sale of milk and butter ; and

To prevent the adulteration of vinegar ;

(Which severally originated in the Senate) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

Papers from the Senate.

The Resolve in favor of the brothers of the late James William Finan came down from the Senate concurred in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. It was read a second and a third time, under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Murphy of Boston, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

James William Finan.

The Resolve in favor of the widow of the late John Doherty of Boston came down from the Senate, concurred in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. It was read a second and a third time, under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. O'Neil of Boston, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

John Doherty.

A Bill relating to the salary of the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, introduced on leave in the Senate under a suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, came down for concurrence in the suspension of the rule. The House concurred and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

Salary of Clerks of Senate and House.

The Bill providing for the compensation of members of the Legislature came down passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment fixing the salary of the members of the Legislature at \$650. On the question of concurring with the Senate in the amendment the yeas and nays were ordered at the request of Mr. Hartwell of Fitchburg, and the House concurred, under a suspension of the rule, by a vote of 125 yeas to 62 nays, as follows :

Salary of members.

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.
 Adams, John S.
 Almy, Edward C.
 Atkins, Isaac
 Baker, Benjamin F.
 Barry, Patrick T.
 Bent, George C.
 Bishop, George P.
 Blaney, Alexander
 Blyth, Robert
 Bosworth, Benjamin S.
 Bowker, Horace L.
 Briggs, Fordyce W.
 Brown, Charles E.
 Bryant, Timothy

Messrs. Buckley, Michael J.
 Bucklin, Daniel F.
 Burditt, Alfred A.
 Burnham, Edwin L.
 Burr, Nathaniel M.
 Butler, Richard T.
 Chamberlain, Geo. D.
 Chappelle, Julius C.
 Clark, Charles N.
 Clark, Elijah C.
 Coffey, John A.
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Crowell, Joshua
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Curry, Patrick S.

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| Messrs. Cushing, George A. | Messrs. Mead, John J. |
| Cutler, Lucius A. | Melden, William R. |
| Daly, William, Jr. | Mooney, John F. H. |
| Danforth, Henry P. | Morrison, Peter |
| Darling, Moses B. | Morse, George P. |
| Davis, Everett A. | Murdock, John N. |
| Dean, Wilbert T. | Murphy, John R. |
| Devney, Patrick F. | Nash, George M. |
| Doherty, Philip J. | Oakes, Charles N. |
| Donehue, John T. | Oman, Thomas A. |
| Donovan, James | O'Neil, Joseph H. |
| Dunham, Henry J. | O'Sullivan, Edward F. |
| Dwyer, Patrick D. | Palmer, Moses P. |
| Eaton, William N. | Paton, Andrew H. |
| Elwell, George | Pattee, William G. A. |
| Farrell, John R. | Peakes, Simeon T. |
| Flint, Charles H. | Peck, Herbert L. |
| Forbes, William A. | Pierce, John |
| Fossitt, Edward J. | Prime, Oliver |
| Foster, Joshua T. | Randall, Charles L. |
| Freeman, Clarendon A. | Reilly, Michael, 2d |
| Frisbee, Frank W. | Richardson, C. Frederic |
| Gifford, Meltiah | Roads, Samuel, Jr. |
| Gilbert, Edwin | Salmon, Thomas |
| Gimlich, Jacob | Sanderson, George A. |
| Gleason, George A. | Sargent, Wingate P. |
| Gordon, William, Jr. | Searrell, William A. |
| Gove, Jesse M. | Snow, Edmund F. |
| Hardy, John H. | Stafford, John H. |
| Harrub, Fred M. | Starbird, Charles D. |
| Harkins, Dominick J. | Stark, Henry C. |
| Hartwell, Harris C. | Stebbins, Erastus |
| Hosley, Henry E. | Stone, Stillman |
| Howes, Erastus | Stow, T. Dwight |
| Howes, Lewis W. | Swift, Augustus |
| Howland, Charles H. | Tarbox, Joseph E. |
| Hoynes, Edward F. | Tarone, James |
| Jones, Frank W. | Ward, John E. |
| Kelly, Daniel F. | Warner, John F. |
| Keyes, Lorrin P. | Wells, Daniel W. |
| Killion, Michael J. | Wheeler, Orswell A. |
| Kingsbury, Willis A. | Whitcomb, Charles B. |
| Kingsley, Chester W. | Whitcomb, Francis E. |
| Linnell, Solomon, 2d | Winslow, James A. |
| Littlefield, George W. | Winter, Frank E. |
| Madden, John J. | Wolcott, Roger |
| Maguire, John J. | Wright, John H. |
| Martin, Charles B. | |

NAYS.

<p>Messrs. Allis, Silas W. Baker, Henry A. Barstow, Henry Batcheller, Aldin Beard, Alanson W. Boardman, Halsey J. Brackett, John Q. A. Burdett, Joseph O. Burnham, Albert S. Burr, Charles C. Butterfield, Simeon Carleton, O. Loring Chapin, Francis L. Cilley, John L. Clark, Aaron F. Clark, George L. Clark, John Clark, Sewall J. Coffin, Charles C. Collins, Edward Crowell, Zenas E. Daggett, Handel N. Damon, Calvin Davenport, James F. Davis, Samuel G. Dodge, Joseph A. Dresser, Jacob A. Eaton, Thomas S. Ernst, George A. O. Flagg, Levi L. Francis, Henry H.</p>	<p>Messrs. Hastings, Joseph W. Harvey, Edwin B. Hewins, James Hosmer, Henry J. Hurlbut, Rufus H. Johnson, Thomas B. Judkins, John B. Kendrick, Edmund P. McFarland, Cromwell Millett, Joshua H. Morse, Bushrod Paine, Robert Treat, Jr. Rantoul, Robert S. Reed, Daniel Reynolds, Enos H. Rice, Augustus Richards, Charles W. Saunders, Franklin Savery, Albert T. Small, Edward E. Smith, George E. Smith, Oren B. Spooner, William H. Tufts, George K. Wadlin, Horace G. Walker, Aaron G. Wentworth, Alonzo B. White, Lloyd E. Whiting, Albert T. Wilbur, Edward P. Willcomb, Frederic</p>
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Yeas, 125 ; nays, 62.

On this question Messrs. Foley of Fall River, Gross of Lee, Connor of Worcester, Egleston of Westfield, and Creed of Boston, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Bailey of Somerville, Hatch of Marshfield, Hazelton of Montague, Temple of Spencer, and Bent of Gardner.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Osborne of East Bridgewater, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill in relation to the foreclosure and redemption of mortgages ought not to pass. Read and considered under a suspension of the **Mortgages.**

rule, and the bill was rejected as recommended by the committee, and notice of its rejection was sent to the Senate.

Pawnbrokers.

By Mr. Cummings of Boston, from the committee on the Judiciary, that the Senate Bill relating to pawnbrokers ought to pass, with an amendment striking out section 2. On motion of Mr. Kendrick of Springfield, the rules were suspended and the bill was read a second time, amended as recommended by the committee on the Judiciary, and under a further suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Kendrick, it was read a third time and passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Foreign corporations.

By Mr. Millett of Malden, from the committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two branches upon the Bill concerning foreign corporations having a usual place of business in this Commonwealth, that the House recede from its non-concurrence in amendments "A," "B," "C," "D" and "G," and agree to the same;

That the House agree to amendment "E," with the following amendment: Strike out the words "secretary and" in line after the word president, and change the word "or" to "and," so as to read as follows: "And said statement shall be subscribed and sworn to by its president, treasurer, and by a majority of its directors or officers having the powers usually exercised by directors;"

That the House agree to amendment at "F," with the following amendment: Strike out the words "any such" before the word "officer" and insert in place thereof the word "every."

Insert after the words "requirements of this act" the following: "And every agent of such corporation who transacts business as such in this Commonwealth," so that Senate amendment "F" shall read as follows: "Every officer of a corporation which fails to comply with the requirements of this act, and every agent of such corporation who transacts business as such in this Commonwealth, shall for such failure," etc., etc.

Read and accepted, under a suspension of the rule, and sent up for concurrence.

At half-past three o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, June 2, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

The Bill establishing the salaries of the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives (introduced on leave in the Senate), passed to be engrossed by that branch, was read, and under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. O'Neil of Boston, was read a second and a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Salary of Clerks of Senate and House.

A Resolve concerning the State Workhouse, reported on the annual report of the trustees of the State Workhouse, and passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, was read a second and a third time, and was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

State Workhouse.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Willcomb of Ipswich, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, no further legislation necessary :

On the thirtieth annual report of the trustees of the State Almshouse at Tewksbury ;

Reports : State Almshouse.

On the fifth annual report of the trustees of the State Primary and Reform School ;

State Primary and Reform School.

On the fifty-first annual report of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester ; and

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

On the fifty-second annual report of the trustees of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind.

Perkins Institution and Mass. School for the Blind.

By the same gentleman, from the same committee, no legislation necessary ;

On the sixth annual report of the trustees of the Danvers Lunatic Hospital ;

Danvers Lunatic Hospital.

On the twenty-eighth annual report of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton ; and

Northampton Lunatic Hospital.

On the thirty-sixth annual report of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble Minded at South Boston.

Mass. School for the Feeble Minded.

Subsequently, Mr. O'Neil of Boston moved to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed to be enacted. The motion was considered under a suspension of the rule, and after debate, the yeas and nays were ordered, at the request of Mr. O'Neil of Boston; and the roll being called, the motion was lost by a vote of 57 yeas to 107 nays, as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Allis, Silas W.	Messrs. Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Baker, John I.	Hosley, Henry E.
Barry, Patrick T.	Howes, Erastus
Blyth, Robert	Hoynes, Edward F.
Bryant, Timothy	Jones, Frank W.
Buckley, Michael J.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Butler, Richard T.	Killion, Michael J.
Chamberlain, Geo. D.	Madden, John J.
Clark, Aaron F.	Maguire, John J.
Coffey, John A.	O'Brien, Francis
Connor, James	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Cowdrey, George	Paton, Andrew H.
Creed, Michael J.	Prime, Oliver
Crowley, Dennis J.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Curry, Patrick S.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Danforth, Henry P.	Sanderson, George A.
Davis, Everett A.	Stafford, John H.
Devney, Patrick F.	Stebbins, Erastus
Donovan, James	Stow, T. Dwight
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Tarone, James
Elwell, George	Walker, Aaron G.
Farrell, John R.	Ward, John E.
Flint, Charles H.	Warner, John F.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Wells, Daniel W.
Francis, Henry H.	Whitcomb, Charles B.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Winter, Frank E.
Gleason, George A.	Wright, John H.
Harkins, Dominick J.	

NAYS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Bosworth, Benjamin S.
Almy, Edward C.	Bowker, Horace L.
Atkins, Isaac	Brackett, John Q. A.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Bradlee, J. Walter
Bancroft, William A.	Briggs, Fordyce W.
Batcheller, Aldin	Brown, Charles E.
Beard, Alanson W.	Bucklin, Daniel F.
Bent, George C.	Burdett, Joseph O.
Bent, Roderic L.	Burditt, Alfred A.

Messrs. Burnham, Albert S.
 Burr, Charles C.
 Burr, Nathaniel M.
 Butterfield, Simeon
 Carleton, O. Loring
 Chapin, Francis L.
 Cilley, John L.
 Clark, Charles N.
 Clark, Elijah C.
 Clark, George L.
 Clark, John
 Clark, Sewall J.
 Cobb, George R.
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Collins, Edward
 Cook, Thomas W.
 Crowell, Joshua
 Crowell, Zenas E.
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Cutler, Lucius A.
 Daggett, Handel N.
 Damon, Calvin
 Darling, Moses B.
 Davenport, James F.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Eaton, Thomas S.
 Egleston, Eber A.
 Ernst, George A. O.
 Flagg, Levi L.
 Forbes, William A.
 Foster, Joshua T.
 Freeman, Clarendon A.
 Frisbee, Frank W.
 Gilbert, Edwin
 Gray, Chester H.
 Hardy, John H.
 Harrub, Fred M.
 Harvey, Edwin B.
 Hatch, Luther P.
 Hazelton, Charles W.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Hewins, James
 Howard Nathaniel

Messrs. Howes, Lewis W.
 Howland, Charles H.
 Huntoon, George L.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Judkins, John B.
 Kendrick, Edmund P.
 Kingsley, Chester W.
 Linnell, Solomon, 2d
 McFarland, Cromwell
 Mead, John J.
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Milne, John C.
 Morrison, Peter
 Morse, Bushrod
 Oakes, Charles N.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Pierce, John
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Sargent, Wingate P.
 Shaw, Elisha H.
 Smith, Frederick H.
 Smith, George E.
 Smith, Oren B.
 Snow, Edmund F.
 Spooner, William H.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Stone, Stillman
 Temple, Joseph W.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Warner, Emerson
 Webb, Elisha
 Wentworth, Alonzo B.
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wheeler, Orswell A.
 White, Lloyd E.
 Whiting, Albert T.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Williams, Fred H.
 Willson, Edmund B.
 Winslow, James A.

Yeas, 57; nays, 107.

On this question, Messrs. Gove of Boston, Randall of Boston, Salmon of Woburn, Carpenter of Springfield,

Melden of Lynn, Whitcomb of Watertown, and Nash of Abington, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Bailey of Somerville, Johnson of Raynham, Davis of Boston, Dean of Holyoke, Wilbur of Boston, Hartwell of Fitchburg, and Kingsbury of Holliston.

At forty minutes past four o'clock, adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 3, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Papers from the Senate.

Jerome H. Fiske.

The Resolve confirming the acts of Jerome H. Fiske as a justice of the peace, came down from the Senate, concurred in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. It was read a second and a third time, under a suspension of the rules, moved by Mr. Millett of Malden, and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Boston trees.

The report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next General Court, on the petitions of James L. Little, Thomas Gogin, and others, that the care of the trees in the public squares and streets of Boston, be transferred to the park commissioners, accepted by the Senate, was read and accepted, in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

Motion to Reconsider.

Coal tariff on the Boston and Albany R. R.

Mr. Oman of Pittsfield moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House, yesterday, rejected the Bill concerning the coal tariff of the Boston and Albany Railroad. The motion was lost by a vote of 59 to 66.

Veto Message.

Compensation of members.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor, returning, with his objections thereto, the Bill providing for the compensation of members of the Legislature, and was read, as follows:—

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

BOSTON, June 3, 1884.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :—

The Bill providing for the compensation of members of the Legislature has been laid before me, and is herewith returned to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, without my approval, in order that it may be reconsidered.

In 1871 the pay of the members of the Legislature was fixed by law at seven hundred and fifty dollars for the regular annual session. By chapter 28 of the acts of 1876, enacted early in the session of that year, the amount was reduced to six hundred and fifty dollars. A still further reduction to five hundred dollars was made in 1879, when the whole subject of salaries and expenditures was most searchingly investigated, and that limit remains to the present day.

It may be safely assumed that every member of the present General Court at the time of his candidacy and election knew that the office of senator or representative was to be accepted with the understanding, if not under the contract, that the service was expected by the people upon the terms stated. It is not, indeed, to be questioned or denied that the Legislature has like power to amend this law as all others. So much authority may be fairly held to be proper and necessary in view of extraordinary and unexpected contingencies that may arise to prolong the session beyond the usual length or to increase the labors and burdens incident to the office. But no facts have been brought to my knowledge that make the session of the current year exceptional in these particulars. Indeed, the session of last year extended until the twenty-seventh day of July—making the longest service on record, and exceeding any other since 1874 by more than sixty days—and that Legislature discovered no reason to provide for an increase of salary for themselves or for their successors. In no case, so far as known, did insufficiency of the salary lead any one to decline a re-election or deprive the State of able, experienced and efficient service.

In these very last days of the session, when the work is completed and payment may have been made each month of one hundred dollars on account of each member's salary, thus covering the entire amount now author-

ized for the whole session, the proposition comes to add one hundred and fifty dollars to the established compensation. I cannot regard such an act under these circumstances (and I trust I may not speak without due consideration and respect) as a wise and just exercise of power. The Legislature and the Governor, by concurrent action within the limitations prescribed by the Constitution, are empowered to provide for their own pay as well as for that of all other officers of the Commonwealth. They may properly determine what shall be a fair equivalent for the labor and responsibilities required in their offices for the future. But I maintain that no safer principle can be established than that they shall not appropriate to their own use, except for most urgent reasons, any money to apply on account of services already rendered, upon terms well understood by themselves and by the people. Let me most respectfully submit to you, that if you stand with me this year in the maintenance of that security to public welfare, we shall assuredly have the better confidence in the future when we shall have relinquished the trusts of the people and become constituents of those who shall hold our places.

Another consideration is pertinent, though less important. No one will undertake the argument that even the increased allowance granted in the proposed bill constitutes adequate pay, viewed in the light of wages, for the performance of the duties imposed on the members of the Legislature. In the legislative branch of the government, as is the rule in municipal affairs and in the management of great concerns by boards of trustees and commissioners, it has been the practice from the foundation of the State to intrust important interests, for a limited period, to men selected for their fitness and disinterestedness, who regard it somewhat a duty to undertake the public work for the general good; and when but a portion of their time is required, and they have the unquestioned right to determine the days and the hours of their session, to avoid interruption and disturbance of private interests, too great a sacrifice does not seem to be demanded. Experience confirms this view. It has not been unusual for members to absent themselves for days and weeks, presumably in attention to private concerns, necessitating postponement of the public business and prolonging the

session, but not recognizing any obligation to make deduction from the compensation because of absence. I am not aware that a different practice in this respect has prevailed during the present year.

To pay the compensation of members under the provisions of existing laws requires the sum of one hundred and forty-one thousand dollars. If the increase for each member from five hundred dollars to six hundred and fifty dollars and the other allowances as stated in the bill under consideration are to be made, forty-two thousand three hundred dollars more must be paid from the treasury, an amount forming no inconsiderable portion of the tax laid directly upon the people this year for State purposes. Considering the general depression of business now prevailing, the reduced rates of wages that labor commands, the uncertainty and anxiety felt on every hand for the industrial and financial prospects of the year next before us, I trust you may not deem it unnecessary or unbecoming in me to urge all reasonable economy in the public expenditures. The people will not fail to regard that service acceptable which makes upon them no unusual exactions. Declarations and professions in behalf of economy may serve a temporary purpose, and when put in well-rounded periods in party platforms may outlast the day of their utterance; but I am assured you will agree with me that an actual saving of money needs no argument to prove sincerity of purpose.

Had the bill been drawn to take effect at the beginning of the next year, there would be very much less ground for objection. Then the matter could be generally discussed, and put in issue in the coming election, and a fair judgment of the people be had on its merits.

I regret that I am unable to concur with you in the enactment of the measure in question, especially as it touches most directly your individual interests. But upon careful reflection I fail to see how I can escape the responsibility imposed upon me by the Constitution, in the revision of this proposition, as of all others submitted to me.

GEO. D. ROBINSON.

On the question "Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objection of His Excellency the Governor" the yeas and nays were called, and the bill was passed by a vote of 106

yeas to 42 nays, two-thirds of the members present and voting having voted in the affirmative. The vote was as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Almy, Edward C.	Messrs. Gilbert, Edwin
Atkins, Isaac	Gimlich, Jacob
Baker, Benjamin F.	Gleason, George A.
Ball, George H.	Gordon, William, Jr.
Barry, Patrick T.	Gray, Chester H.
Bent, George C.	Hardy, John H.
Bishop, George P.	Harrub, Fred M.
Blaney, Alexander	Harkins, Dominick J.
Blyth, Robert	Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
Bosworth, Benjamin S.	Hosley, Henry E.
Bowker, Horace L.	Howard, Nathaniel
Bradlee, J. Walter	Howes, Erastus
Brown, Charles E.	Howes, Lewis W.
Bryant, Timothy	Howland, Charles H.
Buckley, Michael J.	Hoynes, Edward F.
Bucklin, Daniel F.	Jones, Frank W.
Burditt, Alfred A.	Kelly, Daniel F.
Burr, Nathaniel M.	Killion, Michael J.
Clark, Elijah C.	Kingsley, Chester W.
Cook, Thomas W.	Linnell, Solomon, 2d
Coveney, Jeremiah W.	Mooney, John H.
Cowdrey, George	Morse, George P.
Creed, Michael J.	Murdock, John N.
Cross, Henry M.	Murphy, John R.
Crowell, Joshua	Nash, George M.
Crowley, Dennis J.	Oakes, Charles N.
Curry, Patrick S.	Oman, Thomas A.
Cushing, George A.	O'Neil, Joseph H.
Cutler, Lucius A.	O'Sullivan, Edward F.
Danforth, Henry P.	Palmer, Moses P.
Darling, Moses B.	Paton, Andrew H.
Davis, Everett A.	Pattee, William G. A.
Devney, Patrick F.	Peakes, Simeon T.
Doherty, Philip J.	Peck, Herbert L.
Dwyer, Patrick D.	Pierce, John
Eaton, William N.	Prime, Oliver
Egleston, Eber A.	Reilly, Michael, 2d
Elwell, George	Richardson, C. Frederic
Farrell, John R.	Roads, Samuel, Jr.
Flint, Charles H.	Salmon, Thomas
Foley, Patrick E.	Sanderson, George A.
Fossitt, Edward J.	Smith, Frederick H.
Foster, Joshua T.	Snow, Edmund F.
Gaffney, Frank H.	Stafford, John H.
Gifford, Meltiah	Starbird, Charles D.

Messrs. Stebbins, Erastus
 Stone, Stillman
 Stow, T. Dwight
 Swift, Augustus
 Tarone, James
 Toulmin, William B.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Warner, John F.

Messrs. Wells, Daniel W.
 Wheeler, Orswell A.
 Whitcomb, Charles B.
 Whitcomb, Francis E.
 Williams, Fred H.
 Winslow, James A.
 Woods, John M.
 Wright, John H.

NAYS.

Messrs. Beard, Alanson W.
 Bent, Roderic L.
 Boardman, Halsey J.
 Brackett, John Q. A.
 Burr, Charles C.
 Chapin, Francis L.
 Cilley, John L.
 Clark, Aaron F.
 Clark, John
 Cobb, George R.
 Coffin, Charles C.
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Damon, Calvin
 Davenport, James F.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Dodge, Joseph A.
 Dresser, Jacob A.
 Flagg, Levi L.
 Hewins, James
 Hosmer, Henry J.
 Huntoon, George L.

Messrs. McFarland, Cromwell
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Milne, John C.
 Osborne, William H.
 Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
 Randall, Charles L.
 Rantoul, Robert S.
 Reed, Daniel
 Rice, Augustus
 Richards, Charles W.
 Smith, Oren B.
 Temple, Joseph W.
 Tufts, George K.
 Wadlin, Horace G.
 Walker, Aaron G.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Webb, Elisha
 Weston, Thomas, Jr.
 Wilbur, Edward P.
 Whitcomb, Frederic
 Willson, Edmund B.

Yeas, 106 ; nays, 42.

On this question Messrs. Frisbee of North Andover, Chamberlain of Cambridge, Gove of Boston, Donehue of Lowell, Littlefield of Lynn, Ward of Boston, Winter of Springfield, Burnham of Westminster, Martin of Fall River, Hallett of Nantucket, Stark of Hyde Park, McLaughlin of Boston, Daly of Boston, Melden of Lynn, Connor of Worcester, Freeman of Chatham, Adams of Attleborough, Chappelle of Boston, Searell of New Bedford, Mead of Lowell, Butler of Boston, Madden of Boston, Donovan of Boston, Gross of Lee, Kingsbury of Holliston, Dean of Holyoke, Tarbox of Lynn, O'Brien of Boston, and Butler of Lawrence, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Smith of Everett, Harvey of Westborough, Bailey of Somerville, Crowell of Barnstable, Ernst

of Boston, Bancroft of Cambridge, White of Taunton, Savery of Middleborough, Hurlbut of Sudbury, Butterfield of Chelsea, Carleton of Middleton, Clark of Northampton, Allis of Whately, Judkins of Merrimac, Clark of Boston, Small of Provincetown, Keyes of New Marlborough, Spooner of Boston, Francis of Randolph, Clark of Medway, Hazelton of Montague, Johnson of Raynham, Collins of Salem, Hatch of Marshfield, Shaw of Chelmsford, Kendrick of Springfield, Hazen of Shirley, Eaton of Auburn, and Batcheller of North Brookfield.

At quarter before one o'clock, adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

Prorogation.

The House Resolution relative to the prorogation of the Legislature came down adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule, and the resolution was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

State House and Commonwealth Building.

The House Resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the State House and at the Commonwealth Building, came down from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment, in which the House concurred under a suspension of the rule.

Bills Enacted and Resolves Passed.

Bills enacted,— resolve passed.

Engrossed bills :

Concerning foreign corporations having a usual place of business in this Commonwealth ;

Relating to pawnbrokers ;

To provide for the safe keeping of ballots in the city of Boston ; and

In relation to the payment of money into the treasury of the Commonwealth ;

(Which severally originated in the House) ;

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed, and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the Campello Coöperative Bank of Brockton (which originated in the House), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Leave asked to introduce Resolutions.

Mr. Stow of Fall River asked leave to introduce Resolutions concerning chattel slavery on the soil of Maryland. The resolutions were read, and leave was refused by a vote of 17 to 41. Chattel slavery.

At forty minutes past three o'clock, adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 4, 1884.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Petitions Presented.

By Mr. Marden of Lowell, petition of John C. Rogers, M. D., for reimbursement for services and expenses as assistant surgeon of the 26th regiment Mass. Vols., in 1864. John C. Rogers,
M. D.

By Mr. Frisbee of North Andover, petition of the selectmen of Andover, and others, for legislation authorizing cities and towns to regulate and control the use of picnic grounds or groves kept for hire, within their territorial limits. Picnic grounds.

By Mr. Forbes of Greenfield, petition of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Greenfield for legislation confirming and making valid certain acts of organization of said society. Greenfield
Methodist Episc-
copal Church.

By Mr. Tufts of New Braintree, petition of William N. Hoyt of Hardwick that he may be allowed to maintain a strict observance of the Sabbath on the waters of a certain pond in said town, by paying into the State treasury a certain sum of money. William N.
Hoyt.

Severally referred to the next General Court, under the 12th Joint Rule.

Papers from the Senate.

Notice was received from the Senate that the Senate Bill to divide the city of Lawrence into seven wards, and for other purposes (reported upon the petition of Humphrey Desmond and others), had been referred to the next General Court, by that branch. Lawrence.

Trustees' accounts.

The Bill to require trustees to render yearly accounts (reported on an order), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read twice, under a suspension of the rules, and pending the question on ordering to a third reading, it was, on motion of Mr. Rantoul of Salem, referred to the next General Court, and notice was sent to the Senate.

Grand Army of the Republic.

A Bill to authorize cities and towns to permit the use of public buildings by the Grand Army of the Republic (reported on a petition), passed to be engrossed, by the Senate, was read twice under a suspension of the rules, and after debate was rejected, and notice was sent to the Senate.

Reformatory for male prisoners.

A Bill in addition to "An Act to establish a reformatory for male prisoners" (reported on a bill introduced on leave in the Senate), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read, and ordered to a second reading. On motion of Mr. Howland of Plymouth, the rule was suspended and the bill was read a second time, amended on motion of the same gentleman, and ordered to a third reading. Subsequently, the rules were further suspended on further motion of the same gentleman, and the bill was read a third time, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, and sent up for concurrence in the amendment.

Salary of Governor.

A Bill to establish the salary of the Governor came down for concurrence in suspension of the 12th Joint Rule, in which the House concurred.

On motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, the rules were suspended, and the bill took its several readings, and was passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Foreign corporations.

An engrossed Bill concerning foreign corporations having a usual place of business in this Commonwealth came down from the Senate with the endorsement, that it had been returned to the Senate by the Governor, at its request, that its enactment had been reconsidered under a suspension of the rules, and that it had been amended. On motion of Mr. Cummings of Boston, the rules were suspended, the vote by which the bill was passed to be enacted was reconsidered, and the House concurred with the Senate in the amendments, and the bill was returned to the Senate endorsed accordingly.

A Bill authorizing the city of Boston to build a pile structure in Charles River came down with the endorsement that it had been returned to the Senate by His Excellency the Governor, with his objections thereto in writing, and had been passed by that branch notwithstanding said objections, two-thirds of the Senators present and voting having voted in the affirmative.

Boston, —
Charles River.

The objections of His Excellency were read, as follows: —

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

BOSTON, June 3, 1884.

To the Senate and House of Representatives: —

There has been laid before me a Bill authorizing the city of Boston to build a pile structure in Charles River, and, as it does not receive my approval, I return it to the Senate, in which it originated, for reconsideration.

The bill gives to the city of Boston without payment of money or compensation of any kind a perpetual right to occupy with a pile structure an area of tide water lands in the Charles River, lying between the new Warren Bridge and the bridge of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, containing 26,932 square feet, and having a market value at the price recently received by the Commonwealth for similar grants in the immediate vicinity (seventy-five cents per square foot) of \$20,199. Other estimates fix a much larger sum as its real value. This area is described in the bill as "flats," by which term might be understood land lying between high and low water mark, and ordinarily belonging to the owner of the adjacent shore; but all of this area, as will appear by reference to official charts of Charles River, is below low water mark and outside the harbor line established by law. It covers, in fact, the main deep-water channel of the river, and the entire area is tide-water land, the title of which is in the Commonwealth.

Under section 3, chapter 313 of the acts of 1864 and section 3, chapter 122 of the acts of 1865 as modified by chapter 8 of the resolves of 1872, the receipts from sales of public lands and flats, not specifically appropriated, are pledged to the credit of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad sinking fund, and all receipts under section 16 of chapter 19 of the Public Statutes are paid into this fund. The need of securing all practicable additions to this fund to provide for the payment of the debt at its maturity is so

clear and urgent that I forbear to enlarge upon it by way of argument in this connection.

Under ordinary grants of this character the Public Statutes, chapter 19, sections 14 and 16, require not only compensation to be made for tide water displaced, but the payment into the treasury by the grantee, for the rights and privileges granted in the land of the Commonwealth, of such sums of money as the governor and council shall determine to be just and equitable. An exception is made if the grant is to a city, town or county for a bridge constituting a part of a public highway; and under this exception the city of Boston has lately occupied, without payment, for the new Warren Bridge over the Charles River an area of 47,520 square feet of tide-water land of the Commonwealth in excess of the area occupied by the old bridge, the market value of which, at the price already stated, would be \$35,640.

The legislature has also in special cases made gifts of public land for other public uses. More than two-fifths of the Commonwealth's lands on the Back Bay were thus devoted to public avenues, streets and ways, and nearly one-seventh of the residue reserved for sale has been donated to the city of Boston and to public institutions. It has been the custom in making such gifts to define the public uses for which the land was granted, and expressly or by implication, to forbid the appropriation to other uses. By chapter 222 of the acts of 1880, for example, land on the Back Bay was donated to the city of Boston for a public library, but on the express condition that the land should be used only for that purpose, and that all the citizens of the Commonwealth should have free access to the library. By a still more recent statute, chapter 219 of the acts of 1883, the free use of certain land of the Commonwealth was granted to the town of Florida for public schoolhouse purposes, to continue so long as the land was used for such purposes and no longer.

It may be said to be the settled policy of the Commonwealth that the public lands are not to be granted for other than public purposes, except upon fair and reasonable compensation, and that in donating portions of the public domain without such compensation for public uses, the uses should be clearly defined in the grant. It would be difficult to justify any other system of dealing with the public lands of the Commonwealth.

The bill under consideration is open to the objection that it gives a perpetual right to occupy with a structure a valuable tract of public land, not only without compensation, but without prescribing any public or other use to which it shall be appropriated. There is no restriction which precludes the use of the structure for purposes of gain, trade, business or profit, or any other purpose for which private property may be used. And taken in connection with the provisions of chapter 140 of the acts of 1883, this bill might serve to perfect an absolute title, or lay the foundation to a claim for such a title to the land in question, so that it could be conveyed by the city to private parties for the purpose of trade or business. The second section exempts not only from all liability to pay for the grant under chapter nineteen of the Public Statutes, but as well, with a single exception, from all the provisions of that chapter, giving a general supervision and control over structures in the tide waters of the Commonwealth. No reason appears for such exemption. Besides, it can hardly be considered improbable that at some future time the parcel of land described in the bill, or some portion of it, may be required for the widening of Warren Bridge, or for some other public use.

In the absence of any apparent public exigency for this donation of land, another serious objection to the bill is the probable injury to the Charles River and to the harbor of Boston which this additional obstruction may cause. By reference to the report of the harbor and land commissioners for 1882, it will be seen that they declare that the location and character of the numerous bridges and other structures which encumber the mouth and throat of the Charles River have always been considered as seriously objectionable and hurtful to the navigation interests of Boston and the other cities and towns on its banks. The gross amount of piling between the pier lines on either side of the river from its mouth to the West Boston Bridge is already more than forty acres. A recent survey has shown that serious shoaling has occurred all along this section of the river, and that the tidal currents of the river and harbor are injuriously affected. The location of the structure proposed in the bill is especially objectionable, because, as already stated, it extends across the deep water of the main channel of the river at or near its narrowest part. If the highway and railroad bridges which

cross the river are to be regarded as necessary obstructions, the importance of preserving the open water spaces between these bridges from further encroachment cannot be too strongly urged. Pressure has been and is likely again to be made for the occupation of these spaces for business purposes. The bill proposes to close one of them, and could hardly fail to be urged as a precedent for closing others.

Large sums of money have been expended by the Commonwealth, and much larger sums by the United States, for the improvement and preservation of Boston harbor. Obstructions like that contemplated in this bill have been uniformly protested against by those having official charge of these works on the part of the State and the national governments. It must be manifestly unwise for the legislature to sanction further obstructions of this nature except upon a clear and controlling public exigency, which does not, in my opinion, appear from any of the provisions of the present bill or from the undisputed facts bearing upon the question under consideration.

GEO. D. ROBINSON.

On the question, "Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of His Excellency?" the yeas and nays were called and the bill was passed, in concurrence, by a vote of 123 yeas to 30 nays, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative. The vote was as follows:—

YEAS.

Messrs. Adams, George A.	Messrs. Buckley, Michael J.
Allis, Silas W.	Burditt, Alfred A.
Almy, Edward C.	Burnham, Albert S.
Atkins, Isaac	Burnham, Edwin L.
Bailey, Joseph W.	Burr, Nathaniel M.
Baker, Benjamin F.	Butterfield, Simeon
Baker, Henry A.	Carleton, O. Loring
Ball, George H.	Chamberlain, Geo. D.
Barry, Patrick T.	Clark, Aaron F.
Barstow, Henry	Clark, Elijah C.
Batcheller, Aldin	Clark, George L.
Bent, Roderic L.	Clark, John
Blaney, Alexander	Cobb, George R.
Blyth, Robert	Coffey, John A.
Boardman, Halsey J.	Collins, Edward
Bowker, Horace L.	Coveney, Jeremiah W.
Bryant, Timothy	Cowdrey, George

Messrs. Creed, Michael J.
 Cross, Henry M.
 Crowell, Joshua
 Crowell, Zenas E.
 Crowley, Dennis J.
 Cummings, Prentiss
 Curry, Patrick S.
 Cushing, George A.
 Cutler, Lucius A.
 Damon, Calvin
 Danforth, Henry P.
 Darling, Moses B.
 Davis, Samuel G.
 Doherty, Philip J.
 Dolan, Michael J.
 Donehue, John T.
 Donovan, James
 Douglas, William L.
 Dwyer, Patrick D.
 Eaton, William N.
 Egleston, Eber A.
 Elwell, George
 Farrell, John R.
 Foley, Patrick E.
 Forbes, William A.
 Fossitt, Edward J.
 Foster, Joshua T.
 Francis, Henry H.
 Freeman, Clarendon A.
 Gaffney, Frank H.
 Gifford, Meltiah
 Gilbert, Edwin
 Gimlich, Jacob
 Gleason, George A.
 Gray, Chester H.
 Gross, William H.
 Hallett, John W.
 Hardy, John H.
 Harrub, Fred M.
 Hatch, Luther P.
 Hazen, Herman S.
 Homans, Wm. A., Jr.
 Hosley, Henry E.
 Howard, Nathaniel
 Howes, Erastus

Messrs. Hoynes, Edward F.
 Hurlbut, Rufus H.
 Kelly, Daniel F.
 Killion, Michael J.
 Littlefield, George W.
 Maguire, John J.
 Millett, Joshua H.
 Morse, Bushrod
 Murphy, John R.
 Oakes, Charles N.
 O'Neil, Joseph H.
 Osborne, William H.
 Palmer, Moses P.
 Paton, Andrew H.
 Pattee, William G. A.
 Peakes, Simeon T.
 Peck, Herbert L.
 Pierce, John
 Prime, Oliver
 Randall, Charles L.
 Reed, Daniel
 Reilly, Michael, 2d
 Reynolds, Enos H.
 Richardson, C. Fred.
 Roads, Samuel, Jr.
 Salmon, Thomas
 Saunders, Franklin
 Savery, Albert T.
 Spooner, William H.
 Stafford, John H.
 Starbird, Charles D.
 Stark, Henry C.
 Stone, Stillman
 Tarbox, Joseph E.
 Towne, Charles A.
 Wallis, Benjamin F.
 Warner, Emerson
 Wentworth, Alonzo B.
 Wheeler, Orswell A.
 Whitcomb, Charles B.
 White, Lloyd E.
 Willcomb, Frederic
 Winter, Frank E.
 Woods, John M.

NAYS.

Messrs. Beard, Alanson W.
 Brackett, John Q. A.
 Bradley, J. Walter

Messrs. Briggs, Fordyce W.
 Bucklin, Daniel F.
 Burr, Charles C.

Messrs. Clark, Charles N.	Messrs. Milne, John C.
Clark, Sewall J.	Paine, Robert Treat, Jr.
Coffin, Charles C.	Richards, Charles W.
Davenport, James F.	Shaw, Elisha H.
Dresser, Jacob A.	Smith, George E.
Ernst, George A. O.	Tufts, George K.
Frisbee, Frank W.	Wadlin, Horace G.
Hazelton, Charles W.	Walker, Aaron G.
Hewins, James	Webb, Elisha
Johnson, Thomas B.	Weston, Thomas, Jr.
Keyes, Lorrin P.	Wilbur, Edward P.
McFarland, Cromwell	Williams, Fred H.

Yeas, 123 ; nays, 80.

On this question Messrs. Gove of Boston, Bosworth of Taunton, Whitcomb of Watertown and Nash of Abington, who, it was announced, would have voted in the affirmative, were paired respectively with Messrs. Baker of Beverly, Swift of New Bedford, Kendrick of Springfield and Kingsbury of Holliston.

An Engrossed Resolve.

John Doherty. An engrossed Resolve in favor of the widow of the late John Doherty, was put upon its final passage. On motion of Mr. Dwyer of Boston, the resolve was laid on the table. Subsequently on motion of the same gentleman, the resolve was taken from the table, amended under a suspension of the rule at "A" and "B" by striking out the word "widow" and inserting in place thereof the word "child" and sent up for concurrence in the amendments.

Resolves Passed.

Resolves passed. Engrossed resolves :
 Providing for repairs and improvements in the State House and at the Commonwealth Building ;
 Confirming the acts of Jerome H. Fiske as a justice of the peace ; and
 In favor of the brothers of the late James William Finan ;
 (Which severally originated in the House) ; and
 To establish the salary of the Governor of the Commonwealth (which originated in the Senate) ;
 Were severally passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Taken from the Table.

On motion of Mr. Coffin of Boston the Bill (on leave) repealing the act regulating the compensation and mileage of members of the General Court was taken from the table and was rejected as recommended by the committee on Expenditures, and notice thereof was sent to the Senate.

Compensation and mileage of members.

On motion of Mr. Coffin of Boston the order relative to the pay-roll of members was taken from the table, and was adopted, as amended, on motion of Mr. Linnell of Orleans, by substituting therefor the following:—

Pay roll of members.

Ordered, That the committee on Pay Roll make up the pay roll for the compensation of members for attendance during the present session of the Legislature, with such provision for the compensation of members who have served only a part of the session as they may deem expedient.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Papers from the Senate.

A Resolution concerning the Cape Cod Ship Canal Company, adopted by the Senate, was read and adopted, in concurrence, as follows, under a suspension of the rule:

Cape Cod Ship Canal Co.

Resolved, That the Legislature of Massachusetts earnestly commends to the Congress of the United States, and especially to the senators and representatives of Massachusetts therein, the Cape Cod Ship Canal, now under process of construction, as a work of great public importance, commercially and otherwise, and as worthy of co-operation and substantial assistance from the government of the United States.

Bills:

Establishing the salaries of the Assistant Clerk of the Senate and the Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives; and

Salary of assistant clerks of Senate and House.

Establishing the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms;

Salary of Sergeant-at-Arms.

Severally introduced on leave in the House, came down from the Senate concurred, in the suspension of the 12th Joint Rule. They were severally read a second and a third time, under a suspension of the rules, in each case, moved by Mr. O'Neil of Boston, and were severally passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Introduced on Leave.

Compensation
of chaplain,
doorkeepers,
etc.

By Mr. Hoynes of Boston, a Bill to fix the compensation of the chaplains, doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers, postmaster, messengers and pages, of the Senate and House of Representatives. Read, and referred under the 12th Joint Rule, to the next General Court, the House having refused to suspend the rule.

Reports of Committees.

Appropriation
bill.

By Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill in further addition to "An Act making appropriations for expenses authorized the present year, and for other purposes." Read, and under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Davenport, it was read a second and a third time, and passed to be engrossed, and sent up for concurrence.

Pay roll.

By Mr. Linnell of Orleans, from the committee on Pay Roll who were instructed to make up the pay roll of the members of the House of Representatives, recommending that there be paid to George E. Batchelder of Worcester, the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars, to George H. Hunt of Rockland, the sum of three hundred dollars, Henry A. Baker of Rockland, the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars, Dominick J. Harkins of Boston the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars, and Emerson Warner of Worcester, the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars, and recommending the adoption of the following order, with the accompanying schedule:—

Ordered, That the accompanying schedule—showing that the amount of \$157,080 is due to the members of the House of Representatives for attendance at the present session of the General Court, and that the sum of \$1,998 is due for compensation for mileage—is approved, and the same be sent to the Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Read and accepted under a suspension of the rules; and the order was adopted, and signed by the Speaker.

Bills Enacted and Resolve Passed.

Bills enacted,—
resolve passed.

Engrossed bills:

Establishing the salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms;

Establishing the salary of the Assistant Clerk of the Senate and the Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives;

Concerning foreign corporations having a usual place of business in this Commonwealth; and

In further addition to "An Act making further appropriations for expenses authorized the present year";

(Which severally originated in the House); and

In addition to "An Act to establish a Reformatory for male prisoners" (which originated in the Senate);

Were severally passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

An engrossed Resolve in favor of the child of the late John Doherty (which originated in the House), was passed, signed and sent to the Senate.

Adjournment.

At the suggestion of the Speaker the rule requiring an adjournment to be declared on the completion of the business on which the House may be engaged at five o'clock was suspended.

Hour of adjournment.

Resolutions.

Mr. Brackett of Boston, being in the chair, Mr. Morse of Sharon, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered to the Honorable George A. Marden for the dignified, able and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations, assuring him that we appreciate his untiring courtesy to the members, and the skill and despatch with which he has disposed of the business of the session, and in parting we invoke for him that measure of success and prosperity which a faithful public servant deserves.

Resolution of thanks to the Speaker.

After remarks by Messrs. Morse of Sharon, Rantoul of Salem, Dwyer of Boston, Bowker of Boston, Boardman of Boston, Roads of Marblehead, Cross of Newburyport, Willcomb of Ipswich, Beard of Boston and O'Neil of Boston, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Speaker resumed the chair, and spoke as follows:—

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE, — Whatever an earnest purpose to do my best to properly perform the duties of the Chair *could* accomplish worthy of your kind expressions has been done. Any lack of success is due in part to my inability, and in part to the inevitable difficulties of the

position. There has been, from first to last, no want of cordial co-operation and forbearance on the part of any member of the House; and that the session has passed away without friction and with nothing to mar its harmony is largely due to the kind consideration uniformly accorded to "the Chair." I confess to having sometimes been, and I have no doubt often *seemed*, somewhat impatient at the painful slowness of legislative progress. For, while we have passed many very important acts, and have adversely acted on still more numerous grave propositions which have been submitted to us, I cannot feel that there have been such demands on our time and attention as have warranted a session longer than two-thirds of the sessions have been during the past fifteen years. I find nothing in our business of an extraordinary character which should have kept us in our seats longer than in 1880, when the session occupied but one hundred and seven days; in 1879, when, with all the special work of a year of "retrenchment and reform," we sat but one hundred and twenty days; or in 1876, when we remained here but one hundred and fifteen days. This is the one hundred and fifty-fifth day of this session, and there have been but seven longer sessions, I believe, in the history of the Commonwealth. With all deference to those who insist that we have been as expeditious as possible, I must declare my belief that there is a growing absenteeism, both from committee room and legislative chamber, which not only unwarrantably extends the annual session, but which inevitably crowds the most important measures into the last weeks of time, when proper deliberation is almost impossible. Could we be insured an attendance of at least two-thirds of the members of the House during the full hours allotted for our daily sittings we might forego all other devices for "expediting business," with the certainty that nothing would be done hastily or inconsiderately, while prorogation would come far earlier than it is now reached. I make no apology for alluding to this subject at this time, because it seems to me a more serious matter than it is generally considered, and that there is a crying need of reform not more in the interest of a prompt, than of a proper, despatch of the public business. Aside from this I have only commendation to utter. No more intelligent or fair-minded assembly of the people's representatives has ever occupied these seats. Certainly no one of the

long list of distinguished men who have occupied this chair could have been more fortunate in his election or his experience than their humble successor who now addresses you. And for the multitude of kindnesses received from each and all, I return my most sincere thanks. Let me hasten to acknowledge also how large a part of my own success and comfort, as well as yours, has been due to the rare skill, patience and fidelity of the Clerk, Mr. McLaughlin, and his courteous assistant. How largely the steady movement of the legislative machinery depends upon them is not always known or appreciated. And I might remark similarly of the Sergeant-at-Arms and his assistants, to whom we are all constantly under obligations for courteous attentions. To the Chaplain also we are indebted for that terse and yet always timely invocation of the divine blessing on our daily labors which an honored custom provides, the passage of which, fortunately, does not depend for its validity on the presence of a quorum.

Gentlemen, our labors are now happily drawing to a close. Our numbers have not been broken by death; and we shall all return to our usual avocations with renewed zest, and, I am sure, with the comfortable self-assurance that the Commonwealth has received no detriment at our hands.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Wadlin of Reading:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the House of Representatives are tendered to Mr. Edward A. McLaughlin, for the faithful and painstaking manner in which he has discharged the duties of Clerk, and for the uniform courtesy and assistance which he has extended to the members throughout the present session.

Resolution of thanks to the Clerk.

After remarks by Messrs. Wadlin of Reading, Hartwell of Fitchburg, White of Taunton, Brackett of Boston, Cummings of Boston, Willson of Salem, Howland of Plymouth and Stow of Fall River, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Cowdrey of Stoneham:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the House are hereby given to Oreb F. Mitchell, Sergeant-at-Arms and his courteous assistants, for their diligent, faithful and satisfac-

Resolution of thanks to the Sergeant-at-Arms.

tory discharge of the duties of their respective offices during the present session.

After remarks by Messrs. Cowdrey of Stoneham, Creed of Boston and Coffey of Boston, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Coffin of Boston :—

Resolution of thanks to the Chaplain.

Resolved, That the thanks of the House are hereby tendered to the Rev. Daniel W. Waldron, for the very appropriate and acceptable manner in which he has performed his duties as Chaplain during the present session.

After remarks by Messrs. Coffin of Boston and Damon of Haverhill, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Ernst of Boston and unanimously adopted by a rising vote :—

Resolution of thanks to the Assistant Clerk.

Resolved, That this House recognizes the able and faithful manner in which Robert A. Southworth has discharged the duties of Assistant Clerk during the present session and extends its thanks to him assuring him, that it will not forget his uniform courtesy and gentlemanly and prompt assistance in all matters coming before them.

Recess Taken.

Recess.

At twenty minutes past five o'clock, on motion of Mr. O'Neil of Boston, the Speaker declared a recess until half past seven o'clock.

Report of a Committee.

Appropriation bill.

Mr. Davenport of Fall River, from the committee on Finance, on an order relative to appropriation bills, a Bill making appropriations for the salaries of the Clerks and Assistant Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Read and under a suspension of the rules moved by Mr. Davenport, it was read a second and a third time, and was passed to be engrossed and sent up for concurrence.

Bill Enacted.

Bill enacted.

An engrossed Bill making appropriations for the salaries of the Clerks and Assistant Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, and Sergeant-at-Arms (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted, signed and sent to the Senate.

PROROGATION.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have disposed of all the public business which has been brought before them, and to request him with the advice of the Council to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first day of January next. Prorogation.

Messrs. Loring, Steele, and Randall of Middlesex having been appointed said committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Coffin of Boston, Cowdrey of Stoneham, Stebbins of Chicopee, Cutler of Brimfield, Weston of Newton, Bradlee of Milton, Randall of Boston, and Roads of Marblehead, were joined on the part of the House.

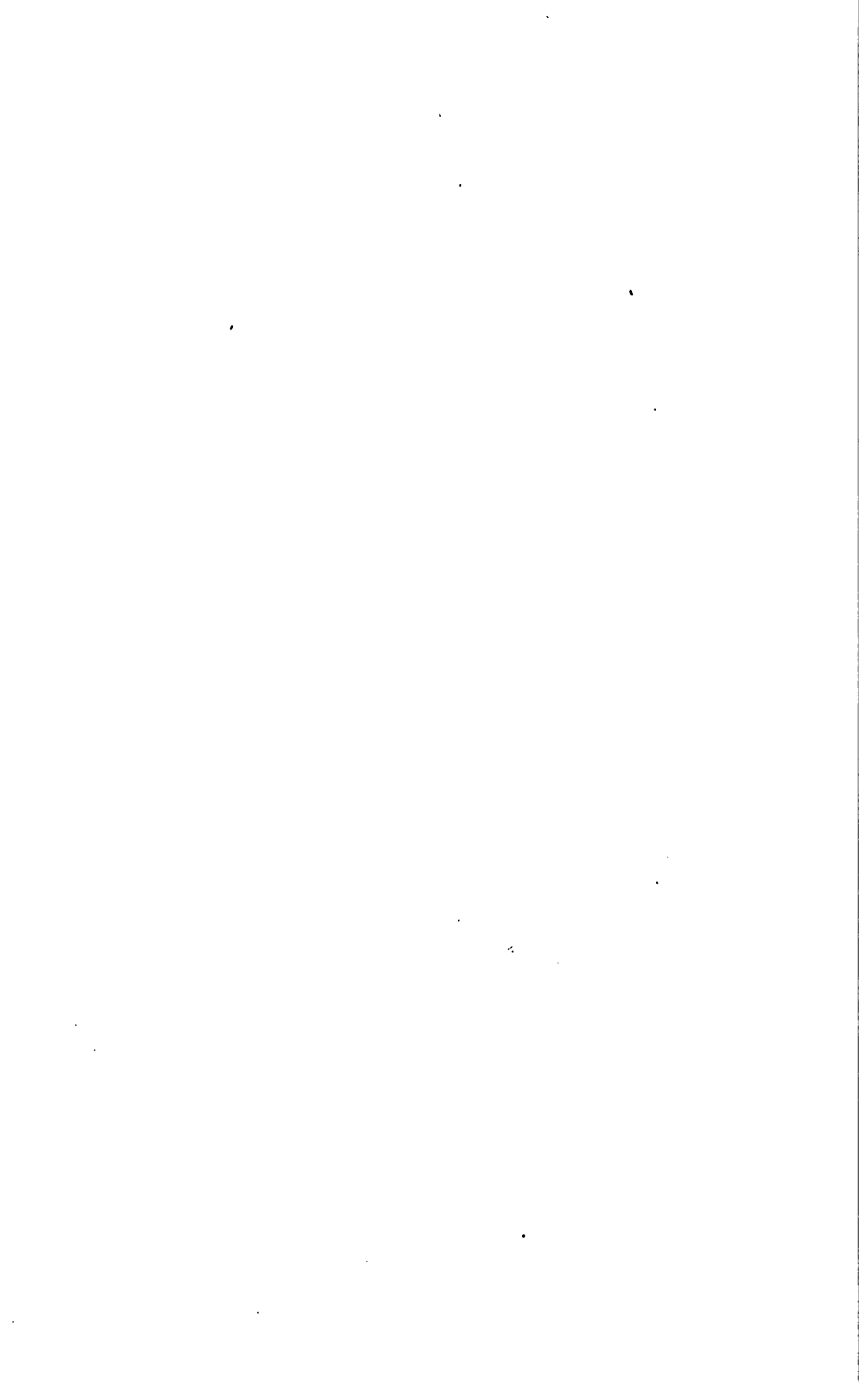
Mr. Coffin from the committee afterwards reported that they had waited upon His Excellency, and informed him of the action of two branches and His Excellency congratulated the members upon the conclusion of their labors, and wished them a safe return to happy homes, and said that he would communicate further with the two houses through the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

At eighteen minutes past eight o'clock, the Secretary of the Commonwealth came in, and stated, that His Excellency had signed during the session, three hundred and thirty-three acts and eighty-one resolves; and that he had returned with his objections thereto, three bills, two of which became laws by the action of the two houses, in accordance with the Constitution.

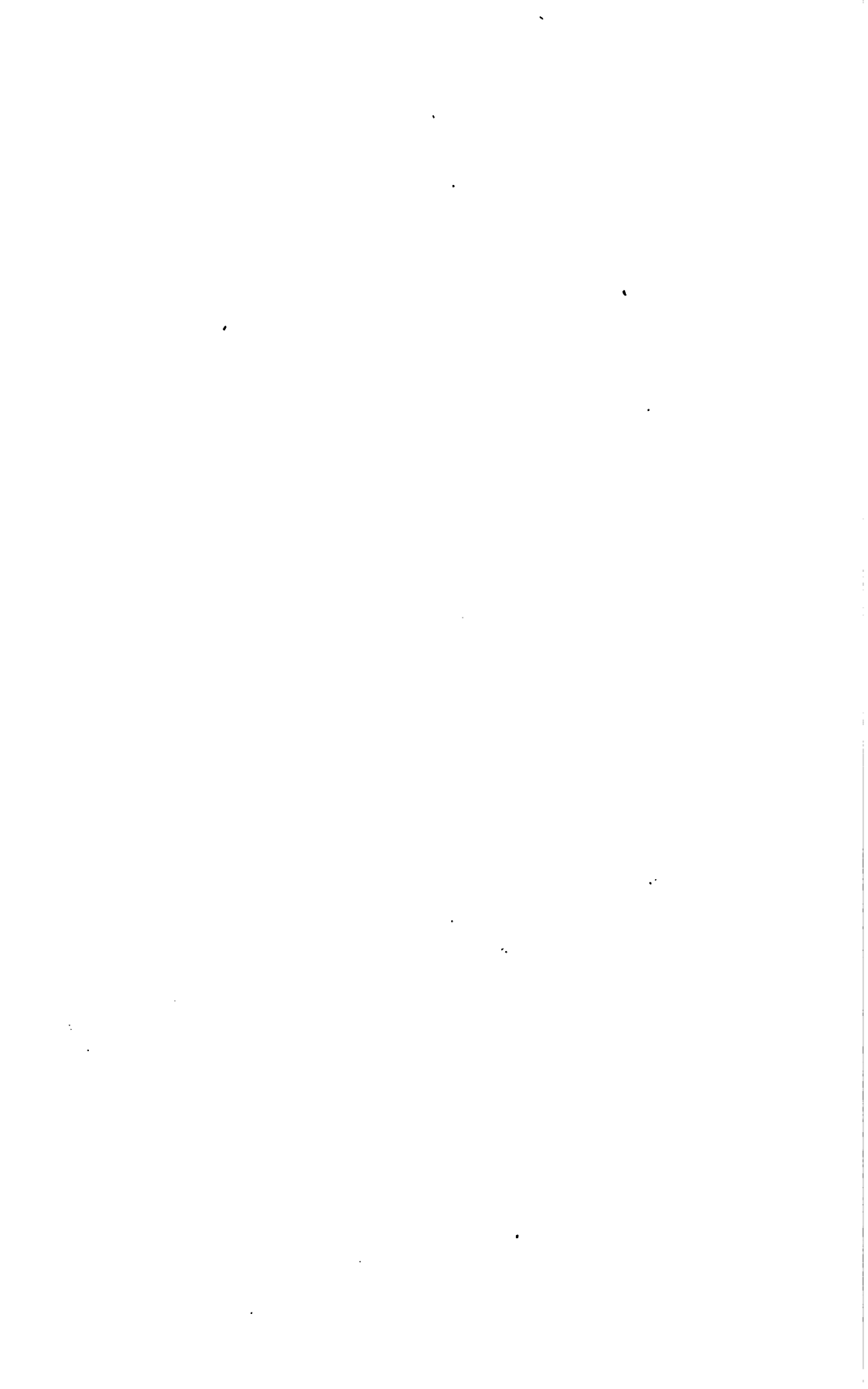
The Secretary further stated that he had been directed by the Governor, with the consent of the Council, and in compliance with the request of the two branches, to prorogue the General Court to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next. And the General Court was prorogued accordingly.

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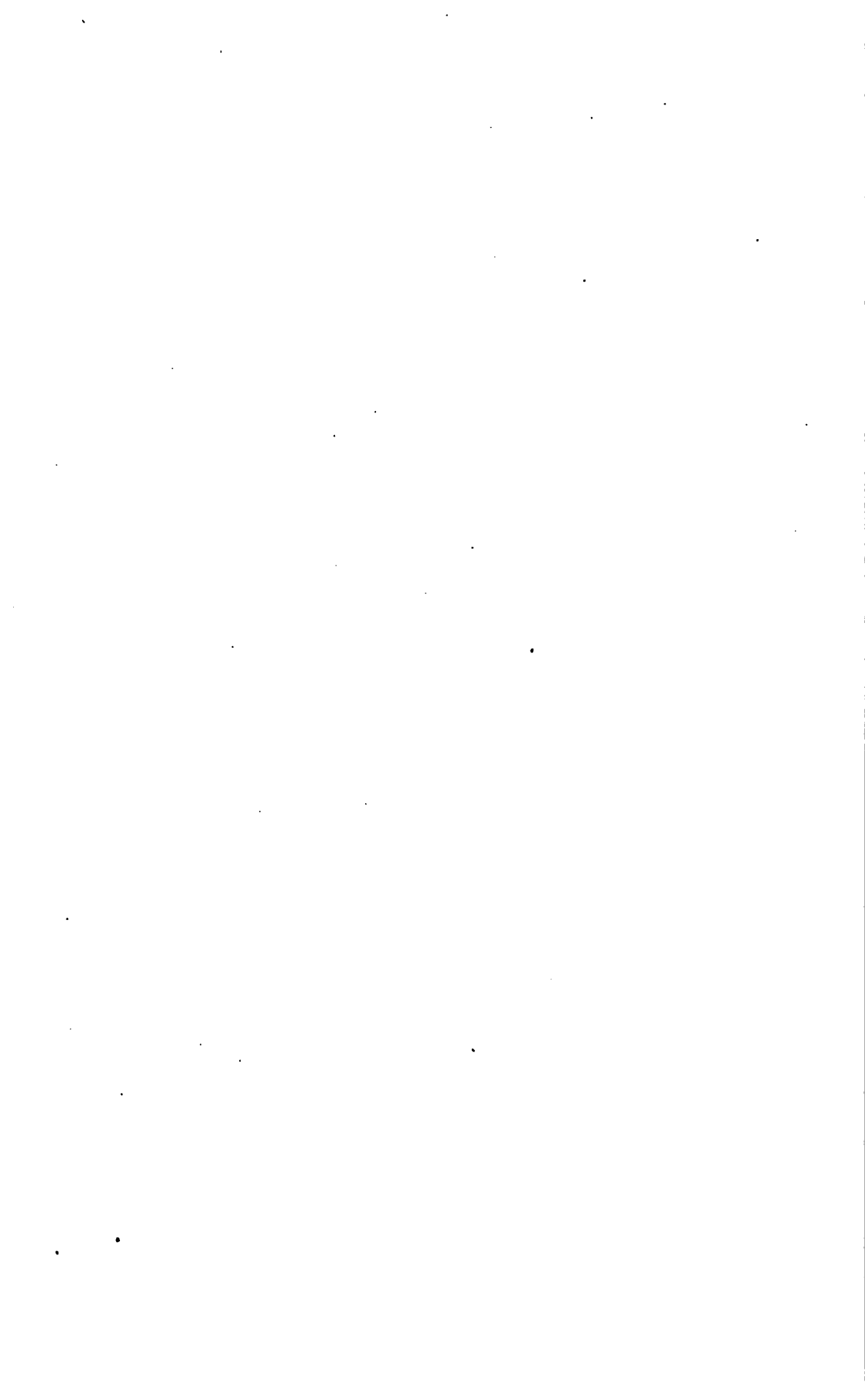
EDWARD A. McLAUGHLIN, *Clerk.*



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[No. 1.]

ANNUAL REGISTER

OF THE

Executive and Legislative Departments

OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

1884.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First Year in Present Office.
George D. Robinson,	Chicopee,	Feb. 20, 1834,	Lexington,	Lawyer,	1884.
Oliver Ames,	Easton,	Feb. 4, 1831,	Easton,	Manufacturer,	1888.
Jonathan Bourne, <i>Councillor</i> , Dist. No. 1, . .	New Bedford,	Mar. 25, 1811,	Sandwich,	Merchant,	1884.
Nathaniel Wales, " " " " " 2, . .	Stoughton,	Nov. 25, 1819,	Brockton,	Manufacturer,	1882.
Charles R. McLean,* " " " " " 3, . .	Boston,	April 12, 1824,	Nova Scotia,	Manufacturer,	1884.
John Haskell Butler, " " " " " 3, . .	Somerville,	Aug. 31, 1841,	Middleton,	Lawyer,	1884.
Patrick Maguire, " " " " " 4, . .	Boston,	Dec. 5, 1838,	Ireland,	Real Estate,	1883.
Robert Tarr, " " " " " 5, . .	Gloucester,	Oct. 22, 1832,	Gloucester,	Merchant,	1884.
Charles S. Lilley, " " " " " 6, . .	Lowell,	Dec. 13, 1851,	Lowell,	Lawyer,	1884.
Eben A. Hall, " " " " " 7, . .	Greenfield,	Dec. 20, 1839,	Taunton,	Editor & Publisher,	1883.
Zenas Crane, Jr., " " " " " 8, . .	Dalton,	Dec. 6, 1840,	Dalton,	Paper Manufacturer,	1884.

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Edwin A. Grozier, <i>Private Secretary to the Governor</i> ,	Malden,	Sept. 12, 1859,	San Francisco, Cal.,	Journalist,	1884.
Edward F. Hamlin, <i>Executive Clerk</i> ,	Newton,	June 6, 1846,	Plainfield,	Merchant,	1881.
<i>Heads of Departments —</i>					
Henry B. Peirce, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Abington,	Aug. 6, 1841,	Duxbury,	Insurance Broker,	1876.
Daniel A. Gleason, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Medford,	May 9, 1836,	Worcester,	Lawyer,	1881.
Charles R. Ladd, <i>Auditor</i> ,	Springfield,	April 9, 1822,	Holland, Conn.,	Insurance,	1879.
Edgar J. Sherman, <i>Attorney-General</i> ,	Lawrence,	Nov. 28, 1834,	Weathersfield, Vt.	Lawyer,	1888.
Samuel Dalton, <i>Adjutant-General</i> ,	Salem,	June 25, 1840,	Salem,	Merchant,	1888.

* Died April 18, 1884.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.

GEORGE A. BRUCE, PRESIDENT.

DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st Year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
First District,	Charles A. Campbell,	Chelsea,	Nov. 6, 1837,	Boston,	Coal Dealer,	1884. ²
Second "	Ezra J. Trull,	Boston,	Sept. 13, 1842,	"	Distiller,	1884. ²
Third "	Owen A. Galvin,	"	June 21, 1852,	"	Lawyer,	1881. ¹
Fourth "	John F. Andrew,	"	Nov. 26, 1860,	Hingham,	Lawyer,	1880. ¹
Fifth "	Cornelius F. Cronin,	"	July 26, 1851,	Ireland,	Lawyer,	1881. ¹
Sixth "	Albert E. Pillsbury,	"	Aug. 19, 1849,	Milford, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1876. ¹
Seventh "	Charles Whitier,	"	Nov. 6, 1829,	Vienna, Me.,	Machinery Mfr.,	1884. ²
Eighth "	George L. Burt,	"	Nov. 3, 1829,	Walpole, N. H.,	Carpenter,	1880. ¹
ESSEX COUNTY.						
First District,	John R. Baldwin,	Lynn,	May 10, 1854,	Lynn,	Lawyer,	1882. ²
Second "	William Sparhawk,	Marblehead,	Oct. 21, 1827,	Marblehead,	Trader,	1883. ²
Third "	Isaac A. S. Steele,	Gloucester,	Feb. 2, 1840,	Gloucester,	Sailmaker,	1881. ¹
Fourth "	Albert Carrier,	Newburyport,	April 7, 1819,	Newburyport,	Builder,	1852. ²
Fifth "	Edwin Bowley,	Haverhill,	Nov. 17, 1822,	Haverhill,	Trader,	1883. ²
Sixth "	James O. Parker,	Methuen,	Nov. 22, 1827,	Pembroke, N. H.,	Insurance Agent,	1874. ¹
MIDDLESEX COUNTY.						
First District,	George A. Bruce,	Somerville,	Nov. 19, 1839,	Mt. Vernon, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1862. ²
Second "	David Randall,	Waltham,	Feb. 24, 1818,	Richmond, N. H.,	Com. Merchant,	1877. ¹

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Third District, . . .	Henry H. Gilmore, . . .	Cambridge, . . .	Aug. 31, 1832, . . .	Warner, N. H., . . .	Iron Manufactur'r, . . .	1884. ²
Fourth " . . .	Walter N. Mason, . . .	Natick, . . .	Oct. 12, 1824, . . .	Tamworth, N. H., . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1874. ²
Fifth " . . .	George W. Sanderson, . . .	Littleton, . . .	Oct. 6, 1830, . . .	Littleton, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1877. ¹
Sixth " . . .	Onslow Gilmore, . . .	Stoneham, . . .	Mar. 8, 1832, . . .	Bedford, N. H., . . .	Treas. Sav. Bank, . . .	1876. ¹
Seventh " . . .	John H. Morrison, . . .	Lowell, . . .	Dec. 23, 1856, . . .	Westford, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1882. ¹
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	John D. Washburn, . . .	Worcester, . . .	Mar. 27, 1838, . . .	Boston, . . .	Lawyer & Under-writer, . . .	1876. ¹
Second " . . .	Charles E. Whitin, . . .	Northbridge, . . .	Sept. -, 1828, . . .	Uxbridge, . . .	Cotton Manufact'r, . . .	1884. ²
Third " . . .	Charles A. Denny, . . .	Leicester, . . .	Mar. 4, 1836, . . .	Leicester, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1884. ²
Fourth " . . .	Thomas P. Root, . . .	Barre, . . .	July 8, 1824, . . .	Greenwich, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1880. ¹
Fifth " . . .	Edward P. Loring, . . .	Fitchburg, . . .	Mar. 2, 1837, . . .	Norridgew'k, Me., . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1872. ¹
HAMPDEN COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	William R. Sessions, . . .	Hampden, . . .	Dec. 3, 1835, . . .	S. Willbraham, N. H., . . .	Farmer, . . .	1868. ¹
Second " . . .	Albert C. Woodworth, . . .	Chicopee, . . .	June 5, 1841, . . .	Chicopee, . . .	Manufacturer, . . .	1879. ²
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.						
Hampshire District, . . .	Alvan Barrus, . . .	Goshen, . . .	Oct. 14, 1831, . . .	Goshen, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1879. ¹
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Franklin District, . . .	Rufus Livermore, . . .	Orange, . . .	Nov. -, 1839, . . .	Groton, . . .	Sec. Machine Co., . . .	1879. ¹
BERKSHIRE COUNTY.						
North Berkshire District, . . .	S. Proctor Thayer, . . .	No. Adams, . . .	July 1, 1853, . . .	No. Adams, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1880. ¹
South " . . .	Herbert C. Joyner, . . .	G. Barrington, . . .	July 12, 1838, . . .	N'w Hartford, N. Y., . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1869. ¹
NORFOLK COUNTY.						
First District, . . .	William A. Hodges, . . .	Quincy, . . .	May 15, 1834, . . .	Petersham, . . .	Baker, . . .	1875. ¹
Second " . . .	Edward I. Thomas, . . .	Brookline, . . .	Nov. 19, 1839, . . .	Cincinnati, O., . . .	—, . . .	1877. ¹

¹ House of Representatives.

² Senate.

Districts.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st Year in Leg.
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.						
First District,	Peleg McFarlin,	Carver,	Oct. 18, 1849,	Carver,	Merchant,	1881. ¹
Second "	Horace Reed,	S. Abington,	Nov. 26, 1820,	Abington,	Clerk,	1863. ¹
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
First District,	Frederick L. Burden,	Attleborough,	April 20, 1847,	East Douglas,	Physician & Surg'n,	1884. ²
Second "	Frank S. Stevens,	Swansey,	Aug. 6, 1827,	Rutland, Vt.,	Manufacturer,	1884. ²
Third "	Charles S. Randall,	New Bedford,	Feb. 20, 1824,	New Bedford,	Merchant,	1883. ²
BARNSTABLE, NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTIES,						
Cape District,	Howes Norris,	Cottage City,	Nov. 2, 1841,	Tisbury,	Editor,	1884. ²

¹ House of Representatives.

² Senate.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st Year in Office.
Stephen N. Gifford, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Duxbury,	July 21, 1816,	Pembroke,	1858.
E. Herbert Clapp, <i>Assistant Clerk</i> ,	Boston,	Oct. 17, 1838,	Dorchester,	1880.
Edmund Dowse, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Sherborn,	Jan. 30, 1813,	Sherborn,	1880. ¹
O. F. Mitchell, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> ,	Boston,	Jan. 30, 1838,	Wareham,	1876.

¹ Member of the Senate, 1860, 1870.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

GEORGE A. MARDEN, SPEAKER.

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Districts.	REPRESENTATIVES.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st Year in Leg.
BARNSTABLE COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Meliah Gifford,	Falmouth,	July 5, 1848,	Falmouth,	Civ. Eng'r and Farm'r,	1884.
2.	Zenas E. Crowell,	Barnstable,	Dec. 3, 1820,	Yarmouth,	Master Mariner,	1884.
3.	Joshua Crowell,	Dennis,	Oct. 24, 1848,	Dennis,	Farmer,	1884.
4.	Clarendon A. Freeman,	Chatham,	Aug. 28, 1849,	Chatham,	Grocer,	1883.
5.	Solomon Linnell, 2d,	Orleans,	Oct. 1, 1820,	Orleans,	Keep'r U.S.L.S. No. 12,	1883.
6.	Edward E. Small,	Provincetown,	Oct. 7, 1848,	Provincetown,	Wholesale Fish D'ler,	1883.
BERKSHIRE COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Fordyce W. Briggs,	Lanesborough,	Oct. 15, 1847,	Cummington,	Farmer,	1884.
2.	Moses B. Darling,	North Adams,	Mar. 11, 1827,	Rowe,	Grocer,	1884.
3.	John S. Adams,	Adams,	Feb. 3, 1832,	Gt. Barrington,	Cotton Manufacturer,	1884.
4.	Thomas A. Oman,	Pittsfield,	1826,	Albany, N. Y.,	Retired Merchant,	1884.
5.	Jacob Gimlich,	Pittsfield,	Oct. 4, 1845,	Germany,	Brewer,	1883.
6.	Daniel F. Bucklin,	Cheshire,	Feb. 16, 1834,	Adams,	Clerk,	1884.
7.	William H. Gross,	Lee,	1844,	Trafte, Penn.,	Marble Dealer,	1884.
8.	Henry J. Dunham,	Stockbridge,	June 26, 1832,	Savoy,	Lawyer,	1871.
	Alfred S. Fassett,	Gt. Barrington,	Dec. 5, 1849,	Bennington, Vt.,	Merchant,	1884.
	Lorrin P. Keyes,	New Marlboro',	Jan. 6, 1837,	New Marlboro',		1880.

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BRISTOL COUNTY.						
No. 1.	{ Handel N. Daggett, George A. Adams.	{ Attleborough, Attleborough.	{ Jan. 27, 1821, April 3, 1850.	{ Attleborough, Springfield.	{ M'r Worsted Goods, Attorney-at-Law.	{ 1863. 1884.
2.	{ Thomas B. Johnson, Lloyd Everett White,	{ Raynham, Taunton.	{ Sept. 21, 1824, Dec. 12, 1849.	{ Poland, Me., Norton.	{ Shoe Manufacturer, Lawyer.	{ 1884. 1881.
3.	{ Benjamin S. Bosworth, Herbert L. Peck,	{ Taunton, Taunton.	{ July 31, 1838, Jan. 21, 1850.	{ Ware, Taunton.	{ Nailer, Boot and Shoe Deal'r.	{ 1884. 1888.
4.	{ George P. Morse,	{ Acushnet.	{ Oct. 19, 1839.	{ Fairhaven.	{ F'r'm'r and L'mb'r'm'n.	{ 1884.
5.	{ William A. Searall, Augustus Swift,	{ New Bedford, New Bedford.	{ Apr. 29, 1836, Sept. 28, 1831.	{ New Bedford, Sandwich.	{ Hotel Proprietor, Iron Foundry.	{ 1883. 1884.
6.	{ William Gordon, Jr., Thomas W. Cook,	{ New Bedford, New Bedford.	{ Dec. 16, 1825, Sept. 15, 1837.	{ New Bedford, New Bedford.	{ Commiss'n Merch'nt, Retired.	{ 1883. 1884.
7.	{ Edward C. Almy, Charles B. Martin,	{ Dartmouth, Fall River.	{ Mar. 19, 1858, Feb. 17, 1854.	{ Dartmouth, Fall River.	{ Attorney-at-Law, Cotton Spinner.	{ 1884. 1883.
8.	{ Patrick E. Foley, Timothy Dwight Stow.	{ Fall River, Fall River.	{ Mar. 11, 1847, Sept. 16, 1829.	{ Ireland, Eldridge, N. Y.,	{ Glazier, Physician and Surg'n.	{ 1883. 1884.
9.	{ James F. Davenport, John C. Milne,	{ Fall River, Fall River.	{ Mar. 4, 1832, May 18, 1824.	{ Belleville, N. J., Milfield, Scotland.	{ Retired, Printer and Publisher.	{ 1880. 1884.
10.	{ Nathaniel M. Burr,	{ Seekonk.	{ July 28, 1838.	{ Rehoboth.	{ M'r Wooden Ware.	{ 1884.
DUKES COUNTY.						
No. 1.	{ Everett Allen Davis.	{ Tisbury.	{ Oct. 11, 1857.	{ Pawtucket, R. I.,	{ Lawyer.	{ 1884.
ESSEX COUNTY.						
No. 1.	{ George Elwell.	{ Rockport.	{ Sept. 7, 1828.	{ Rockport.	{ Contractor.	{ 1884.
2.	{ Frank H. Gaffney, Erastus Howes.	{ Gloucester, Gloucester.	{ Aug. 26, 1848, July 3, 1834.	{ Gloucester. Chatham.	{ Caulker, Ship Joiner.	{ 1883. 1883.
3.	{ Wm. A. Homans, Jr.,	{ Gloucester.	{ June 14, 1845.	{ Lynn.	{ Ice Dealer.	{ 1884.

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4,	Andrew H. Paton,	Danvers,	July 18, 1849,	Danvers,	Journalist,	1884.
5,	John I. Baker,	Beverly,	Aug. 16, 1812,	Beverly,	Real Estate,	1840.
6,	Robert S. Rantoul,	Salem,	June 2, 1832,	Beverly,	Lawyer,	1858.
	Edward Collins,	Salem,	Oct. 14, 1838,	Salem,	Bookkeeper,	1884.
7,	Edmund B. Willson,	Salem,	Aug. 16, 1820,	Petersham,	Clergyman,	1883.
	Timothy Bryant,	Salem,	Mar. 23, 1841,	Salem,	Locomotive Engin'r,	1884.
8,	Samuel Roads, Jr.,	Marblehead,	Oct. 22, 1854,	Marblehead,	Journalist,	1884.
	Isaac Atkins,	Marblehead,	Feb. 9, 1835,	Marblehead,	Shoe Cutter and Chief of Fire Dept.,	1884.
9,	Frank W. Jones,	Lynn,	Aug. 20, 1855,	Stoughton,	Foreman Shoe M'Fry,	1884.
	William R. Melden,	Lynn,	Feb. 9, 1842,	Liverpool, N. S.,	Clerk,	1869.
10,	Patrick S. Curry,	Lynn,	May 4, 1830,	Ireland,	Granite Dealer and Contractor,	1884.
11,	George W. Littlefield,	Lynn,	Sept. 5, 1833,	Kennebunk, Me.,	Shoemaker,	1883.
12,	Joseph E. Tarbox,	Lynn,	Apr. 2, 1840,	Lynn,	Grocer,	1884.
13,	Aaron F. Clark,	Peabody,	Apr. 7, 1816,	Frances'tn, N. H.,	Lumber Dealer,	1883.
14,	O. Loring Carleton,	Middleton,	Feb. 29, 1834,	No. Andover,	Farmer,	1884.
15,	Frank W. Frisbee,	No. Andover,	Apr. 17, 1858,	No. Andover,	Tinsmith,	1884.
16,	Frederic Willcomb,	Ipswich,	Nov. 29, 1831,	Ipswich,	Auct'r and R'l Est. D'r,	1870.
17,	Henry M. Cross,	Newburyport,	June 22, 1843,	Gorham, Me.,	Coal Dealer,	1884.
18,	George P. Bishop,	Newburyport,	Nov. 11, 1831,	Concord, N. H.,	Harness Manuf'r,	1884.
19,	Simeon T. Peakes,	Georgetown,	Dec. 12, 1846,	Dedham, Me.,	Boot Blocker,	1884.
	John L. Cilley,	Salisbury,	Oct. 26, 1827,	Salisbury,	Treas. and Collector,	1884.
20,	John B. Judkins,	Merrimac,	June 18, 1835,	Freedom, N. H.,	Carriage Manuf'r,	1884.
	Calvin Damon,	Haverhill,	July 24, 1818,	Scituate,	Clergyman,	1884.
	Charles H. Flint,	Haverhill,	Jan. 15, 1829,	Allenstown, N. H.,	Shoemaker,	1884.
	Franklin Saunders,	Methuen,	Jan. 15, 1825,	Salem, N. H.,	Expressman,	1884.
21,	Edw. F. O'Sullivan,	Lawrence,	June 23, 1858,	Lawrence,	Journalist,	1884.
	Henry P. Danforth,	Lawrence,	Nov. 24, 1845,	Webster, N. H.,	Painter,	1880.
	John H. Stafford,	Lawrence,	Nov. 16, 1841,	Denton, England,	Brush Manufacturer,	1884.
	Richard T. Butler,	Lawrence,	Aug. 12, 1854,	Bradford, Eng.,	Wool Sorter,	1884.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Charles A. Towne,	Orange,	Oct. 3, 1848,	Dana,	Grocer,	1888.
2.	Charles W. Hazelton,	Montague	Oct 31, 1848,	Plymouth, N. H.,	Civil Engineer.	1884.
3.	William A. Forbes,	Greenfield,	May 13, 1836,	Buckland,	Dry Goods Merchant,	1884.
4.	Silas White Allis,	Whately,	Dec. 1829,	Whately,	Farmer,	1884.
5.	Orswell A. Wheeler,	Bernardston,	Aug. 13, 1840,	Halifax, Vt.,	Physician,	1884.
6.	Frederick H. Smith,	Ashfield,	July 12, 1840,	Buckland,	Farmer,	1884.
HAMPDEN COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Lucius A. Cutler,	Brimfield,	May 30, 1812,	Walpole, N. H.,	Life Insurance Agent,	1884.
2.	Oren B. Smith,	Palmer,	Dec. 6, 1827,	Kirby, Vt.,	Manufacturer.	1884.
3.	Erastus Stebbins,	Chicopee,	Mar. 8, 1817,	Winchester, N. H.,	Retired Manufacturer,	1856.
4.	Charles W. Richards,	Springfield,	Nov. 18, 1824,	Greenwich,	Builder,	1876.
5.	Frank E. Carpenter,	Springfield,	Aug. 29, 1851,	Monson,	Lawyer,	1884.
6.	Frank E. Winter,	Springfield,	Dec. 28, 1850,	Palmer,	Merchant,	1884.
7.	Edmund P. Kendrick,	Springfield,	Feb. 1, 1849,	Lebanon, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1884.
	Nathaniel Howard,	Springfield,	July 6, 1818,	Windsor, Conn.,	Manufacturer of gold Chains and Rings,	1862.
8.	John H. Wright,	Holyoke,	June 24, 1843,	Ireland,	Retired Merchant,	1877.
9.	Wilbert T. Dean,	Holyoke,	Dec. 21, 1845,	Constatlev'e, N.Y.		1884.
10.	Charles N. Oakes,	Westfield,	Oct. 24, 1854,	Dana,	Bookkeeper,	1884.
	Eber A. Eggleston,	Westfield,	Sept. 28, 1815,	Westfield,	Marketman,	1884.
11.	Edwin Gilbert,	Southwick,	Jan. 31, 1820,	S. Windsor, Conn.,	Station Agent,	1869.
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Charles N. Clark,	Northampton,	Apr. 4, 1853,	Northampton,	Attorney-at-Law,	1889.
	John F. Warner,	Northampton,	Apr. 4, 1828,	Northampton,	Farmer,	1880.

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No.	Name	Residence	Date	Profession	Year
2,	Daniel W. Wells,	Hatfield,	Apr. 17, 1842,	Farmer,	1888.
3,	James A. Winslow,	Plainfield,	May 19, 1839,	Farmer,	1884.
4,	Chester H. Gray,	Prescott,	Dec. 28, 1818,	Farmer,	1884.
5,	Lyman D. Potter,	Enfield,	May 31, 1832,	Farmer,	1884.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY.					
No. 1,	Wm. Amos Bancroft,	Cambridge,	Apr. 26, 1855,	Lawyer,	1883.
2,	Chester W. Kingsley,	Cambridge,	June 9, 1824,	Treas., Bank Pres., etc.,	1881.
3,	George C. Bent,	Cambridge,	July 17, 1848,	Lawyer,	1884.
4,	Geo. D. Chamberlain,	Cambridge,	June 4, 1823,	Dealer in Beef,	1881.
5,	Lewis W. Howes,	Cambridge,	Dec. 24, 1840,	Lawyer,	1883.
6,	Jeremiah W. Coveney,	Cambridge,	Aug. 23, 1846,	Insur and R. E. Agent,	1875.
7,	Elijah C. Clark,	Somerville,	Oct. 22, 1839,	Produce Dealer,	1883.
8,	John M. Woods,	Somerville,	June 3, 1846,	Superintendent,	1884.
9,	Joseph Warren Bailey,	Medford,	Mar. 17, 1842,	D/r Upholstery Goods,	1883.
10,	Joshua T. Foster,	Malden,	Apr. 5, 1849,	Ship Builder,	1883.
11,	George E. Smith,	Everett,	Mar. 28, 1822,	Lawyer,	1884.
12,	Wingate P. Sargent,	Melrose,	Jan. 5, 1815,	Dry Goods Merchant,	1883.
13,	George Cowdrey,	Stoneham,	Aug. 3, 1849,	Real Estate Dealer,	1884.
14,	Robert Blyth,	Wakefield,	Oct. 2, 1851,	Iron Moulder,	1884.
15,	Horace G. Wadlin,	Reading,	Nov. 17, 1833,	Architect,	1884.
16,	Thomas Salmon,	Woburn,	Feb. 2, 1847,	Grocer,	1884.
17,	John Henry Hardy,	Arlington,	May 17, 1840,	Lawyer,	1884.
18,	Francis E. Whitcomb,	Watertown,	Feb. 9, 1818,	Truckman and forwarding Agent,	1884.
19,	Charles C. Burr,	Newton,	June 14, 1834,	Lawyer,	1883.
20,	Thomas Weston, Jr.,	Newton,	Oct. 28, 1835,	Lawyer,	1884.
21,	Robt. Treat Paine, Jr.,	Waltham,	July 29, 1841,	Granite D/r and Cut'r,	1884.
22,	George B. Cobb,	Billerica,			

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MIDDLESEX Co.—Cont.						
No. 19,	Elisha H Shaw,	Chelmsford,	Sept. 29, 1847,	Chelmsford,	Trader,	1884.
20,	Dennis J. Crowley,	Lowell,	1856,	Lowell,	Salesman,	1884.
21,	John T. Donehue,	Lowell,	Mar. 15, 1851,	Dublin, Ireland,	Restaurant Keeper,	1884.
22,	John J. Mead,	Lowell,	Mar. 15, 1853,	Ireland,	Carpenter,	1883.
23,	Charles D. Starbird,	Lowell,	Mar. 7, 1834,	Freeman, Me.,	Real Estate Dealer,	1883.
24,	George L. Huntoon,	Lowell,	Aug. 14, 1835,	Albany, Vt.,	Stable Keeper,	1883.
25,	George A. Marden,	Lowell,	Aug. 9, 1839,	Mt. Vernon, N. H.,	Journalist,	1873.
26,	Henry J. Hosmer,	Concord,	Feb. 2, 1832,	Northfield,	Treas. and Gen'l Man'r Amer. Powder Co.,	1884.
27,	Rufus H Hurlbut,	Sudbury,	July 16, 1842,	Sudbury,	M'r of Machinery,	1884.
28,	Alexander Bianey,	Natick,	May 17, 1832,	Glasgow, Scot.,	Insurance Agent,	1884.
29,	Willis A. Kingsbury,	Holliston,	Aug. 13, 1848,	Holliston,	Lawyer,	1882.
30,	Cromwell McFarland,	Hopkinton,	Feb. 7, 1819,	Hopkinton,	Butcher,	1884.
31,	John Clark,	Frammingham,	Apr. 8, 1817,	Groton,	Auct'r and Appraiser,	1884.
32,	Michael J. Buckley,	Marlborough,	Nov. 15, 1854,	Marlborough,	Shoemaker,	1884.
33,	Augustus Rice,	Stow,	Dec. 11, 1826,	Marlboro' (now Hudson),	Merchant,	1884.
34,	Moses P. Palmer,	Groton,	May 1, 1830,	Derry, N. H.,	Farmer,	1884.
35,	Herman S. Hazen,	Shirley,	Aug. 25, 1845,	Shirley,	Farmer,	1884.
NANTUCKET COUNTY.						
No. 1,	John W. Hallett,	Nantucket,	Feb. 7, 1827,	Sandwich,	Clothing Manufr.,	1884.
NORFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Alonzo B. Wentworth,	Dedham,	Mar. 28, 1840,	Somersworth, N. H.,	Counsellor,	1870.
2,	Benjamin F. Baker,	Brookline,	Aug. 20, 1820,	Kennebunk. Me.,	Painter,	1884.

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No.	Name	Residence	Term	Occupation	Year
3.	Henry C. Stark,	Hyde Park,	Apr. 19, 1849,	N'w Ipswich, N.H.	1884.
4.	J. Walter Bradlee,	Milton,	Mar. 17, 1841,	Deputy Sheriff,	1884.
5.	William N. Eaton,	Quincy,	Dec. 29, 1845,	Ice and Cattle Dealer,	1883.
6.	William G. A. Pattee,	Quincy,	Aug. 28, 1864,	Lawyer,	1883.
7.	George A. Cushing,	Weymouth,	Jan. 15, 1819,	Selectman and Ass'r,	1884.
8.	Charles B. Whitcomb,	Holbrook,	Sept. 18, 1863,	Salesman,	1884.
9.	Bashrod Morse,	Sharon,	Aug. 24, 1882,	Attorney-at-Law,	1870.
10.	Henry H. Francis,	Randolph,	1883,	Architect,	1884.
11.	Fred. Homer Williams,	Foxborough,	Jan. 7, 1867,	Lawyer,	1883.
12.	Sewall J. Clark,	Medway,	Sept. 12, 1827,	M'fr Rawhide Mallets,	1884.
13.	James Hewins,	Medfield,	Apr. 27, 1846,	Lawyer,	1884.
14.	Joseph O. Burdett,	Hingham,	Oct. 30, 1846,	Lawyer,	1884.
15.	Charles E. Brown,	Scituate,	1828,	Farmer,	1884.
16.	Luther P. Hatch,	Marshfield,	Jan. 1859,	Store Keeper,	1884.
17.	Fred. M. Harrub,	Plymouth,	July 2, 1848,	Tack Manufacturer,	1883.
18.	Charles H. Howland,	Plymouth,	Sept. 15, 1826,	House Painter,	1860.
19.	Henry Barstow,	Mattapoisett,	Dec. 3, 1817,	Manuf'rer of Lumber,	1864. ¹
20.	Albert T. Savery,	Middleborough,	Mar. 16, 1842,	Boxes and Staves,	1884.
21.	Wm. Henry Osborne,	E. Bridgewater,	Sept. 16, 1840,	Lumber Dealer,	1884.
22.	George Harford Hunt,	Rockland,	May 28, 1843,	Attorney-at-Law,	1872.
23.	Henry A. Baker,	Rockland,	Aug. 11, 1841,	Shoe Cutter,	1884. ²
24.	Enos H. Reynolds,	Brockton,	1884,	Ice Dealer,	1884.
25.	William L. Douglas,	Brockton,	Aug. 22, 1846,	Manufacturer,	1888.
26.	George M. Nash,	Abington,	Oct. 3, 1854,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1888.
27.				Life Assurance Agent,	1884.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

¹ Senate. ² Seat declared vacant by resolution Feb. 7. Henry A. Baker elected to fill vacancy Feb. 26.

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Districts.	REPRESENTATIVES.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st Year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Jesse M. Gove,	Boston,	Dec. 11, 1852,	Ware, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1883.
	Peter Morrison,	East Boston,	Aug. 31, 1853,	Boston,	Grocer,	1884.
2.	Daniel F. Kelly,	East Boston,	Aug. 17, 1850,	Boston,	Carpenter,	1884.
	Michael J. Dolan,	East Boston,	May 2, 1850,	Ireland,	Boat-BUILDER,	1886.
3.	George A. Sanderson,	Boston,	1848,	Newton,	Baker,	1884.
	Patrick T. Barry,	Charlestown,	Mar. 17, 1856,	Charlestown,	Clothing Cutter,	1884.
4.	Oliver Prime,	Charlestown,	May 19, 1834,	Mon'thboro', N. H.,	Real Estate Agent,	1884.
	Philip J. Doherty,	Charlestown,	Jan. 27, 1856,	Charlestown,	Att'y and Counsellor,	1884.
5.	John R. Murphy,	Boston,	Aug. 25, 1856,	Charlestown,	Clerk,	1883.
	James Tarone,	Boston,	Dec. 2, 1835,	Dundee, Scot.,	Longshoreman,	1883.
6.	William Daly, Jr.,	Boston,	July 25, 1856,	Bathurst, N. B.,	Actor,	1884.
	John A. McLaughlin,	Boston,	Feb. 1, 1853,	Boston,	Undertaker,	1883.
7.	John Doherty,	Boston,	Aug. 1, 1844,	Ireland,	Trailer,	1883. ¹
	Dominick J. Harkins,	Boston,	Feb. 18, 1858,	Boston,	Upholsterer,	1884.
8.	Thomas C. Butler,	Boston,	Jan. 1848,	Ireland,	Billiard Hall Prop'r.,	1883.
	Patrick D. Dwyer,	Boston,	Oct. 1857,	Ireland,	Student,	1883.
9.	George Loud Clark,	Boston,	Mar. 21, 1860,	Boston,	Real Estate,	1883.
	Julius C. Chappelle,	Boston,	Feb. 28, 1852,	Chapp'leSta., S.C.,	Janitor,	1883,
10.	Jacob Albert Dresser,	Boston,	1824,	Thompson, Conn.,	Retired Merchant,	1884.
	Prentiss Cummings,	Boston,	Sept. 10, 1840,	Sumner, Me.,	Lawyer,	1884.
11.	Roger Wolcott,	Boston,	July 13, 1827,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1882.
	Edward F. Wilbur,	Boston,	Dec. 23, 1831,	Newburyport,	Commission Merchant,	1884.
12.	Edward J. Fossitt,	Boston,	Sept. 18, 1841,	Boston,	Music Printer,	1884.
	John R. Farrell,	Boston,	Dec. 1832,	Sheffield, Eng.,	Merchant Tailor,	1884.
13.	John J. Maguire,	Boston,	Jan. 4, 1860,	Boston,	Wood Polisher,	1884.
	Francis O'Brien,	Boston,	June 14, 1845,	Ireland,	Harness Maker,	1883.

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14.	Edward F. Hoynes,	South Boston,	Feb. 14, 1858,	East Boston,	Lawyer,	1884.
	Horace L. Bowker,	South Boston,	Nov. 22, 1882,	Phillipston,	Chemist,	1873.
15.	Michael J. Creed,	Boston,	Aug. 28, 1856,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1884.
	Henry E. Hosley,	Boston,	Dec. 27, 1853,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1884.
16.	Joseph H. O'Neill,	Boston,	Mar. 23, 1853,	Fall River,	Crockery Ware D'r,	1878.
	James Donovan,	Boston,	May 28, 1859,	Boston,	Grocy and Prov'n D'r,	1884.
17.	John Q. A. Brackett,	Boston,	June 8, 1842,	Bradford, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1877.
	Chas. Carleton Coffin,	Boston,	July 26, 1823,	Boscawen, N. H.,	Journalist and Author,	1883.
18.	Albert T. Whiting,	Boston,	Sept. 30, 1833,	Charlestown,	R.E and Insur. Broker,	1884.
	Alanson Wilder Beard,	Boston,	Aug. 20, 1825,	Ludlow, Vt.,	Clothing,	1870.
19.	John J. Madden,	Boston,	Dec. 3, 1854,	Boston,	Roofcr,	1884.
	Patrick F. Devney,	Boston,	Feb. 1, 1850,	Ireland,	Public Cab,	1884.
20.	John A. Coffey,	Boston,	Nov. 28, 1846,	Ireland,	Lawyer,	1883.
	John E. Ward,	Boston,	Nov. 11, 1852,	Portland, Me.,	Clerk,	1883.
21.	Halsey J. Boardman,	Boston,	May 19, 1834,	Norwich, Vt.,	Attorney-at-Law,	1888.
	Samuel G. Davis,	Boston,	Oct. 20, 1841,	Brunswick, Me.,	Trader,	1884.
22.	Michael J. Killion,	Boston,	Jan. 20, 1849,	Boston,	Machinist,	1884.
	Wm. Heath Spooner,	Boston,	1833,	Roxbury,	Horticulturist,	1884.
23.	George A. O. Ernst,	Boston,	Nov. 8, 1850,	Cincinnati, O.,	Lawyer,	1883.
	Edmund F. Snow,	Boston,	July 15, 1841,	N. C. Bridgewater,	Grocer,	1884.
24.	John Pierce,	Boston,	Nov. 13, 1864,	Dorchester,	Real Estate Agent,	1884.
25.	Charles L. Randall,	Boston,	1841,	Boston,	Trustee,	1883.
	D. Frank Kimball,	Chelsea,	Dec. 4, 1845,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1883.
	Simeon Butterfield,	Chelsea,	Nov. 16, 1827,	Boston,	Retired,	1884.
26.	Albert S. Burnham,	Revere,	Sept. 25, 1850,	Boston,	Carpenter and Builder,	1884.

1 Never qualified as member; died Feb. 6. Dominick J. Harkins elected to fill vacancy, March 11.

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DISTRICTS.	REPRESENTATIVES.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st Year in Leg.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Michael Reilly, . .	Uxbridge, . .	1834,	Ireland, . .	Wool Sorter, . .	1884.
2,	James F. Stratton, . .	Milford, . .	Sept. 25, 1854,	Milford, . .	Cigar Manufacturer, . .	1884.
3,	Daniel Reed, . .	Milford, . .	Mar. 26, 1826,	Frammingham, . .	Locomotive Engineer, . .	1884.
4,	Joseph A. Dodge, . .	Grafton, . .	Apr. 21, 1846,	Grafton, . .	Leather Dealer, . .	1884.
5,	Edwin B. Harvey, . .	Westborough, . .	Apr. 4, 1834,	Deerfield, N. H., . .	Physician, . .	1884.
6,	Alfred A. Burditt, . .	Clinton, . .	June 20, 1827,	Lancaster, . .	Apothecary, . .	1884.
7,	Sullivan Stone, . .	Lunenburg, . .	Sept. 20, 1835,	Eden, Vt., . .	Farmer, . .	1884.
8,	Harris C. Hartwell, . .	Fitchburg, . .	Dec. 28, 1847,	Groton, . .	Lawyer, . .	1883.
9,	Benjamin F. Wallis, . .	Fitchburg, . .	Dec. 6, 1835,	Ashby, . .	Banking, . .	1884.
10,	Roderic L. Bent, . .	Gardner, . .	Mar. 22, 1843,	Fitzwilliam, N. H., . .	Chair Manufacturer, . .	1884.
11,	Edwin L. Burnham, . .	Westminster, . .	Apr. 29, 1833,	Montague, . .	Baker, . .	1884.
12,	C. Frederic Richardson, . .	Athol, . .	Sept. 28, 1839,	Athol, . .	Machine Manuf'r, . .	1884.
13,	Elisha Webb, . .	Petersham, . .	Nov. 8, 1831,	Hardwick, . .	Farmer, . .	1884.
14,	George K. Tufts, . .	New Braintree, . .	Oct. 17, 1841,	New Braintree, . .	Merchant, . .	1884.
15,	John N. Murdock, . .	Leicester, . .	Jan. 7, 1827,	Leicester, . .	Card Clothing M'fr., . .	1884.
16,	Aldin Batcheller, . .	N. Brookfield, . .	Feb. 19, 1834,	North Brookfield, . .	Merchant, . .	1884.
17,	Joseph W. Hastings, . .	Warren, . .	Feb. 17, 1833,	Lenox, . .	Physician, . .	1884.
18,	Francis L. Temple, . .	Spencer, . .	Apr. 27, 1844,	Spencer, . .	Boot Manufacturer, . .	1884.
19,	George A. Gleason, . .	Southbridge, . .	July 28, 1846,	Enfield, . .	Cashier National B'k, . .	1884.
20,	Thomas S. Eaton, . .	Douglas, . .	July 2, 1832,	Douglas, . .	Carriage Maker, . .	1884.
21,	Levi L. Flagg, . .	Auburn, . .	Sept. 21, 1818,	Auburn, . .	Farmer, . .	1884.
22,	William B. Touimin, . .	Boylston, . .	Mar. 13, 1831,	Boylston, . .	Farmer and Builder, . .	1884.
23,	Aaron G. Walker, . .	Leominster, . .	Jan. 12, 1815,	Preston, England, . .	Clergyman, . .	1868.
24,	Forrest E. Barker, . .	Worcester, . .	. . . . .	Hopkinton, . .	Boot Manufacturer, . .	1863.
25,	James Connor, . .	Worcester, . .	. . . . .	Exeter, N. H., . .	Lawyer, . .	1863.
26,	. . . . .	Worcester, . .	. . . . .	Boston, . .	Restaurant Keeper, . .	1864.

21,	.	.	John J. O'Gorman,	Worcester,	Feb. 17, 1839,	London, Eng.,	Tailor,	1884.
22,	.	.	John F. H. Mooney,	Worcester,	1857,	Worcester,	Editor,	1883.
23,	.	.	George H. Ball,	Worcester,	Sept. 17, 1848,	Milford,	Lawyer,	1883.
24,	.	.	George E. Batchelder,	Worcester,	Feb. 16, 1836,	Middleton,	Leather Cutter,	1884.
25,	.	.	Emerson Warner,	Worcester,	Apr. 30, 1831,	New Braintree,	Physician,	1872.
	.	.	Burton Willis Potter,	Worcester,	Feb. 8, 1843,	Colesville, N. Y.,	Lawyer,	

¹ Geo. E. Batchelder resigned Jan. 14; Emerson Warner elected to fill vacancy Jan. 30.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Occupation.	1st Year in office.
Edward A. McLaughlin, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Boston,	Sept. 25, 1858,	Lawyer,	1888.
Daniel W. Waldron, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Boston,	-	Clergyman,	1879.
Oreb F. Mitchell, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> ,	Bridgewater,	1838,	-	1875.

[No. 2.]
RULES AND ORDERS
 OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

[This schedule of Rules and Orders was adopted Jan. 27, 1874. Subsequent amendments are noted under each rule which has been amended.]

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1. The Speaker shall take the chair at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, proceed to business.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to other members; and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House.

[With regard to appeals, see *Rules 82 and 83*.]

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3. He shall declare all votes, subject to verification as hereinafter provided.

[See Rules 64 to 68.]

4. In all cases he may vote.

5. He shall rise to put a question, or to address the House, but may read sitting.

6. He shall each day examine the journal of the House.

7. He may name a member to perform the duties of the chair for a period not exceeding two days at one time.

8. In case of a vacancy in the office of Speaker, or in case the Speaker or the member named by him in accordance with the preceding rule is absent at the hour to which the House stands adjourned, the senior monitor present shall call the House to order, and shall preside until a Speaker *pro tempore* or a Speaker is elected by ballot, which shall be the first business in order.

MONITORS.

9. Two monitors shall be appointed by the Speaker for each division of the House, whose duty it shall be to see to the due observance of the Rules and, on request of the Speaker, to return the number of votes and members in their respective divisions.

10. If a member transgress any of the Rules after being notified thereof by a monitor, it shall be the duty of such monitor to report the case to the House.

[For duty of monitor in case of the absence of the Speaker see Rule 8.] [See Rule 20.]

CLERK.

11. The Clerk shall keep the journal of the House. He shall enter therein a record of each day's proceedings, and submit it to the Speaker before the hour fixed for the next sitting.

12. Every question of order shall be noted in the journal, and, with the decision, shall be entered at large in an appendix, which shall also contain the Rules of the House, and of the two branches.

13. The Clerk shall prepare and cause to be printed each day a calendar of matters in order for consideration, followed by a brief minute of preliminary proceedings of the previous day; a list of matters lying on the table; and such other memoranda as the House or the Speaker may direct.

14. Any objection to the calendar shall be made and disposed of before the House votes to proceed to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

15. The Clerk shall retain bills and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration (except petitions, enacted bills, orders of inquiry, and orders of notice), until the right of reconsideration has expired: *provided*, that the operation of this rule shall be suspended during the last week of the session.

MEMBERS.

16. No member shall stand up, to the inconvenience of others, while a member is speaking; or pass unnecessarily between the Speaker of the House and the member speaking; or stand in the passages, or in the area in front of the chair.

17. No member shall be absent more than two days without leave of the House.

18. No member shall absent himself from the House without leave, unless there be a quorum without his presence.

19. Papers in possession of a member obtaining leave of absence, or at the end of the session, shall be left by him with the Clerk.

20. If a member is guilty of a breach of any of the Rules, he may be required by the House, on motion, to make satisfaction therefor; and, until he has done so, he shall not be allowed to vote or speak, except by way of excuse.

[See Rule 10.]

COMMITTEES.

21. At the beginning of the political year, standing committees shall be appointed as follows;—

- A committee on the Judiciary;
- A committee on Probate and Chancery;
- A committee on Finance;

(to consist of nine members each).

- A committee on Elections;
- A committee on County Estimates;
- A committee on Rules;

(to consist of seven members each).

- A committee on Bills in the Third Reading;
- A committee on Engrossed Bills;

A committee on Pay-Roll ;

A committee on Leave of Absence ;

(to consist of three members each).

[Amended Jan. 7, 1881; Jan. 10, 1883.]

22. Unless other provision is made in any case, all committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, and the member first named shall be chairman.

23. In case of the election of a committee by ballot, the member having the highest number of votes shall be chairman.

24. No member shall be required to be on more than two committees at the same time, nor chairman of more than one.

25. No member shall serve on any committee in any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

26. The committee on Finance shall report, in appropriation bills, only such items of expenditure as are authorized by law, or such as the committee has been directed by the House to insert.

27. The committee on Bills in the Third Reading shall examine and correct the bills which are referred to it, for the purpose of avoiding repetitions and unconstitutional provisions, insuring accuracy in the text and references, and consistency with the language of existing statutes: *provided*, that any change in the sense or legal effect, or any material change in construction, shall be reported to the House as an amendment.

[Amended Jan. 15, 1880.]

28. The committee on Engrossed Bills shall carefully examine and compare engrossed bills, and report them rightly and truly engrossed, when found to be so, without delay.

29. When the object of an application, whether by petition, order, or bill introduced on leave, can be secured without a special act under existing laws, or without detriment to the public interests, by a general law, the committee to which the matter is referred shall report such general law, or leave to withdraw, inexpedient to legislate, or ought not to pass, as the case may be.

[Amended Jan. 15, 1880.]

30. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals, or of private or municipal corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the people of the whole Commonwealth, shall be reported by a committee, unless it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the committee that notice has been given, by public

advertisement or otherwise, to all parties interested, without expense to the Commonwealth; or unless evidence satisfactory to the committee is produced that the parties interested have in writing waived notice.

[Adopted Jan. 26, 1881.]

31. On or before the second Wednesday in March, committees shall make final report upon matters referred to them prior to that day, unless further time is granted for cause.

[Amended Feb. 15, 1883.]

Committee of the Whole.

32. When the House determines to go into a committee of the whole, the chairman shall be appointed by the Speaker.

33. The Rules of the House shall be observed in a committee of the whole, so far as they may be applicable, except the rules limiting debate. A motion to rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again, shall be always first in order and be decided without debate.

REGULAR COURSE OF PROCEEDINGS.

Petitions, etc., and Reports of Committees.

34. Petitions, memorials, remonstrances, and papers of a like nature, and reports of committees, shall be presented before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day, and the Speaker shall call for such papers.

35. The member presenting a petition, memorial, or remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, with a brief statement of the nature and object of the paper; and the reading thereof shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered.

Papers from the Senate.

36. Papers from the Senate shall be laid before the House by the Speaker, and received for action conformably to such of these Rules as are applicable thereto, before the House proceeds to the consideration of the Orders of the Day.

Papers addressed to the House, not Petitions.

37. Papers addressed to the House, or the General Court, other than petitions, memorials, and remonstrances, or those received from the Senate, may be presented by the Speaker or by a member in his place, and shall be read, unless it is specially ordered that the reading be dispensed with.

Orders of Inquiry.

38. All motions contemplating legislation, when not founded upon petition, or upon bill proposed to be introduced on leave, shall be made in the form of an order of inquiry, which shall indicate the nature of the legislation proposed; and if reference is made to any particular law, for amendment or otherwise, the order shall specify the chapter and section, as well as the subject to which it relates.

Postponement to the Next Day on Request of a Member.

39. The consideration of any order proposed for adoption, or of any request for leave to introduce a bill, shall be postponed without question to the day after that on which the order is proposed or request made, if any member asks such postponement.

Bills and Resolves. [See Rule 94.]

40. Bills shall be fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections; dates and numbers being written in words at length. Bills amending existing laws shall not provide for striking words from, or inserting words in, such laws, unless such course is best calculated to show clearly the subject and nature of the amendment. No repealed law, and no part of any repealed law, shall be re-enacted by reference merely.

[Amended Jan. 15, 1890.]

41. If a committee to whom a bill is referred report that the same ought not to pass, the question shall be, "Shall this bill be rejected?" If the question on rejection is negatived, the bill, if it has been read but once, shall go to a second reading without question; otherwise it shall be placed in the orders for the next day, pending the question on ordering to a third reading; or engrossment, as the case may be.

[Amended Jan. 10, 1883.]

42. Bills involving an expenditure of public money shall, after their first reading, be referred to the committee on Finance, for report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth.

43. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, shall be referred to a committee of the House, unless they were reported to the Senate by a joint committee.

44. Amendments, proposed by the Senate, and sent back to the House for concurrence, shall be referred to the committee which reported the measure proposed to be amended, unless such committee is composed of members of both branches. In which case such amendments shall be placed in the Orders of the Day for the next day.

[Amended April 9, 1878.]

45. No bill shall be proposed or introduced unless received from the Senate, reported by a committee, or moved as an amendment to the report of a committee: *provided*, that the House may grant special leave to a member to introduce a bill; but, when leave is asked for the introduction of a bill, it shall be read for information before the question is put on granting leave; and, if leave is granted, it shall be committed, before it is ordered to a second reading.

46. Bills, resolves, and other papers that have been, or, under the rules or usage of the House, are to be printed, shall be read by their titles only, unless the full reading is requested.

[Adopted Jan. 10, 1883.]

47. No bill affecting directly the legal rights of individuals or corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the interests of the whole people of the Commonwealth or of the cities or towns to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced, by amendment or otherwise, except by report of a committee, upon petition duly presented and referred, or as a substitute for such report. Objection to the violation of this rule may be taken at any stage prior to the third reading of the bill.

[Amended Jan. 15, 1880; also Jan. 10, 1883.]

48. When a bill, order, petition, memorial, or remonstrance has been finally rejected, no measure substantially the same shall be introduced by any committee or member during the same session.

[Amended April 26, 1877.]

49. Bills in their third reading shall be referred to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading for examination, correction and report.

[See Rule 27.]

50. No bill shall pass to be engrossed without having been read on three several days.

51. Engrossed bills shall be referred to the committee on Engrossed Bills for examination, comparison and report.

[See Rule 28.]

52. No engrossed bill shall be amended.

53. Engrossed bills, reported by the committee on Engrossed Bills to be rightly and truly engrossed, shall be put upon their passage to be enacted; and engrossed resolves, when so reported, shall be put upon their passage without further reading, unless specially ordered.

54. No engrossed bill shall be sent to the Senate without notice thereof being given by the Speaker.

Orders of the Day.

55. Bills from the Senate, after their first reading, when not referred to a Committee of the House, bills favorably reported to the House by committees, and bills the question of the rejection of which is negatived, shall be placed in the orders for the next day.

[Amended Jan. 10, 1883.]

56. Reports of committees not by bill or resolve shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which they are received from the Senate, or made to the House, as the case may be: *provided*, that the report of a committee asking to be discharged from the further consideration of a subject, and recommending that it be referred to another committee, shall be immediately considered.

[Amended Jan. 15, 1880.]

57. Bills ordered to a third reading shall be placed in the orders of the next day for such reading.

58. After entering upon the consideration of the Orders of the Day, the House shall proceed with them in regular course, as follows: Matters not giving rise to a motion or debate shall first be disposed of in the order in which they stand in the calendar; after which the matters that were passed over shall be considered in like order and disposed of.

59. When the House does not finish the consideration of the Orders of the Day, those which had not been acted upon shall be the orders for the next and each succeeding day until disposed of, and shall be entered in the calendar, without change in their order, to precede matters added under Rules fifty-five, fifty-six and fifty-seven. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment shall have the preference in the orders of the next day, after motions to reconsider.

Special Rules affecting the Course of Proceedings.

[For postponement of Order, etc., to the next day, on request of a member, see Rule 39.]

60. No matter which has been duly placed in the Orders of the Day shall be discharged therefrom, or considered out of the regular course.

61. If, under the operation of the previous question, or otherwise, an amendment is made at the second or third reading of a bill substantially changing the greater part of such bill, the question shall not be put forthwith on ordering the bill to a third reading or to be engrossed (as the case may be), but the bill, as amended, shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment is made, and shall then be open to further amendment before such question is put. In like manner, when, under the operation of the previous question or otherwise, an amendment is made in any proposition of such a nature as to change its character, as from a bill to an order, or the like, the proposition as amended shall be placed in the orders of the next day after that on which the amendment was made.

VOTING.

62. No member shall vote in any question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

63. Every member not prevented by interest, who is present in the House when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, excuse him. Members desiring to be so excused shall make application to that effect before the division of the House or the taking of the yeas and nays is begun. Such application may be accompanied by a brief statement of reasons by the member making it but shall be decided without debate.

[Amended Jan. 8, 1877.]

64. When a question is put, the sense of the House shall be taken by the voices of the members, and the Speaker shall first announce the vote as it appears to him by the sound.

65. If the Speaker is unable to decide by the sound of the voices, or if his announcement made thereupon is doubted by a member rising in his place for that purpose, the Speaker shall order a return by divisions of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without further debate upon the question.

[For duty of monitors in case of a division, see Rule 9.]

66. When a return by divisions is ordered, the members for or against the question, when called on by the Speaker, shall rise in their places, and stand until they are counted.

67. The sense of the House shall be taken by yeas and nays whenever required by thirty of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the House shall be called in alphabetical order, and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor before the vote is declared. If, before such time, a member states to the House that he has paired with another member, and how each would vote upon the pending question, the fact shall be entered on the journal immediately after the record of the yeas and nays, and such member shall be excused from voting.

[Amended Jan. 4, 1878; also April 2, 1878; also April 1, 1879.]

68. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate. If the yeas and nays have been ordered before the question is put, the proceedings under Rules sixty-four, sixty-five and sixty-six, shall be omitted; if not, they may be called for in lieu of a return by divisions when the Speaker's announcement is doubted by a member rising in his place and, if then ordered, the proceedings under Rules sixty-five and sixty-six shall be omitted.

Reconsideration.

69. When a vote has passed (except as provided in the next rule), it shall be in order for any member to move the reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day, and such motion, if made on the same day, shall (except in the last week of the session) be placed first in the orders of the next day after that on which it is made; but, if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered: *provided, however*, that a motion to reconsider a vote upon any incidental or subsidiary question shall not remove the main subject under consideration from before the House, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

70. When a motion for reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered; nor shall any vote be reconsidered upon either of the following motions:—

to adjourn,
to lay on the table,
to take from the table; or,
for the previous question.

71. Debate on motions to reconsider shall be limited to thirty minutes, and no member shall occupy more than five minutes.

[For rule requiring the Clerk to retain papers, except, etc., until the right of reconsideration has expired, see Rule 15.]

RULES OF DEBATE.

72. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise, and respectfully address the Speaker; shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personality; and shall sit down when he has finished. No member shall speak out of his place without leave of the Speaker.

73. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member entitled to the floor, preferring one who rises in his place to one who does not.

74. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except by rising to call to order.

75. No member shall speak more than once to the prevention of those who have not spoken and desire to speak on the same question, nor more than twice on the same question without leave of the House.

Motions.

76. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker so directs.

77. A motion need not be seconded, and may be withdrawn by the mover if no objection is made.

78. A motion to adjourn shall be always first in order, and shall be decided without debate; and on the motions to lay on the table, to take from the table, to commit or recommit, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate; and no member shall speak more than three minutes.

[Amended Feb. 19, 1878; and Jan. 28, 1880.]

[For application to be excused from voting, to be decided without debate, see Rule 63.]

[For call for yeas and nays, to be decided without debate, see Rule 68.]

For questions of order, arising after the previous question is moved, to be decided without debate, except on appeal, see Rule 82.]

79. When a question is before the House, until it is disposed of, the Speaker shall receive no motion that does not relate to the same, except the motion to adjourn, or some other motion that has precedence either by express rule of the House,

or because it is privileged in its nature ; and he shall receive no motion relating to the same, except, —

to lay on the table,	See Rule 78.
for the previous question,	See Rules 80-85.
to close the debate at a specified time,	See Rules 84, 85.
to postpone to a time certain,	See Rule 86.
to commit (or recommit),	See Rules 78 and 87.
to amend,	See Rules 88-91.
to refer to the next General Court,	
or to postpone indefinitely,	See Rule 92.

which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged in this rule.

Previous Question.

80. The previous question shall be put in the following form: “*Shall the main question be now put?*”—and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question is decided.

81. On the previous question, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate, and that only to give reasons why the main question should not be put; and no member shall speak more than three minutes.

82. All questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question shall be decided without debate, excepting on appeal; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without leave of the House.

[See Rule 93.]

83. The adoption of the previous question shall put an end to all debate, except as provided in Rule eighty-five, and bring the House to a direct vote upon pending amendments, if any, in their regular order, and then upon the main question.

Motion to Close Debate at a Specified Time.

84. Debate may be closed at any time not less than thirty minutes from the adoption of a motion to that effect. On this motion, not exceeding ten minutes shall be allowed for debate, and no member shall speak more than three minutes. In case the time is extended by unanimous consent, the same rule shall apply at the end of the extended time as at the time originally fixed.

[Amended Jan. 8, 1877; and Jan. 15, 1880.]

[See the next Rule.]

When Debate is closed, Ten Minutes allowed, etc.

85. When debate is closed by ordering the previous question, or by a vote to close debate at a specified time, the member in charge of the measure under consideration shall be allowed to speak ten minutes, and may grant to any other member any portion of his time. When the measure under consideration has been referred to the committee on Finance, under House Rule forty-two, the member originally reporting it shall be considered in charge, except where the report of the committee on Finance is substantially different from that referred to them, in which case the member originally reporting the measure, and the member of the Finance Committee reporting thereon, shall each be allowed to speak five minutes, the latter to have the close.

[Amended March 28, 1877.]

Motion to Postpone to a Time Certain.

86. When a motion is made to postpone to a time certain, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on the most remote time; and the time shall be determined before the question is put on postponement, which may then be rejected if the House see fit.

Motion to Commit.

87. When a motion is made to commit, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:—

- a standing committee of the House,
- a select committee of the House,
- a joint standing committee,
- a joint select committee;

and a subject may be recommitted to the same committee or to another committee at the pleasure of the House.

Motions to Amend.

88. A motion to amend an amendment may be received; but no amendment in the third degree shall be allowed.

89. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

APPENDIX.

90. A question containing two or more propositions capable of division shall be divided whenever desired by any member. When a motion to strike out and insert is thus divided, the failure of the motion to strike out shall not preclude amendment; or, if the motion to strike out prevails, the matter proposed to be inserted shall be open to amendment before the question is taken on inserting it.

91. In filling blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be put first.

Equivalent for Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.

92. A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill shall be equivalent to a motion to postpone indefinitely.

APPEAL.

93. No appeal from the decision of the Speaker shall be entertained unless it is seconded; and no other business shall be in order until the question on the appeal has been disposed of.

[See Rule 82.]

RESOLVES.

94. Such of these Rules as are applicable to bills, whether of the House or of the Senate, shall apply likewise to such resolves as require the concurrence of the Senate and approval by the Governor, in order to become laws and have force as such. Except in Rule fifty-three, the word "bill" shall be equivalent to the word "resolve" in the same place.

ELECTIONS BY BALLOT.

95. A time shall be assigned for elections by ballot, at least one day previous thereto.

SECRET SESSION.

96. All proceedings in secret session, and matters relating thereto, shall be kept secret until the House removes the injunction of secrecy.

SEATS.

97. (1.) The desk on the right of the Speaker shall be assigned to the use of the Clerk and such persons as he may

employ to assist him, and that on the left to the use of the Chairman of the committees on Bills in the Third Reading and on Engrossed Bills.

(2.) The senior member of the House, and the oldest member of the House who is not the senior member, shall be allowed to select their seats, from those not otherwise assigned, before the drawing of seats by the members. [Amended Jan. 7, 1878.]

(3.) The seat numbered 34, in the first division, shall be assigned to the use of the Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary; that numbered 15, in the sixth division, to the use of the Chairman of the committee on Finance; that numbered 52, in the first division, to the use of the Chairman of the committee on Probate and Chancery; and that numbered 39, in the sixth division, to the use of the Chairman of the committee on Railroads on the part of the House. [Amended Jan. 7, 1878; also Jan. 6, 1882.]

(4.) The following seats shall assigned to the use of the monitors:—

Those numbered 8 and 11, in the first division;
 100 and 104, in the second division;
 96 and 99, in the third division;
 92 and 95, in the fourth division;
 87 and 81, in the fifth division; and
 4 and 7, in the sixth division.

[Amended Jan. 6, 1882.]

(5.) The first business in order, after the appointment of standing committees and monitors is announced by the Speaker, shall be the drawing of the other seats upon the floor of the House.

(6.) The Clerk shall call the roll of members in alphabetical order, omitting the names of the Speaker, the senior member, the oldest member, the chairmen of committees hereinbefore mentioned, and the monitors; and the drawing shall be had in presence of the House under the supervision of a committee of three selected from the members mentioned in this paragraph.

(7.) The seat assigned to any member, or drawn by him, shall be his seat for the year, unless an exchange is made and notice thereof given to the Sergeant-at-Arms within five days from the day of the drawing.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR.

98. (1.) Every member shall have the privilege of introducing upon the floor of the House, to occupy (for that day) any seat then vacant not belonging to a member, or belonging to a member who is absent, not more than one person at the same time, such person not having any private interest in any measure before the legislature distinct from the public interest: *provided*, that in any case, when by the exercise of this privilege on the part of some of the members the vacant seats have been filled, and the Speaker so announces, the further exercise of the privilege shall be suspended for that day, or until one or more of the seats thus filled are vacated.

(2.) The Speaker may also invite visitors, not inhabitants of this Commonwealth, without limit of number, to seats (not numbered) upon the floor of the House.

(3.) Contestants for seats in the House, whose papers are in the hands of the committee on Elections, may be admitted, while their cases are pending, to seats to be assigned by the Speaker.

(4.) Senators, and the principal officers * in the Executive and Judicial departments of the Civil Government of the Commonwealth, the Chaplains of both Houses, and the Clerk of the Senate, shall be admitted to the floor whenever they may have occasion to visit the House, and may occupy any of the seats not numbered which they may find vacant, or any seats which may be assigned by the Speaker for their use for the time being.

REPRESENTATIVES' CHAMBER.

99. Use of the Representatives' Chamber shall not be granted, except by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.

PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

100. The rules of parliamentary practice shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these Rules, or the Joint Rules of the two branches.

* See list in the Blue Book.

SUSPENSION, AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL.

101. Nothing in these Rules shall be dispensed with, altered, or repealed, unless two-thirds of the members present consent thereto; but this rule, and Rules thirty-nine, forty-nine, and ninety-nine, shall not be suspended, unless by unanimous consent of the members present.

Blanks for orders, bills, reports, petitions and endorsement of petitions, may be had on application to the Clerk, or at the document-room; and members are respectfully requested to use the same in the preparation of papers.

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COMMITTEES.

RULE 1. The following joint standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the January session, viz. : —

A committee on Agriculture ;

A committee on Banks and Banking ;

A committee on Cities ;

A committee on Claims ;

A committee on Drainage ;

A committee on Education ;

A committee on Election Laws ;

A committee on Expenditures ;

A committee on Federal Relations ;

A committee on the Fisheries ;

A committee on Harbors and Public Lands ;

A committee on Hoosac Tunnel and Troy & Greenfield
Railroad ;

A committee on Insurance ;

A committee on Labor ;

A committee on the Library ;

A committee on the Liquor Law ;

- A committee on Manufactures ;
- A committee on Mercantile Affairs ;
- A committee on Military Affairs ;
- A committee on Parishes and Religious Societies ;
- A committee on Printing ;
- A committee on Prisons ;
- A committee on Public Charitable Institutions ;
- A committee on Public Health ;
- A committee on Railroads ;
- A committee on Roads and Bridges ;
- A committee on the State House ;
- A committee on Street Railways ;
- A committee on Taxation ;
- A committee on Towns ;
- A committee on Water Supply ;
- A committee on Woman Suffrage.

And each of said committees shall consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House, except the committee on Railroads, which shall consist of four members on the part of the Senate and eleven on the part of the House ; and except the committees on Federal Relations, on the Library, on Parishes and Religious Societies, on Printing, on the State House, and on Woman Suffrage, which shall consist of two members on the part of the Senate and five members on the part of the House ; and except also the committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the committee on the Treasury of the Senate and the committee on Finance of the House.

[Amended Jan. 6, 1882 ; Jan. 5, 1883, and Jan. 7, 1884.]

RULE 2. No member of either branch shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the Legislature.

RULE 3. Joint committees may report by bill, resolve, or otherwise, to either branch, at their discretion, having reference to an equal distribution of business between the two branches, except that money bills shall be reported to the House ; and, except that when a report is made from any committee to either branch, and the subject-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a joint committee, such committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report was made.

[See also next rule.]

RULE 4. Reports of joint committees may be recommitted to the same committees at the pleasure of the branch first act-

ing thereon, and bills or resolves may be recommitted in either branch. A concurrent vote shall, however, be necessary for the recommitment of such reports, bills, or resolves, with instructions. After recommitment, report shall, in all cases, be made to the branch originating the recommitment.

RULE 5. Bills and resolves reported by joint committees shall be fairly written in a legible hand, without material erasure or interlineation, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins, and spaces between the several sections, dates and numbers being written in words at length.

RULE 6. Whenever, upon any application for an act of incorporation or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured without detriment to the public interests by a general law or under existing laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall report such general law, or "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to legislate."

Notice to Parties Interested.

RULE 7. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals, or of private or municipal corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the people of the whole Commonwealth, shall be reported by a committee, unless it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the committee that notice has been given, by public advertisement or otherwise, to all parties interested, without expense to the Commonwealth; or unless evidence satisfactory to the committee is produced that the parties interested have in writing waived notice.

Printing and Distribution of Documents.

RULE 8. The committee on Printing may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the Legislature not otherwise disposed of, such regulations to be reported to and subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill or other document, the number printed shall be nine hundred.

Leave to report in print shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

No printing, except as aforesaid, and no binding or engraving,

shall be ordered, except upon the report of the joint committee on Printing, accepted by the Legislature.

Bills, reports, and other documents, printed under the general order of either branch, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: Two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in either branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's Office; six copies to the State Library; and, when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files, to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said joint committee.

Limit of Time Allowed for Reports of Committees.

RULE 9. Joint committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the second Wednesday in March, unless further time is granted for cause.

Committees of Conference.

RULE 10. Committees of conference shall consist of three members on the part of each branch, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected, but no other action shall be had, except through a new committee of conference.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS.

RULE 11. No bill or resolve affecting directly the legal rights of individuals or corporations, otherwise than as it affects generally the interests of the people of the whole Commonwealth, or of the cities or towns to which it specifically applies, shall be proposed or introduced, by amendment or otherwise, except by report of a committee, upon petition duly presented and referred or as a substitute for such report. Objections to the violation of this rule may be taken at any stage prior to that of the third reading.

Limit of Time Allowed for New Business.

RULE 12. Petitions, memorials, applications, and all other subjects of legislation, except reports required to be made to the legislature, proposed or introduced after the second Wednesday of February, shall be referred to the next General Court. This rule shall not be rescinded, amended, or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each branch present and voting thereon.

Duties of the Clerks.

RULE 13. If any part of the report of a committee over the signature of the chairman or members of the committee is amended in either branch, the Clerk of that branch shall endorse upon the report such amendment.

RULE 14. All papers, while on their passage between the two branches, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each branch may direct.

RULE 15. After bills have passed both branches to be engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two branches, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law; and when engrossed the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills; and when the same have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall, in like manner, be delivered to the committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills.

RULE 16. If any petition, memorial, bill, resolve, or order, presented or originating in one branch, is adversely acted upon in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

RULE 17. The Clerk of the branch in which a bill originated shall make an endorsement thereon, certifying in which branch the same originated, which endorsement shall be entered on the journals by the Clerks respectively.

After said bills have passed both branches to be enacted, the Clerk of the Senate shall lay them before the Governor for his approbation, and shall enter upon the journal of the Senate the day on which the same were laid before the Governor.

RULE 18. All resolves and other papers which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall be laid before him in the same manner as is prescribed in the case of bills.

Constitutional Amendments.

RULE 19. All resolves proposing amendments of the Constitution shall have three several readings in each branch, and the final question upon agreeing to the same shall be taken by yeas and nays.

JOINT CONVENTIONS.

RULE 20. The President of the Senate shall preside in Conventions of the two branches, and such Conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; the Clerk of the Senate shall be Clerk of the Convention, and a record of the proceedings of the Convention shall be entered at large on the journals of both branches.

RULE 21. When an agreement has been made by the two branches to go into convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

RULE 22. No business shall be entered on, in Convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the Convention is formed.

Joint Elections.

RULE 23. In all elections by joint ballot a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

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RULE 24. The joint assembly required to be held by the statutes of the United States, relating to the elections for Senators in Congress, shall be deemed a Convention of the two branches, and the proceedings therein shall be in accordance with the provisions of said statutes. The President of the Convention shall receive no motion on any day until one vote for Senator has been taken. After one vote for Senator has been taken, no motion shall be in order except a motion to adjourn, for a recess, or to proceed to vote for Senator; and these motions shall have precedence in order of their arrangement, and shall be decided without debate. If a motion is made for a recess, and different times are proposed, the question shall first be taken on

the most remote time ; and the time shall be determined, but without debate, before the question is put upon taking the recess. On either of the questions permitted by this rule, the sense of the Convention shall be taken by yeas and nays, whenever required by one-fifth of the members present. When the yeas and nays are taken, the roll of the Convention shall be called in alphabetical order ; and no member shall be allowed to vote who was not on the floor when his name was called, or before the roll-call was finished. The call for the yeas and nays shall be decided without debate.

RULE 25. Any joint rule, except the twelfth, may be altered, suspended, or rescinded, two-thirds of the members present in each branch consenting thereto.

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THE OATH OF OFFICE.

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I, (repeating your name) , do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear and affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

I, , do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *So help me, God.*

AFFIRMATION.

I, (repeating your name) , do solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, , do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, , do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

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QUESTIONS OF ORDER.

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That an amendment broader in its scope than the subject matter referred to the committee cannot be considered. [320, 387, 408, 450, 492, 506, 537.]

That a special bill, particular in effect, cannot be reported on a general order. [450.]

That it is not in order to question the order of an amendment to a bill adopted by the Senate when the question is on concurring with the Senate in said amendment. [451.]

That under House Rule 48, after a report inexpedient to legislate on an order instructing the committee to consider the expediency of amending or changing a law has been accepted by both branches, it is not in order for the House to consider a bill reported by a committee of the House, which proposes a change in said law. [555.]

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Gay Head, Resolution tendering the thanks of the General Court to people of, to the officers and men of the United States revenue steamer Samuel Dexter, and to others, 264, 277, 302; adopted, 310.

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- Going, Mary, Petition of, for compensation for damage suffered by the taking of the Way estate by the Commonwealth, 152; resolve reported, 324, 352, 609, 632, 641, 651, 692; passed, 698.
- Goulding, Agnes S., Order relative to paying, for services as deputy superintendent of the Reformatory Prison for Women, 214; resolve reported, 309, 346, 369, 379; passed, 426.
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- Grand Army Posts, Petition relative to allowing cities and towns to give the use of buildings to, 256; bill (S.) reported and rejected, 726.
- Grand juries, Order (S.) relative to requiring, to report to district attorneys as promptly as possible the names of persons against whom "no bill" is found in order that such persons may be forthwith discharged, 49, 81; bill (S. reported) for the speedy discharge of prisoners not indicted by, 125, 411, 420, 429, 437; enacted, 453.
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- Haverhill Aqueduct Company, Petition (S.) of the, for authority to take the waters of Silver Lake for an additional water supply for the city of Haverhill, 226; bill (S.) reported, 432, 441, 454, 527, 535, 566; enacted, 623.
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- Highland Congregational Church, Petition for an act of incorporation as the, 135; report (leave to withdraw), 405; recommitted, 434; bill (S.) reported, 471, 476, 483; enacted, 523.
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- Hingham Cordage Company, Petition (S.) for authority to hold additional property, 93; bill (S.) reported, 251, 266, 291; enacted, 316.
- Holbrook, Alice S., Petition (S.) of, for State aid, 234; resolve reported, 412, 419, 449, 494; passed, 549.
- Holden, Petition for money paid for support of State paupers by the town of, 169; resolve reported, 259, 302, 311, 328; passed, 397.
- Holland, Howard, Petition of, for State aid, 203; resolve reported, 346, 419, 429, 437; enacted, 496.
- Hollis Street Meeting House, Petition of the proprietors of the, for leave to change its corporate name, 25; bill reported, 106, 114, 121; enacted, 175.
- Holliston Water Company, Petition for an act of incorporation as the, 52; bill reported, 196, 241, 245; enacted, 316; reconsideration, 395; enacted, 409.

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Holyoke Water Power Company, Petition of the Proprietors of the Locks and Canals on the Connecticut River for confirmation of conveyance made by the last-named corporation with the, 70; bill reported, 113, 121, 127; enacted, 235.

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Homesteads, Order relative to exempting, from taxation to the value of fifteen hundred dollars, 35; report (inexpedient to legislate), 120; accepted, 127.

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Order relative to the employment of watchmen in, and boarding-houses, 118; report (inexpedient to legislate), 265; accepted, 274.

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Hunt, Geo. H., Petition of Henry A. Baker for the seat of, as representative from the Ninth Plymouth District, 26; resolution reported, 138; adopted, 168; precept of election issued, 165.

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- Order relative to a more permanent tenure of office of the members of the police force of the, 172; report (S. inexpedient to legislate), 305; accepted, 327.
- Petition concerning the filling of vacancies in the board of school committee of the, 200, 344; bill (S.) reported, 621, 630, 636; enacted, 664.
- Salem Charitable Mechanic Association, Petition for an extension of the charter of the, 117; report (leave to withdraw), 297; accepted, 303.
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- Order (S.) relative to increasing the amount that, may invest in the capital stock of national banking institutions, 53; report (inexpedient to legislate), 317; accepted 327.
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- Shurtleff, George F., Petition for the payment of a bounty due, 203; resolve reported 309, 345, 369, 379; passed, 439.
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- Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, Petition (S.) of the trustees of the, for an appropriation of fifteen thousand dollars, 60; resolve (S.) reported, 252, 298, 304, 328; passed, 342.
- Soldiers' Messenger Corps, Order relative to further legislation concerning, 193; resolve reported, 259, 298, 304, 328; passed, 397.
- Somerville Wharf and Improvement Company, Petition (S.) for the incorporation of the, 72, 465; bill (S) reported, 593, 617, 630; enacted, 659.
- Soup, Order relative to prohibiting the free distribution of, by cities and towns, 173; bill reported, 390; point of order, 450; bill laid aside, 451; motion to reconsider, 452.
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- South Pocasset Cemetery Association, Petition for legislation confirming the doings of the, in the town of Sandwich, 65; bill (S.) reported, 374, 405, 450; enacted, 470; reconsideration, 509; enacted, 528.
- Southeastern District, Order relative to increasing the salary of the district attorney for the, 75; report (S. inexpedient to legislate), 373, 383, 433; accepted, 441.
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- State Mutual Life Assurance Company, Petition (S.) for an amendment of the charter of the, 54; bill reported, 176, 241, 245; enacted, 272.
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- State Normal School at Bridgewater, Order relative to providing the, with a piano, etc., 190; resolve reported, 356, 410, 420, 429; passed, 454.
- Resolve (on leave) relating to fire escapes and fire extinguishing apparatus for the, 605, 609, 639, 669, 678; passed, 704.
- State Normal School at Framingham, Order relative to certain repairs at the, 190; resolve (S.) reported, 418, 436, 442; passed, 466.
- State Normal School at Salem, Resolve (on leave) in favor of the, 231, 324, 346, 369, 379; passed, 426.
- State Normal School at Worcester, Petition of the visitors of the, for an appropriation for fencing and grading the ground of said school, 73; resolve (S.) reported, 510, 524, 530, 536; passed, 563.
- State Primary and Reform School, Annual report of the trustees of the, 26; report (no further legislation necessary) accepted, 713.
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- Bill (reported on a portion of the report of the joint special committee on Public Charitable Institutions of 1883) concerning the, 569, 667, 682, 687; enacted, 697.
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- Steam engines and boilers, Petition (S.) relative legislation ensuring the safety of the public against accidents from, 119; order relative to establishing a board of examiners to pass upon the qualification of steam engineers employed in manu-

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Order relative to increasing the salary of the first assistant clerk of the superior court of, 70; report (S. inexpedient to legislate), 373; accepted, 407.

Order relative to providing additional officers for attendance at the sessions of the court of probate and insolvency in, 71; bill reported, 280, 289, 299; enacted, 453.

Order relative to recording probate proceedings in, by increasing the appropriation therefor, 104; bill reported, 297, 304, 327; enacted, 396

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Sumner National Independent League, Petition of, relative to civil rights, 204, 386; report (S. leave to withdraw), 393; accepted, 413.

Sunderland, Petition (S.) for an act of incorporation to supply the inhabitants of the town of, with water, 54; report (leave to withdraw for want of legal notice), recommitted with instructions, 67; bill (S.) reported, 322, 333, 340; enacted, 396.

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Order relative to exempting from, the real estate of a military company actually used as an armory, 58; report (inexpedient to legislate), 330, 338, 381; accepted, 391.

Order relative to the, of buildings standing upon leased land and owned by non-residents, in the place where such buildings are situated, 63; report (S. inexpedient to legislate), 321; accepted, 333.

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Order relative to repealing all laws which make any distinction or discrimination in the, of real property, 91; report (inexpedient to legislate), 318; accepted, 327.

Order relative to the, of personal property held in trust out of the Commonwealth, 91; bill reported, 319, 325, 371; rejected in the Senate, 459.

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Order relative to allowing, or telephone companies to enter upon and use land of railroads, 214; report (inexpedient to legislate), 585, 592; resolve substituted, 606, 624; passed, 677.

Order relative to the recovery of damages for the placing of, poles in front of estates, 218; report (inexpedient to legislate), 410; recommitted, 434; bill reported, 569, 586, 604, 606, 666, 680, 695; enacted, 708.

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