

Mr. McPHERSON. Will the Senator yield to me one moment? I wish to answer one position of the Senator from Delaware.

Mr. GARLAND. Very well; I will withhold the motion for a moment.

Mr. McPHERSON. Before we depart from this question to-day, I should like in this connection to call the attention of the Senate to the position taken by the honorable Senator from Delaware, [Mr. BAYARD,] in which he made a comparison between United States bonds and British consols. The honorable Senator did not undertake to tell the Senate that the 3 per cent., or the annual yield to the creditor or holder of the bond derived from British consols, was subject to taxation. It is well known that the British Government are engaged in troubles all over the world. They have serious trouble at their own door, in Ireland. They have extended possessions which it is necessary for them to protect and defend. They occupy a most peculiar position upon the map of the world and in the world's history, and there is no limit to which the British Government may tax the revenue derived from its bonds. They may tax the bonds so as not to leave the creditor one single penny of the revenue, and still those bonds approach par in the markets of London. The bonds of the United States are not subject to taxation, Federal, State, or municipal. They are subject to no taxation whatever, and I say it is exceedingly unfair to undertake to compare the British consol with the American bond in point of value in the money markets of the world.

Another position which the Senator from Delaware takes it seems to me is rather indefensible. I believe the true policy of this Government is to fix a period at which the bond shall be paid, so as to prevent this continued agitation in Congress. We have here a continual agitation which disturbs business. The business affairs of the country, all the industries of the country, are dependent upon its financial condition, and all the industrial interests are to-day waiting to know what action Congress is going to take with respect to refunding the national debt. Therefore, for one, I prefer that there should be a specific date fixed for the redemption and payment of the bonds. Of course it would be entirely optional with Congress after the expiration of ten years, when Congress would have the right under my amendment to redeem them, although it need not do it until the thirty years expire. It is the lowest rate at which any Government has ever successfully floated its debt, and I believe it will be the pleasure of Congress to allow any period of time between ten years, the date of redemption, and thirty years, the date of payment, to continue the bonds as a basis or as security for national-bank circulation.

Mr. GARLAND. I now move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

Mr. VEST. Mr. President—

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. Does the Senator from Arkansas yield to the Senator from Missouri?

Mr. GARLAND. I do. The Senator from Missouri, I understand, simply wishes to get the floor upon this question to speak upon his amendment to-morrow, and I give way to him for that purpose.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The Chair will recognize the Senator from Missouri as entitled to the floor when this subject comes up again for discussion.

Mr. SHERMAN. I had hoped to reach a vote to-day, but there does not seem to be a disposition on the part of Senators to do so. They do not seem to have their working-day habits on them yet. I shall not, therefore, oppose the motion of the Senator from Arkansas.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The question is on the motion of the Senator from Arkansas to proceed to the consideration of executive business.

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business. After eight minutes spent in executive session the doors were reopened, and (at two o'clock and fifty-eight minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, January 9, 1882.

The House met at twelve o'clock m. Prayer by the Rev. J. G. BUTLER, D. D.

The Journal of Thursday last was read and approved.

### REFERENCE OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. KELLEY. By direction of the Committee on Ways and Means, I ask unanimous consent to present for reference to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union a resolution distributing the President's annual message to the several standing and special committees of the House. If consent be given to this reference, I will, at the conclusion of the call of States to-day, or to-morrow morning immediately after the reading of the Journal, move that we go into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of distributing the message.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the introduction of the resolution proposed by the gentleman from Pennsylvania on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means?

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan. What is it?

Mr. KELLEY. It is a resolution distributing the President's message and accompanying documents to the several standing and special committees of the House.

The SPEAKER. The Chair understands that it is the resolution usually presented at the beginning of each session of Congress.

Mr. KELLEY. I propose, on the conclusion of the call of States to-day, to move to go into Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the title of the resolution. The Clerk read as follows:

Resolution referring to the several standing and select committees of the House the annual message of the President and accompanying documents.

Mr. BELFORD. I desire to reserve all points of order on that resolution.

The SPEAKER. There being no objection, the resolution will be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. HISCOCK. I am directed by the Committee on Appropriations to offer for immediate consideration the resolution which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations and its sub-committees have leave to sit during the sessions of the House for the present session.

There being no objection the resolution was considered and adopted.

Mr. HISCOCK moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. I ask to present a resolution for immediate consideration.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan. I rise to a question of order. I submit that under the twenty-fourth rule of the House the first business after the reading of the Journal to-day is the call of States; and no other business is now in order.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BURROWS] is right; and if the regular order is called for—

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan. I call for the regular order.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. I am satisfied that my friend from Michigan will not object to the resolution if he hears it.

The SPEAKER. The regular order being demanded, the call of States must proceed. The business which has been transacted thus far has been by unanimous consent.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. I am sure that my friend will have no objection to this resolution when he hears it.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Illinois must appeal to the House for unanimous consent.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan. I call for the regular order.

The SPEAKER. The regular order being demanded, the Chair, as required by the rules, will now call the States and Territories in alphabetical order for the presentation of bills and joint resolutions for printing and reference. Under this call joint and concurrent resolutions and memorials of State and Territorial Legislatures can be presented and appropriately referred; and resolutions of inquiry directed to heads of Executive Departments are in order for reference to the appropriate committees, which latter resolutions are to be reported to the House within one week.

### FEES OF STEAMBOAT INSPECTORS.

Mr. HERNDON introduced a bill (H. R. 2149) to amend section 4458 of the Revised Statutes of the United States so as to reduce the fees therein required to be paid by officers of steam vessels for certificates of license to the sum of fifty cents; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

### ELEVATOR IN MOBILE CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Mr. HERNDON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2150) to appropriate \$15,000 to erect an elevator in the custom-house at Mobile, Alabama; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

### WILLIAM F. MARTIN.

Mr. HERNDON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2151) to pay William F. Martin, of Mobile, Alabama, the value of one hundred half boxes of tobacco illegally seized and sold by the collector of internal revenue at New Orleans; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

### CLAUDE H. MASTEN.

Mr. HERNDON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2152) for the relief of Claude H. Masten, surviving partner of the firm of Le Vert & Masten, of Mobile, Alabama, and the children of Octavia Le Vert, deceased; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

### PUBLIC BUILDINGS, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA.

Mr. WHEELER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2153) to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of Huntsville, State of Ala-

bama; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

JAMES A. PATTERSON.

Mr. WHEELER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2154) for the relief of James A. Patterson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

DR. J. B. READ.

Mr. HEWITT, of Alabama, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2155) to authorize and require the Secretary of the Treasury to pay, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$75,000 to Dr. J. B. Read, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to be accepted by him in full payment for his claim for the discovery and invention of the hard-metal expansive-shell system which prepared the way for the use of cheap cast-iron rifle-guns; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

OWNERS OF THE STEAMER JACKSON.

Mr. OATES introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2156) for the relief of certain owners of the steamer Jackson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

J. M. HOBBS.

Mr. GUNTER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2157) for the relief of J. M. Hobbs; which was read a first and second time, referred, with the accompanying papers, to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

L. A. MORRIS.

Mr. CRAVENS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2158) for the relief of L. A. Morris; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

Mr. CRAVENS also introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 67) submitting proposed amendment to the Constitution, to be designated article 16; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on Law respecting Election of President and Vice-President, and ordered to be printed.

WILSON G. GRAY.

Mr. CRAVENS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2159) for the relief of Wilson G. Gray; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM M. MIDDLETON.

Mr. CRAVENS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2160) for the relief of William M. Middleton; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

SURETIES OF JOHN O. RAWLINS.

Mr. PAGE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2161) for the relief of the sureties of the late John O. Rawlins; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

DUTY ON PYRETHRUM FLOWERS, ETC.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2162) imposing a duty of twenty-five cents per pound on pyrethrum flowers and insect-powder manufactured therefrom imported into the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

FEES OF REGISTERS AND RECEIVERS.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2163) in relation to certain fees allowed registers and receivers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

SETTLERS UNDER THE DESERT-LAND ACT.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2164) for the relief of settlers under the desert-land act; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

MISSION INDIAN RESERVATION, CALIFORNIA.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2165) to provide a reservation for the Mission Indians of Southern California; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT OF REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2166) to amend section 2851 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; also to amend section 5 of an act entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," approved June 10, 1880; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2167) to amend existing customs duties, and for other purposes; which was read a first

and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

STEAM-PLOW MACHINERY FREE OF DUTY.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2168) to admit free of duty steam-plow machinery adapted to the cultivation of the soil; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGES.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2169) to amend an act approved July 2, 1862, entitled "An act donating lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts;" which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

RENT FOR UNITED STATES LAND OFFICES.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2170) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make allowance for rent of United States land offices; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

HOMESTEAD SETTLERS.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2171) for the relief of homestead settlers on the public lands; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2172) appropriating money for the purchase of a site and erection of a building for a post-office and other Government offices in the city of Sacramento, State of California; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 68) to make the anniversary of the discovery of America a legal holiday in the District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and ordered to be printed.

ENTRIES OF PUBLIC LANDS.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2173) for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands, and to provide for the repayment of certain fees, purchase-money, and commissions paid on void entries of public lands; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC LANDS IN CALIFORNIA.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2174) to authorize the State of California to select other lands in place of the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections returned as mineral; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

DUTY ON CERTAIN JUTE MACHINERY.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2175) instructing the Secretary of the Treasury to admit free of duty certain jute machinery for the use of the California State prison at San Quentin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

MALINDA THURSTON AND NANCY LITTLETON.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2176) for the relief of Malinda Thurston and Nancy Littleton; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

CHRISTOPHER GREEN AND HUGH C. TRAINOR.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2177) for the relief of Christopher Green and Hugh C. Trainor; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

DR. C. E. PRICE.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2178) to authorize Dr. C. E. Price, of the United States Army, to receive the pay allowed by law for discharging the duties of physician to the Hoopa Valley Indian reservation; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM D. HALEY.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2179) for the relief of William D. Haley; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

CHARLOTTE WEBSTER.

Mr. PAGE also introduced a bill (H. B. No. 2181) increasing the pension of Mrs. Charlotte Webster; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

FRANK SOULE AND OTHERS.

Mr. ROSECRANS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2181) for the relief

of Frank Soule and others; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

HERMAN LUBBERS.

Mr. PACHECO introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2182) for the relief of Herman Lubbers and others; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

FREDERICK FREDLEY.

Mr. PACHECO also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2183) for the relief of Frederick Fredley; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

CLAIMANTS TO LANDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

Mr. PACHECO also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2184) to authorize the claimants to certain lands in Los Angeles County, California, to submit their claims to the United States district court for that State for adjudication; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

FRANCISCO SANCHEZ DE ESCAUDON.

Mr. PACHECO also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2185) for the relief of Francisco Sanchez de Escandon; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

CALVIN GUNN.

Mr. BERRY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2186) granting a pension to Calvin Gunn; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM M'ELROY.

Mr. BERRY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2187) for the relief of William McElroy; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

CAPTAIN S. D. GOODRICH.

Mr. BERRY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2188) granting a pension to Captain S. D. Goodrich; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

SILVER BULLION PURCHASED BY TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Mr. BELFORD submitted a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to inform this House of the number of ounces of silver bullion purchased by the Treasury Department each month, beginning with March, 1878, down to and including December, 1881, the price paid for the same each month, and the number of standard silver dollars coined each month during the period specified herein; which was referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

IGNACIO CHAVES, ET AL.

Mr. BELFORD also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2189) for the relief of Ignacio Chaves and others, their heirs and assignees; which was read a first and second time; referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

MINERAL LANDS.

Mr. BELFORD also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2190) to amend section 2326 of the Revised Statutes, in regard to mineral lands; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining, and ordered to be printed.

BUREAU OF MINES AND MINING, ETC.

Mr. BELFORD also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2191) to establish a bureau of mines and mining, a bureau of manufactures, and a bureau of labor statistics, in the Interior Department, and to change the designation of the existing bureau of statistics to the bureau of commerce; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining, and ordered to be printed.

PORT OF DELIVERY AT DENVER, COLORADO.

Mr. BELFORD also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2192) to establish a port of delivery at Denver, in the State of Colorado; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

DANIEL CONNOLLY.

Mr. MILES introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2193) granting a pension to Daniel Connolly; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

AUSTIN L. FRINK.

Mr. MILES also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2194) granting a pension to Austin L. Frink; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

DONATION OF CONDEMNED CANNON.

Mr. PHELPS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2195) donating condemned bronze cannon to the Soldiers' Monument Association of Birmingham, Connecticut; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

SECTION 4895 REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. PHELPS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2196) to amend sec-

tion 4895 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Patents, and ordered to be printed.

EUNICE S. NICHOLS.

Mr. PHELPS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2197) granting a pension to Eunice S. Nichols; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

PENSIONS FOR WAR OF 1812.

Mr. PHELPS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2198) to amend section 3 of the act of March 9, 1878, relating to pensions for service in the war of 1812; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

SECTION 5175 REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. PHELPS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2199) to repeal a part of section 5175 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to provide for the circulation by national banking institutions of notes of a less denomination than \$5; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, and ordered to be printed.

ATTORNEYS BEFORE DEPARTMENTS.

Mr. PHELPS (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2200) to provide for the protection of attorneys doing business before the Patent Office and the other bureaus and Departments of the Government; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Patents, and ordered to be printed.

BOEHM BROTHERS.

Mr. PHELPS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2201) to refund a duplicate tax to Boehm Brothers, of New York; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

DONATION OF CONDEMNED CANNON, ETC.

Mr. PHELPS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2202) donating condemned cannon and cannon-balls to the Soldiers' Monument Association of Birmingham, Connecticut; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

RECKNAGEL & CO.

Mr. WAIT introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2203) for the relief of Recknagel & Co.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

WEAVER & STERRY.

Mr. WAIT also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2204) for the relief of Weaver & Sterry; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

MARY J. GOSLEE.

Mr. MARTIN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2205) granting a pension to Mary J. Goslee; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

RETIRED OFFICERS OF THE NAVY.

Mr. MARTIN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2206) to correct an error in section 1588 of the Revised Statutes in reference to the pay of retired officers of the Navy; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MARTIN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2207) to prevent officers of the Navy from being kept on the retired list after the disability for which they were placed there has ceased; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

FLORIDA INDIAN HOSTILITIES.

Mr. DAVIDSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2208) granting bounty land to all persons who rendered military service in the suppression of Indian hostilities in the State of Florida between the year 1854 and the year 1860; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

LIFE-SAVING STATION.

Mr. DAVIDSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2209) to establish a life-saving and life-boat station at or near Cape San Blas, Calhoun County, Florida; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

CYPRIAN T. JENKINS.

Mr. DAVIDSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2210) for the relief of Cyprian T. Jenkins; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BUILDING AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

Mr. FINLEY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2211) to provide for the erection of a public building in Jacksonville, in the State of Florida; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

REDUCTION OF LETTER POSTAGE.

Mr. FINLEY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2212) to amend sec-

tion 3903 of the Revised Statutes so as to reduce letter-postage from three to two cents; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, and ordered to be printed.

OGLETHORPE BARRACKS.

Mr. BLACK introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2213) to authorize and direct the sale of Oglethorpe Barracks in the city of Savannah, State of Georgia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS M. JONES.

Mr. BUCHANAN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2214) for the relief of Thomas M. Jones; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

CHATTAHOOCHE RIVER.

Mr. BUCHANAN also introduced a bill to appropriate \$100,000 to be expended in the removal of obstructions to navigation in the Chattahoochee River, Georgia.

The SPEAKER. That bill will go to the Committee on Commerce through the petition-box.

Mr. BUCHANAN. I thought the Chair decided the other day that the only way in which a bill could be brought before the House and be printed was to present it in open House and have it referred to the appropriate committee.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Georgia [Mr. BUCHANAN] is exactly right; yet the House has a standing rule which requires that all bills relating to the establishment of post-roads and to the improvement of rivers and harbors shall go to their appropriate committees through the petition-box. That is the requirement of clause 5, Rule XXI. In fact, such bills never get before the House in the form of bills printed and numbered as do other bills; yet it is the fault of the rule relating to those two subjects.

Mr. BUCHANAN. I want to refer the bill to the Committee on Commerce.

The SPEAKER. It will go there, as a matter of course, under the rule.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. SYMPSON, one of its clerks, informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution of the House of Representatives concerning the memorial services of the late President James A. Garfield.

JOSEPH F. WILSON.

Mr. LEWIS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2215) for the relief of Joseph F. Wilson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

ISAAC ISHLER.

Mr. MOULTON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2216) for the relief of Isaac Ishler; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

HENRY BROWN.

Mr. MOULTON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2217) granting arrears of pension to Henry Brown; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

ELIZA J. CAMPBELL.

Mr. MOULTON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2218) for the relief of Eliza J. Campbell; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

SUITS CONCERNING CORPORATIONS.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2219) to amend section 639, chapter 7, title 13 of the Revised Statutes, relating to suits concerning corporations; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

DUTIES ON SALT, PRINTING-PAPER, ETC.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2220) to revise and amend sections 2503, 2504, and 2505 of title 33 of the Revised Statutes of the United States by repealing the duty on salt, printing-paper, type, &c.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

WYETT PARISH.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2221) granting a pension to Wyett Parish; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

DUTIES ON SUGARS.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, (by request,) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2222) to amend section 2983 of the Revised Statutes of the United States so that the duties paid upon sugars shall be assessed upon the quantity delivered from instead of the quantity entered into bonded warehouses; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

PETER GALLAGHER.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, (by request,) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2223) for the relief of Peter Gallagher; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

JAMES CALER.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, (by request,) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2224) for the relief of James Caler; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

SALMON B. COLBY.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, (by request,) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2225) for the relief of Salmon B. Colby; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

PENSIONS.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2226) to increase the rate of pension of those who have lost one limb and are permanently and totally disabled from manual labor in the other to \$50 per month; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM M. WILSON.

Mr. CANNON (by request) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2227) for the relief of William M. Wilson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

E. J. CHILDERS.

Mr. CANNON (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2228) for the relief of E. J. Childers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM PURDUM.

Mr. CANNON (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2229) for the relief of William Purdum; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

EDWARD STEVENS.

Mr. SHERWIN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2230) for the relief of Edward Stevens; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

PAY OF EMPLOYÉS IN GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.

Mr. HAWK introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 69) authorizing the Public Printer to pay the employés of the Government Printing Office the pay deducted from them during the obsequies of the late President Garfield; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Printing, and ordered to be printed.

PURE VACCINE VIRUS.

Mr. SMITH, of Illinois, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2231) for the distribution of pure vaccine virus to the people; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Health, and ordered to be printed.

B. N. EWING.

Mr. SMITH, of Illinois, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2232) for the relief of B. N. Ewing; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

HERMAN W. HIPPEN.

Mr. SMITH, of Illinois, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2233) for the relief of Herman W. Hippen; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN BRAMLEY.

Mr. SMITH, of Illinois, (by request,) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2234) for the relief of John Bramley; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

JAMES BUCHANAN.

Mr. SMITH, of Illinois, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2235) for the relief of James Buchanan; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

CALVIN L. KNICK.

Mr. SMITH, of Illinois, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2236) granting a pension to Calvin L. Knick; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM D. WEBB.

Mr. SMITH, of Illinois, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2237) for the relief of William D. Webb; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM T. KIRK.

Mr. SMITH, of Illinois, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2238) for the relief of William T. Kirk; which was read a first and second

time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

A message in writing was received from the President, by Mr. PRUDEN, one of his secretaries.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Mr. PAYSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2239) to establish a court of appeals; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

SUFFRAGE IN THE TERRITORIES.

Mr. PAYSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2240) to amend section 1860 of the Revised Statutes, to further regulate suffrage in the Territories, and making polygamy a disability and disqualification for office, &c.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT OF REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. PAYSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2241) to amend section 985 of the Revised Statutes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

MAJOR LOUIS J. SACRISTE.

Mr. PAYSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2242) for an increase of pension to Major Louis J. Sacriste; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

CHARLOTTE T. CLARK.

Mr. PAYSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2243) granting a pension to Charlotte T. Clark; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

ALLEN HARPER.

Mr. PAYSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2244) for the relief of Allen Harper; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

LUCRETIA M. LARKIN.

Mr. PAYSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2245) granting a pension to Lucretia M. Larkin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

GILES GRIMES.

Mr. PAYSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2246) granting a pension to Giles Grimes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

BRIDGE ACROSS MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT KEITHSBURG, ILLINOIS.

Mr. MARSH introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2247) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Keithsburg, in the State of Illinois, and to establish it as a post-road; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

ILLINOIS AND MISSISSIPPI CANAL.

Mr. HENDERSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2248) to provide for the construction of the Illinois and Mississippi Canal, and to cheapen transportation; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS J. STAINBROOK.

Mr. HENDERSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2249) to correct the military record of Thomas J. Stainbrook; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

MARY SHAW.

Mr. HENDERSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2250) granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Shaw; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

QUINCY M'NEIL.

Mr. HENDERSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2251) for the relief of Quincy McNeil; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

BUREAU OF MILITARY JUSTICE AND JUDGE-ADVOCATES.

Mr. HENDERSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2252) to consolidate the Bureau of Military Justice and the Corps of Judge-Advocates of the Army, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

SIGNAL CORPS.

Mr. HENDERSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2253) to increase the efficiency of the Signal Corps of the Army; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

SUSAN Y. ATWATER.

Mr. HENDERSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2254) granting a pension to Susan Y. Atwater; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

H. H. BUCK.

Mr. CALKINS (by request) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2255) for the relief of H. H. Buck; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JACOB HUMBLE.

Mr. MATSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2256) granting a pension to Jacob Humble; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

BENJAMIN F. DOBSON.

Mr. MATSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2257) granting arrears of pension to Benjamin F. Dobson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

RICHARD M. BAKER.

Mr. MATSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2258) granting a pension to Richard M. Baker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

FRANK M. VOSS.

Mr. MATSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2259) granting a pension to Frank M. Voss; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS J. COFER.

Mr. MATSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2260) granting a pension to Thomas J. Cofer; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

GIDEON WALKER.

Mr. MATSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2261) for the relief of the representatives of Gideon Walker, deceased; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

RELIEF OF CERTAIN PRISONERS OF WAR.

Mr. MATSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2262) granting pensions to prisoners of war; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

PAY OF EMPLOYÉS BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING.

Mr. MATSON also introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 70) to compensate the employés of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for lost time; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

ISAAC H. MONTGOMERY.

Mr. ORTH introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2263) granting a pension to Isaac H. Montgomery, of Tipton County, Indiana; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

MATHIAS FLAKE.

Mr. ORTH also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2264) granting a pension to Mathias Flake; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JACOB N. BLACKER.

Mr. ORTH also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2265) for the relief of Jacob N. Blacker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

HIRAM RUSSELL.

Mr. ORTH also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2266) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Hiram Russell; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

MILTON P. JULIEN.

Mr. BROWNE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2267) for the relief of Milton P. Julien; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

N. H. RICHTER.

Mr. BROWNE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2268) for the relief of N. H. Richter; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

SARAH M. DECKER.

Mr. BROWNE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2269) for the relief of Sarah M. Decker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JOSEPH ADAMS.

Mr. HEILMAN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2270) for the relief of

Joseph Adams; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

HIRAM A. BENEFIELD.

Mr. COBB introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2271) for the relief of Hiram A. Benefield; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN BURKE.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2272) for the relief of John Burke; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

SASSER SULLIVAN.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2273) for the relief of Sasser Sullivan; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM L. DAY.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2274) granting a pension to William L. Day; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

CUTLER S. DOBBINS.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2275) granting a pension to Cutler S. Dobbins; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM C. FINE.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2276) for the relief of William C. Fine; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

FELIX W. RUSHER.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2277) for the relief of Felix W. Rusher; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN H. JACKSON.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2278) for the relief of John H. Jackson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

MARY J. BOOKER.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2279) for the relief of Mary J. Booker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS FERGUSON.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2280) for the relief of Thomas Ferguson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

ALFRED F. PHILLIPS.

Mr. COBB also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2281) for the relief of Alfred F. Phillips; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

FRANKLIN P. BURGESS ET AL.

Mr. PIERCE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2282) granting a pension to Franklin P. Burgess, William Burgess, and Lydia A. Burgess; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

HAMILTON ELLIOTT.

Mr. PIERCE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2283) to rerate the pension of Hamilton Elliott; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN W. STOKER.

Mr. PIERCE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2284) to increase the pension of John W. Stoker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JAMES H. M'NUTT.

Mr. PIERCE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2285) to increase the pension of James H. McNutt; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WASHINGTON AND GEORGETOWN STEAM RAILWAY.

Mr. PIERCE (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2286) providing for the construction of the Washington and Georgetown Steam Railway; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

ROBERT G. SMITHER.

Mr. PEELLE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2287) for the relief of Captain Robert G. Smither; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

Mr. PEELLE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2288) to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a port of delivery at the city of

Indianapolis," approved March 3, 1881; which was read a first and second time.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks that bill should be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. PEELLE. The bill simply has reference to a change in the salary of an officer, and I have designated the Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks it belongs to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. KASSON. As it relates to expenditures in the collection of revenue should it not go to the Committee on Ways and Means?

Mr. PEELLE. The only change proposed by the bill is an increase of salary of the collector of the port of Indianapolis.

The SPEAKER. The bill relates also to the application of another statute to the port of Indianapolis. In the opinion of the Chair it does not belong to the Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department. As the Chair is at present advised it thinks that it belongs clearly to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill was accordingly referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

A. W. LEWIS.

Mr. PEELLE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2289) for the relief of A. W. Lewis; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

ROBERT PELKEY.

Mr. STEELE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2290) for the relief of Robert Pelkey; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM T. SEWARD.

Mr. STEELE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2291) for the relief of William T. Seward; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

ELI M. RAGER.

Mr. STEELE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2292) for the relief of Eli M. Rager; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

LOSSES BY MORGAN RAID.

Mr. STOCKSLAGER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2293) to provide for the payment of claimants for property taken, used, or destroyed in the Morgan raid in the State of Indiana; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

INDIANA WAR CLAIM.

Mr. STOCKSLAGER also presented a joint resolution (H. R. No. 71) for establishment of claims from the State of Indiana embraced in the provisions of section 2, act of July 4, 1864, entitled "An act to restrict the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims and to provide for the payment of certain demands for quartermaster's stores and subsistence supplies furnished to the Army of the United States;" which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN GLENN.

Mr. STOCKSLAGER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2294) granting a pension to John Glenn; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mr. MCCOID introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 72) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States in relation to the election of President and Vice-President and their successors for the unexpired term in case of their death, removal, or other constitutional disability; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on Law respecting Election of President and Vice-President, and ordered to be printed.

DES MOINES RAPIDS IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. MCCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2295) for the relief of certain employes on the work for the improvement of the Des Moines Rapids of the Mississippi River; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

HENRY SIMMONS.

Mr. MCCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2296) for the relief of Henry Simmons; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT OF THE RULES.

Mr. MCCOID also submitted a resolution proposing a new rule; which was referred to the Committee on Rules.

KEOKUK COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

Mr. MCCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2297) for the relief of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, and to compensate it for loss of college and hospital buildings by fire while used by the United States during the rebellion; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

J. D. HAWORTH.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2298) for the relief of J. D. Haworth; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

SOLDIERS' REUNIONS IN IOWA.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 73) providing for cannon, tents, and other camp equipments for soldiers' reunions in Iowa; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

BURLINGTON, IOWA.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2299) relinquishing the title which still remains in the United States to all lots or portions of ground which lie within the limits of the present city of Burlington, Iowa, to the said city of Burlington; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

SUPPRESSION OF POLYGAMY.

Mr. McCOID also submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

1. Resolved by the House, That a select committee of eleven be appointed, to be called the "Committee on Suppression of the Crime of Polygamy," whose duty it shall be to devise means for the effectual enforcement of the laws against polygamy and for the better government of the Territory of Utah.
2. That papers offered relating to the right of a Delegate from the said Territory to a seat in the House be referred to said committee.
3. That no Delegate from said Territory shall be admitted until Congress shall declare such Territory entitled thereto in the future.

HENRY SIMONS.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2300) for the relief of Henry Simons; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

PETER ENGELDINGER.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2301) for the relief of Peter Engeldinger; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

RICHARD MIDDLETON.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2302) for the relief of Richard Middleton; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

ELIZABETH J. SIMPSON.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2303) for the relief of Elizabeth J. Simpson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

ADAM HINE.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2304) for the relief of Adam Hine; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

S. T. MARSHALL.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2305) for the relief of S. T. Marshall; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN O. VALLANDIGHAM.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2306) for the relief of John O. Vallandigham; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

J. G. GILLHAM.

Mr. McCOID also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2307) for the relief of J. G. Gillham; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

CHARLES P. SYKES AND JOHN CURREY.

Mr. UPDEGRAFF, of Iowa, (by request,) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2308) to confirm the title to certain lands in the Territory of Arizona to Charles P. Sykes and John Currey; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

SILAS REED.

Mr. UPDEGRAFF, of Iowa, (by request,) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2309) for the relief of Silas Reed; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

EVANS, NICHOLS & CO.

Mr. FARWELL, of Iowa, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2310) for the relief of Evans, Nichols & Co.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS S. BROOKS & CO.

Mr. FARWELL, of Iowa, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2311) for the relief of Thomas S. Brooks & Co., on account of cattle stolen by Indians; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

DEFICIENCY IN INDIAN SERVICE.

Mr. THOMPSON, of Iowa, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2312) to appropriate money to meet deficiency in the Indian service for the

fiscal year ending June 30, 1882; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

BRIDGE OVER THE MISSOURI RIVER.

Mr. THOMPSON, of Iowa, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2313) authorizing the Sioux City and Pacific Railroad Company to construct and maintain a railroad bridge over the Missouri River; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

LAND GRANT TO IOWA.

Mr. HEPBURN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2314) confirming the title of the State of Iowa to certain lands granted to said State by an act of Congress approved May 12, 1864, and to authorize the disposal of the same; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

TARIFF AND INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS.

Mr. KASSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2315) to provide for the appointment of a commission to investigate the question of the tariff and internal revenue laws; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

CAPTAIN M. L. COURTNEY.

Mr. KASSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2316) for the relief of Captain M. L. Courtney, Twenty-fifth United States Infantry; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

MARY BULLARD.

Mr. KASSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2317) for the relief of Mary Bullard; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

REDEMPTION OF INTERNAL-REVENUE STAMPS.

Mr. DEERING introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2318) repealing the limitation of redemption of internal-revenue stamps by the Government; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

CHARLES O. OAKS.

Mr. DEERING also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2319) granting a pension to Charles O. Oaks; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

HENRY S. MORGAN.

Mr. DEERING also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2320) granting a pension to Henry S. Morgan; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JAMES A. GUTHRIE.

Mr. DEERING also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2321) granting arrears of pension to James A. Guthrie; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

S. B. CHASE.

Mr. DEERING also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2322) for the relief of S. B. Chase; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

ELIAS D. BRUNER.

Mr. CARPENTER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2323) for the relief of Elias D. Bruner; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

DRUSILLA H. SWANGER.

Mr. CARPENTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2324) for the relief of Drusilla H. Swanger; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

JUDGMENT LIENS, UNITED STATES COURTS.

Mr. CARPENTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2325) in relation to liens of judgments of United States courts; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

MORGAN EVERTS.

Mr. CARPENTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2326) for the relief of Morgan Everts; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGE W. WICKWIRE.

Mr. CARPENTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2327) granting a pension to George W. Wickwire; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JOSEPH R. BENJAMIN.

Mr. CARPENTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2328) granting a pension to Joseph R. Benjamin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CARPENTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2329) for the

relief of Joseph R. Benjamin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

W. W. NORRIS.

Mr. CARPENTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2330) for the relief of W. W. Norris; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

GOVERNOR OF MILITARY PRISON AT FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

Mr. ANDERSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2331) to determine the local rank of the governor of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

LANDS FOR CEMETERY AT KIRWIN, KANSAS.

Mr. ANDERSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2332) to donate a cemetery site on the public lands to the city of Kirwin, in the State of Kansas; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN G. BANKS.

Mr. ANDERSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2333) granting a pension to John G. Banks; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM H. POWELL.

Mr. ANDERSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2334) for the relief of William H. Powell; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

NICHOLAS W. BARNETT.

Mr. HASKELL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2335) granting an increase of pension to Nicholas W. Barnett; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JOSHUA PUCKETT.

Mr. HASKELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2336) granting an increase of pension to Joshua Puckett; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR.

Mr. HASKELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2337) for the relief of the Agricultural and Industrial Institute for people of color; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

EUGENE B. ALLEN.

Mr. HASKELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2338) for the relief of Eugene B. Allen; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

POWERS & NEWMAN AND D. & B. POWERS.

Mr. HASKELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2339) for the relief of Powers & Newman and D. & B. Powers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

JOSEPH BOWERS.

Mr. HASKELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2340) granting a pension to Joseph Bowers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

COLORED EMIGRANTS.

Mr. HASKELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2341) for the relief of colored emigrants; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

I. J. DAVIS.

Mr. HASKELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2342) for the relief of I. J. Davis; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM C. O'BRIEN.

Mr. HASKELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2343) for the relief of William C. O'Brien; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

MARY ALLEN.

Mr. HASKELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2344) granting a pension to Mary Allen; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' REUNION, TOPEKA, KANSAS.

Mr. RYAN introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 74) authorizing the Secretary of War to supply artillery and camp equipage to the soldiers and sailors' reunion at Topeka, Kansas; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

AMENDMENT OF REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. RYAN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2345) to amend section 2291 of chapter 5 of title 32 of the Revised Statutes of the United

States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

W. H. WILLCOX.

Mr. RYAN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2346) for the relief of W. H. Willcox; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

RESTORATION OF PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS.

Mr. RYAN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2347) to restore exhausted pre-emption and homestead rights; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

W. G. RAYMOND.

Mr. RYAN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2348) for the relief of W. G. Raymond; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGE J. WEBB.

Mr. RYAN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2349) granting an increase of pension to George J. Webb; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGE W. BAUSMAN.

Mr. RYAN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2350) to increase the pension of George W. Bausman; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM L. CROUCH.

Mr. RYAN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2351) for the relief of William L. Crouch; which was read a first and second time.

The SPEAKER. The bill will be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. RYAN. I think it should go to the Committee on Indian Affairs. The principles which are involved and which should determine whether the bill ought to pass or not are such as ought to be considered by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The SPEAKER. The bill will be so referred.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

C. H. PORTER.

Mr. KNOTT introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2352) for the relief of C. H. Porter; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

J. W. BOWLING AND J. S. GOLLADY.

Mr. KNOTT also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2353) for the relief of J. W. Bowling and J. S. Gollady; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

MARIA SELBY.

Mr. KNOTT also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2354) for the relief of Miss Maria Selby; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

STEAM-VESSELS ON OHIO RIVER.

Mr. PHISTER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2355) in relation to vessels operated by steam navigating the Ohio River; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

PENSIONS FOR TOTAL DISABILITY.

Mr. CALDWELL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2356) to equalize all pensions for total disability under section 4695 of the Revised Statutes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

ARREARS OF PENSIONS.

Mr. CALDWELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2357) to repeal an act for the payment of arrears of pensions, and for other purposes, approved January 25, 1879, and known as chapter 23, United States Statutes at Large; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

PATIENCE BEATTY.

Mr. WHITE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2358) for the benefit of Patience Beatty; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

TABITHA BALL.

Mr. WHITE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2359) granting a pension to Tabitha Ball; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

ROBERT BRYANT.

Mr. WHITE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2360) granting a pension to Robert Bryant; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.



## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AMOS.

Mr. WHITE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2361) for the relief of Benjamin Franklin Amos; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## MILTON L. DAVIS.

Mr. WHITE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2362) for the relief of Milton L. Davis; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## MOORE JOHNSON.

Mr. WHITE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2363) for the benefit of Moore Johnson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## JAMES G. HOWARD.

Mr. WHITE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2364) correcting the military muster in of James G. Howard; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## YEAS AND NAYS ON APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Mr. TURNER, of Kentucky. During the Forty-sixth Congress I introduced a joint resolution similar to the one I now send to the Clerk's desk, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States. There was no report made upon it by the committee to which it was referred. I now introduce a similar resolution and hope we may have a report on it and a vote of the House, in which case I have no doubt it will be passed.

The joint resolution (H. R. No. 75) proposing an amendment to the Constitution requiring yeas and nays on all appropriations exceeding \$10,000 was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Rules, and ordered to be printed.

## COMMERCE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS.

Mr. WILLIS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2365) for the benefit of commerce on the lakes, rivers, gulfs, bays, sounds, inlets, bayous, and other navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the laws of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## REDUCTION OF LETTER POSTAGE.

Mr. WILLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2366) to reduce the postage on letters and letter matter to two cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, and ordered to be printed.

## CLARA L. PREUSS.

Mr. WILLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2367) granting a pension to Clara L. Preuss; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## THOMAS B. STRING.

Mr. WILLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2368) for the relief of Thomas B. String; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## JOHN FINZER &amp; BROTHERS.

Mr. WILLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2369) for the relief of John Finzer & Brothers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## GILBERT A. PHILIPS.

Mr. WILLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2370) granting a pension to Gilbert A. Philips; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## A. J. GUTHRIE.

Mr. WILLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2371) for the benefit of A. J. Guthrie; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## WARREN MITCHELL.

Mr. WILLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2372) for the relief of Warren Mitchell; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## HENRY WARE.

Mr. ELLIS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2373) for the relief of Henry Ware; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN.

Mr. ELLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2374) granting to certain parties right of way over lands and waters of the United States; which was read a first and second time.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks this bill should go to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. ELLIS. I think it should be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The SPEAKER. It proposes to grant the right of way over lands of the United States.

Mr. ELLIS. I put in the word "lands" from abundant caution. The bill is to grant the right to lay aqueducts and conduits under

Lake Pontchartrain, to connect the northern shore of the lake with the city of New Orleans for the purpose of introducing water into the city. The only question involved in the bill is whether the navigation of Lake Pontchartrain would be obstructed by the bill.

The SPEAKER. On the statement of the gentleman that the bill raises the question of the navigation of Lake Pontchartrain, it will be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill was accordingly referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## LIGHT-HOUSE ON LAKE, PONTCHARTRAIN.

Mr. ELLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2375) making an appropriation to erect a light-house at Mandeville, on Lake Pontchartrain; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## HEIRS OF D. E. TWIGGS.

Mr. ELLIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2376) for the relief of the heirs of D. E. Twiggs; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## RESTORATION OF LANDS TO FLORIDA PARISHES, LOUISIANA.

Mr. ROBERTSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2377) restoring to the Florida parishes of the State of Louisiana certain public lands as compensation to the people thereof for lands disposed of by the United States Government at the Montpelier and Greensburgh land offices in said State; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

## MISSISSIPPI LEVEE.

Mr. ROBERTSON also presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of Louisiana, urging the appropriation of \$100,000 to repair and restore the levee in Southern Arkansas and Northern Louisiana; which was referred to the Committee on Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River.

## ELVIRA KIDD.

Mr. ROBERTSON (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2378) for the benefit of Mrs. Elvira Kidd; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Mr. DARRELL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2379) to aid in the establishment and temporary support of common schools; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DARRELL also presented a joint resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana in favor of a bill to aid in the establishment and temporary support of common schools; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and ordered to be printed.

## EDWIN E. SAUNDERS.

Mr. DARRELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2380) for the relief of Edwin E. Saunders; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## OREGON SHORT LINE RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. DARRELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2381) creating the Oregon Short Line Railway Company a corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pacific Railroads, and ordered to be printed.

## ENTRY OF RAILROAD LANDS.

Mr. DARRELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2382) to restore to public entry and homestead settlement certain public lands withdrawn for railroad purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

## PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS.

Mr. DARRELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2383) to abrogate the power of the executive officers of the United States in allowing indemnity locations or scrip for confirmed unsatisfied private-land claims under section 3 of the act of Congress approved June 2, 1858, (United States Statutes at Large, volume 11, pages 294 and 295, chapter 81,) and to vest that power in the courts of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## MISSISSIPPI LEVEES.

Mr. DARRELL also presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana in regard to certain levees in the States of Louisiana and Arkansas; which was referred to the Committee on Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River, and ordered to be printed.

## COMMITTEE ON VENTILATION OF THE HALL.

Mr. DARRELL also submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

Resolved, That the following-named select committee be appointed, with like powers and duties and to consist of the same number of members as in the Forty-sixth Congress, namely, the Select Committee on the Ventilation of the Hall.

## COMMON SCHOOLS.

Mr. GIBSON presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of the

State of Louisiana, in favor of the bill to aid in the establishment and temporary support of common schools; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and ordered to be printed.

#### CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY.

Mr. GIBSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2384) authorizing the construction of a building for the accommodation of the Congressional Library; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Joint Select Committee on additional accommodations for the Library of Congress, and ordered to be printed.

#### DUTIES ON SUGAR AND MOLASSES.

Mr. DINGLEY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2385) repealing the duty on sugar and molasses; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

#### SALLIE CARROLL.

Mr. URNER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2386) for the relief of Mrs. Sallie Carroll, executrix; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### DANIEL S. LOY.

Mr. URNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2387) for the relief of Daniel S. Loy; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### SOUTHERN MARYLAND RAILROAD COMPANY.

Mr. URNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2388) to authorize the Southern Maryland Railroad Company to extend a railroad into and within the District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time.

The SPEAKER. What reference does the gentleman from Maryland indicate for this bill?

Mr. URNER. The Committee on the District of Columbia.

The SPEAKER. It would appear to the Chair that this bill should go to the Committee on Railways and Canals; but the Chair may be in error, not having read the bill, and he will hear the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. URNER. My understanding of the bill is that it is simply for the purpose of enabling the Southern Maryland Railroad Company to extend a line of railroad through the District of Columbia, making connection with another railroad.

The SPEAKER. Then it cannot be said that the matter belongs strictly and solely to the District of Columbia; if it did the Chair might give it another reference; but in the opinion of the Chair it belongs to the Committee on Railways and Canals.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

#### GEORGE W. SPATES.

Mr. URNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2389) for the relief of George W. Spates; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### SAMUEL CEAS.

Mr. URNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2390) for the relief of Samuel Ceas; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### A. H. VON LUETTWITZ.

Mr. URNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2391) for the relief of A. H. Von Luettwitz; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### COURT OF CLAIMS.

Mr. URNER (by request) introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 76) to restore certain causes to the docket of the Court of Claims and to provide for the hearing thereof; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

#### HENRY STELLO.

Mr. URNER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2392) for the relief of Henry Stello; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### C. F. F. ROSENTHALL.

Mr. URNER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2393) for the relief of C. F. F. Rosenthal, of the District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### S. M. GOLDEN.

Mr. URNER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2394) for the relief of S. M. Golden; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### THOMAS BAYNE, GUARDIAN, ETC.

Mr. URNER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2395) for the relief of Thomas Bayne, guardian of the heirs of William H. Arnold; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### CHARLES HEITMÜLLER.

Mr. URNER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2396) for

the relief of Charles Heitmüller, of the District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### OTHO HENSON.

Mr. URNER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2397) for the relief of Otho Henson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### CATHARINE A. TALBURTT, ADMINISTRATRIX, ETC.

Mr. URNER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2398) for the relief of Catharine A. Talburt, administratrix; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### SWEENEY, RITTENHOUSE, FANT & CO.

Mr. URNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2399) for the relief of Sweeney, Rittenhouse, Fant & Co.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

#### AMMONIATED FERTILIZER COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. URNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2400) for the relief of the Ammoniated Fertilizer Company of Washington, District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### ANNE R. VOORHEES.

Mr. McLANE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2401) granting a pension to Anne R. Voorhees; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### TITLE TO LANDS IN WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. McLANE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2402) to quiet title to certain land in Washington, District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

#### JOHN M. M'CLINTOCK.

Mr. McLANE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2403) for the relief of John M. McClintock; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

#### CAROLINE ALDRICH.

Mr. RUSSELL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2404) for the relief of Caroline Aldrich; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### MARGARET E. WARREN.

Mr. RUSSELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2405) for the relief of Margaret E. Warren; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS.

Mr. CRAPO introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2406) to enable national banking associations to extend their corporate existence; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, and ordered to be printed.

#### ELECTRIC LIGHTS AT HELL GATE, NEW YORK.

Mr. CRAPO also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2407) making an appropriation for the establishment of one or more electric lights at Hell Gate, New York; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

#### LAURA A. TURNER.

Mr. CRAPO also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2408) to increase the pension of Laura A. Turner; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN MARINE CORPS.

Mr. HARRIS, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2409) to establish and equalize the grades and regulate appointments and promotions in the Marine Corps; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

#### BRITISH SCHOONER ALONZO.

Mr. RICE, of Massachusetts, (by request,) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2410) for the relief of the British registered schooner Alonzo; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### ALEXANDER H. FREEMAN.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2411) granting a pension to Alexander H. Freeman; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### ADA L. HARRISON.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2412) granting a pension to Ada L. Harrison; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## DISCHARGE AND PAY OF CERTAIN VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2413) to secure the discharge and pay of certain volunteer soldiers of the war of the rebellion, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## BOUNTY OF VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2414) to amend the act of March 3, 1865, relating to the bounty of volunteer soldiers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

## COLLECTORS OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2415) to fix the term of office of collectors of internal revenue; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

## AMENDMENT OF RULES.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan, submitted the following resolutions; which were severally read, and referred to the Committee on Rules:

*Resolved*, That Rule XXI, clause 5, be amended so as to read as follows: "All bills for improvements of rivers and harbors, for the establishment or change of post-routes, and pension bills, shall be delivered to the Clerk, as in the case of petitions and memorials, for reference to proper committees."

*Resolved*, That Rule XXXIV be amended as follows: By inserting after the word "Departments," in line 8, the words "and bureaus."

*Resolved*, That Rule XLII be amended as follows: By striking out all after the word "Speaker," in line 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "who shall lay such communications before the House for proper reference immediately after the approval of the Journal."

*Resolved*, That Rule XXIII be amended by inserting after the word "proposition," in clause 4, the following as an additional clause, namely: "By fifteen members."

*Resolved*, That Rule XXI be amended by adding the following as an additional clause, namely:

"Pension bills shall be reported in groups of not less than ten names each, and as far as practicable they shall be divided into classes according to the rank and disability of the claimant, and shall be accompanied by a report setting forth the facts in each case included in any bill."

*Resolved*, That Rule XXIV be amended as follows, namely: By striking out paragraph third of clause 6 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Third, on Friday of each week, after the morning hour, it shall be first in order to entertain a motion that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House to consider business on the Private Calendar; and if this motion fail, then the House shall proceed to the consideration of business on the House Calendar."

*Resolved*, That Rule XXVI be amended by striking out all after the word "business," in line 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the following, namely: "Except as provided in paragraph 3, clause 6, Rule XXIV."

## EDGAR HUSON.

Mr. WILLITS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2416) for the relief of Edgar Huson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Patents, and ordered to be printed.

## GEORGE H. LOSEY.

Mr. WILLITS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2417) for the relief of George H. Losey; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ELIAS B. BELL.

Mr. WILLITS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2418) granting a pension to Elias B. Bell; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## CLARA S. COLEMAN.

Mr. WILLITS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2419) granting a pension to Clara S. Coleman; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## MORGAN THOMPSON.

Mr. HUBBELL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2420) granting a pension to Morgan Thompson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## OZRO MORTON.

Mr. HUBBELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2421) for the relief of Ozro Morton; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## THOMAS CHAMBERS.

Mr. HUBBELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2422) for the relief of Thomas Chambers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## SECTION 2599 REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. HUBBELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2423) to amend section 2599 of the Revised Statutes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## LIGHT-HOUSE IN LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY, MICHIGAN.

Mr. HERR introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2424) appropriating money for the erection of a light-house at Little Traverse Bay, Michigan; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## HORACE BOUGHTON.

Mr. HERR also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2425) for the relief of Horace Boughton; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## HARRIET PEAK.

Mr. HERR (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2426) granting a pension to Harriet Peak; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## JOHN ALGOE.

Mr. SPAULDING introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2427) to increase the pension of John Algoe; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## THOMAS WALSH &amp; CO.

Mr. SPAULDING also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2428) for the relief of Thomas Walsh & Co.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## E. M. ADAMS.

Mr. SPAULDING also introduced a bill for the relief of E. M. Adams; which was read a first and second time by its title.

Mr. SPAULDING. I ask that this bill be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The SPEAKER. To what does it relate?

Mr. SPAULDING. It relates to the pay and allowances of an officer.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks that such a bill properly goes to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. SPAULDING. Bills of this class have hitherto gone to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The SPEAKER. Some of the bills have done so under the old rule. If a bill is for the purpose of correcting a military record, the Chair always holds it properly goes to the Committee on Military Affairs; but if it makes an appropriation of money to pay for services during the war, it is classed as a claim and should go to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. SPAULDING. This man was commissioned as an officer, but not mustered in. He served for some time before being mustered, and this bill relates to his pay while so commissioned before being mustered in.

The SPEAKER. As this is an appropriation of money for services during the war it stands on the same footing as any other war claim. The bill will be referred to the Committee on War Claims.

## JOHN KAPPLE.

Mr. RICH (by request) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2429) granting a pension to John Kapple; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## E. M. ADAMS.

Mr. SPAULDING. I desire again to call the attention of the Chair to the bill for the relief of E. M. Adams. I think there is a misunderstanding between the Speaker and myself. The bill had better be read.

The SPEAKER. The bill will be read, and the gentleman from Michigan will then be heard on the question of reference.

The bill was read. It authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Edward M. Adams, late of the Twentieth Regiment of Michigan Volunteer Infantry, the pay and allowances of a second lieutenant of infantry from the 23d day of April, 1864, to the 12th day of May, 1864, inclusive, and the pay and allowances of a first lieutenant of infantry from the 12th day of May, 1864, to the 8th day of October, 1864, inclusive, deducting therefrom the pay he received in a lower rank during each of said periods.

The SPEAKER. As this is an important matter relating to the proper reference of a bill, the Chair will direct the Clerk to read paragraphs 10 and 28 of Rule XI.

The Clerk read as follows:

All proposed legislation shall be referred to the committees named in the preceding rule, as follows, namely: Subjects relating,

10. To the military establishment and the public defense, other than the appropriations for its support, to the Committee on Military Affairs.

28. To claims arising from any war in which the United States has been engaged, to the Committee on War Claims.

Mr. MCCOOK. I desire to state some little experience I have had on the Committee on Military Affairs. The gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SPAULDING] is altogether right in regard to the character of the bills referred to that committee.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. I rise to a question of order.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. I make the point that debate is not now in order.

The SPEAKER. Debate is out of order after a motion for reference has been submitted to the House. But before such motion is made the Chair might reconsider its own ruling on that subject, and as on former occasions is willing now to hear very brief discussion on

the question of reference, which members regard as quite important. The gentleman from Illinois [Mr. TOWNSEND] is right in his point of order that debate is not in order on a motion to refer a bill under this call.

Mr. SPAULDING. I ask leave to withdraw the bill.

Mr. BROWNE. I desire to call the attention of the Speaker to a decision made on this very question in the Forty-sixth Congress.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will hear the gentleman.

Mr. BROWNE. In that Congress there was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs the claim of an officer whose household furniture had been destroyed by a fire in military barracks. He claimed that the loss was occasioned by the negligence of the Government, and the bill proposed to make an appropriation from the Treasury for the payment of damages occasioned by that fire.

The Committee on Military Affairs, as the gentleman from New York [Mr. McCook] will remember, decided over my protest that it had no jurisdiction of that bill; that it ought to go, as is now indicated by the Chair, to the Committee on War Claims. The committee so reported to the House. After the bill was reported back to the House, I moved that it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs. After discussion it was decided by a very respectable majority of the House that it belonged to the Committee on Military Affairs and ought to go there. It was returned to that committee and acted upon by the committee.

The SPEAKER. If the Chair understands correctly the statement of the gentleman from Indiana, [Mr. BROWNE,] it would agree that the bill to which he refers belonged to the Committee on Military Affairs, because it was in no sense a war claim, but merely a claim growing out of property destroyed by a fire which occurred while the United States soldiers were occupying some barracks, and not connected with the war at all.

Mr. SPARKS. If I remember correctly—

Mr. BROWNE. Will the Speaker allow me to suggest—

The SPEAKER. In a moment.

Mr. SPARKS. If I remember correctly the claim referred to by the gentleman from Indiana, the order of the Committee on Military Affairs was that it should be referred to the Committee on Claims, not the Committee on War Claims.

Mr. BROWNE. I think the gentleman is correct.

Mr. SPARKS. And I insisted before the House that the action of the Committee on Military Affairs was correct. My friend from Indiana [Mr. BROWNE] is perfectly correct in his statement that the majority of the House did vote that the bill ought to remain with the Committee on Military Affairs. I insisted then that the action of the House was wrong. I remember that there was no considerable vote on that question; the House was very thin. And I remember speaking afterward to a number of gentlemen, who said if they had understood the matter correctly they would have voted differently. I do not think that should be regarded as a precedent.

I want to state in this connection that any claim upon this Government taking money out of the Treasury ought to go to the Committee on Claims, unless it is of the peculiar kind known as a war claim, when it should go to the Committee on War Claims. Any bill restoring an officer to the rank of which he has been deprived, or involving anything connected with the military establishment of the United States, ought to go to the Committee on Military Affairs, in keeping with the plain reading of the rule.

My judgment is very clear that the House in the case referred to decided wrongly, and I do not think that decision should be regarded as a precedent. The bill in that case should have gone to the Committee on Claims, not to the Committee on War Claims. This bill seems to involve a war claim, and I think it should go to the Committee on War Claims.

Mr. BROWNE. If the Speaker will indulge me a moment longer, I will promise not to trouble the House again on this matter.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will hear the gentleman.

Mr. BROWNE. It seems to me very clear that to the Committee on War Claims should go all demands of the citizen upon the Government which originated in the civil war—all claims in which compensation is sought through the intervention of Congress for loss of property growing out of the war. But what is this case? It is claimed that an officer serving in the military establishment has not been paid his salary under the law; that after serving in a particular rank he has not received the pay of that rank.

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to correct the gentleman in his statement. As the Chair understands the reading of the bill, it is a proposition to pay the officer for a substantive rank that he did not hold. The payment claimed is for duties performed by the claimant while a non-commissioned officer, when he had not been mustered in as an officer of the rank for which he now desires payment. That is the understanding of the Chair as to the nature of the bill.

Mr. SPARKS. He claims from the Government the difference between what he has received and what he thinks he ought to have received, growing out of service in the war.

Mr. BROWNE. Certainly, if he had been paid upon the rank of captain, and was entitled to a major's pay, and was asking the difference, that would be clearly a question for the Military Committee to determine under the law; for it is a question growing out of the military establishment as to how much he has the right to demand. The claim, if it has any foundation, grows entirely out of the military

establishment of the Government, and is not in any proper sense a war claim any more than the pay of every private soldier who carried a musket and a cartridge-box—any more than the compensation of every corporal that served in the war. These men, having belonged to the military establishment, having served in conformity with the military law, ask compensation for certain services; and all questions in regard to the construction of the law and their right to payment are simply questions arising out of and connected immediately with the military establishment. It appears to me that if this class of cases does not go to the Military Committee none can go there.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman who introduces this bill desire to be heard further on the question of its reference?

Mr. SPAULDING. If the Chair holds that the bill should go to the Committee on War Claims, I will withdraw the bill.

The SPEAKER. The Chair feels constrained to adhere to its former decision, that this bill should be referred to the Committee on War Claims, because it is clearly a claim growing out of the war. As the Chair has frequently stated, all bills undertaking to correct the record of a soldier or an officer in the late war, or any war, even though that correction of the record should give to the claimant pay, would go to the Committee on Military Affairs; but where a bill proposes an appropriation of money directly for the purpose of paying for any loss incurred or services rendered in the late war or any other war, it must go to the Committee on War Claims.

It is said that because this is a matter relating to the military establishment it necessarily goes to the Committee on Military Affairs. But, as the Chair understands, the rule prescribing the reference of subjects to the Committee on Military Affairs prohibits by its terms the reference to that committee of any bill or proposed legislation appropriating money for carrying on the military establishment. The Chair will read the language again:

To the military establishment and the public defense, other than appropriations for its support, to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Assuming that this is a bill looking to the appropriation of money for the support of the military establishment, it cannot go to the Committee on Military Affairs. The Chair therefore adheres to the view it has expressed in regard to the reference.

It is proper to state that some bills of this character have on former occasions, by accident or from some other cause, been referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, as stated by the gentleman from New York, [Mr. McCook,] but the greater number of such bills, as the Chair recollects, have gone to the Committee on War Claims.

Mr. SPAULDING. I withdraw the bill.

HENRY F. BROWNSON.

Mr. LORD introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2430) for the relief of Henry F. Brownson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

RICHARD HAWLEY & SONS.

Mr. LORD also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2431) for the relief of Richard Hawley & Sons; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

MARVIN M. PRINDLE.

Mr. DUNNELL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2432) for the relief of Marvin M. Prindle; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM THOMAS.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2433) granting a pension to William Thomas; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JACKSON LAKE, MINNESOTA.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2434) authorizing the drainage of Jackson Lake, in the county of Faribault, State of Minnesota, and granting the bed of the lake to the persons draining the same; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

NELSON D. SPERRY.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2435) granting a pension to Nelson D. Sperry; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JAMES H. THEW.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2436) granting a pension to James H. Thew; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

MARY H. HOFF.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2437) granting a pension to Mary H. Hoff; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

COMPANY 2, MINNESOTA UNITED STATES SHARPSHOOTERS.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2438) for the relief of Company 2, Minnesota United States Sharpshooters; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## T. P. MORSE.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2439) to correct the military record of T. P. Morse; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## BASIL MORELAND.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2440) for the relief of Basil Moreland; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM L. SLOAN.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2441) granting a pension to William L. Sloan; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## MORTON STANCLIFF.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2442) granting a pension to Morton Stancliff; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## ZACHEUS FULLER.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2443) for the relief of Zacheus Fuller; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## N. J. LOWTHIAM.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2444) granting a pension to N. J. Lowthiam; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## EMMA JOHNSON.

Mr. DUNNELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2445) granting a pension to Emma Johnson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## TRUSTEES MOUNT SAVAGE IRON COMPANY.

Mr. DUNNELL (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2446) for the relief of the trustees of the Mount Savage Iron Company; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## STEAMER DE SOTO.

Mr. DUNNELL (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2447) granting jurisdiction and authority to the Court of Claims in the case of the steamer De Soto; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

## ALBERT FREITAG.

Mr. STRAIT introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2448) for the relief of Albert Freitag; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## FIRST MINNESOTA MOUNTED RANGERS VOLUNTEERS.

Mr. STRAIT also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2449) for the relief of the First Minnesota Mounted Rangers Volunteers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

## PRE-EMPTION OF PUBLIC LANDS.

Mr. WASHBURN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2450) to repeal chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes, relating to pre-emption of the public lands; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

## PETER T. SAFFORD.

Mr. WASHBURN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2451) granting a pension to Peter T. Safford; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## PUBLIC PRINTING AND BINDING, ETC.

Mr. SINGLETON, of Mississippi, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2452) to reduce the expense of the public printing and binding, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Printing, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM M'GARRAHAN.

Mr. MANNING introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2453) for the relief of William McGarrahan; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## GEORGE C. HARPER.

Mr. MANNING (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2454) for the relief of George C. Harper; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM, NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI.

Mr. CHALMERS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2455) for the relief of the trustees of the Protestant Orphan Asylum at Natchez, in the State of Mississippi; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## AMENDMENT REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. CHALMERS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2456) to amend sections 3511, 3513, and 3516 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to coinage; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, and ordered to be printed.

## REVIVAL OF THE COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. CHALMERS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2457) to revive the commerce of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE.

Mr. MONEY introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 77) providing for printing additional copies of the present edition of the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Printing, and ordered to be printed.

## PAPER CIRCULATION.

Mr. BUCKNER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2458) to provide a stable and uniform paper circulation, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, and ordered to be printed.

## COIN CERTIFICATES.

Mr. BUCKNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2459) to regulate the issue of coin certificates, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, and ordered to be printed.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. BUCKNER introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 78) to amend the Constitution of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

## CLAIMS BEFORE UNITED STATES TREASURY ACCOUNTING OFFICERS.

Mr. BUCKNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2460) to authorize the accounting officers of the Treasury to consider and pass upon certain claims now pending before them; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## NUMBER, CAPITAL, ETC., OF NATIONAL BANKS.

Mr. BUCKNER also introduced a resolution of inquiry as to the number, amount of capital, and circulation of banks organized since July 1, 1881, and the number, capital, circulation, and character of securities of banks whose charters expire within two years from January 1, 1882; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

## RESERVE FUND OF UNITED STATES TREASURY.

Mr. BUCKNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2461) to regulate the reserves in the United States Treasury; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

## AMERICAN REGISTERS FOR FOREIGN-BUILT SHIPS.

Mr. BUCKNER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2462) to amend section 4132 of the Revised Statutes, and to give American registry to foreign-built iron and steel vessels.

The SPEAKER. What reference does the gentleman from Missouri desire for this bill?

Mr. BUCKNER. I suppose it should go to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. KELLEY. That bill, Mr. Speaker, I think should go to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The SPEAKER. The bill will be read.

Mr. KELLEY. It relates directly to the revenue.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the bill.

The bill was read at length.

Mr. KELLEY. That authorizes the importation, free of duty, of whatever iron, steel, brass, copper, or other manufactured article may enter into the construction of the class of ships described, free of duty. Other importers of these materials for the construction of vessels of similar character are required, under the law, to pay duty. I think, at any rate, the bill should go to the Committee on Ways and Means, which committee is charged with the consideration of these subjects. Certain it is that such bills have always heretofore had their reference to that committee.

Mr. BUCKNER. My impression was that the bill should go to the Committee on Commerce, although I have no special desire in reference to the matter.

The SPEAKER. The Chair does not understand the gentleman from Missouri as objecting to the reference to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. BUCKNER. I have no objection to its reference to the Committee on Ways and Means, if that be the proper reference.

The bill was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

## JOSEPH W. PARISH.

Mr. VAN HORN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2463) for the relief of

Joseph W. Parish; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### AMENDMENT OF RULES.

Mr. VAN HORN also submitted the following proposed amendments to the rules; which were read and referred to the Committee on Rules:

Amend Rule X by inserting after "Levees and Improvement of the Mississippi River, to consist of eleven members," the following: "On the Permanent Improvement of the Mississippi River and its Tributaries, to consist of eleven members."

Also amend Rule XI by inserting after clause 21 the following clause: "To the improvement of the Mississippi River and its tributaries: to the Committee on the Permanent Improvement of the Mississippi River and its Tributaries."

#### SECTION 4693 REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. RICE, of Missouri, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2464) to amend section 4693 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

#### MARIA E. WARFIELD.

Mr. RICE, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2465) for the relief of Maria E. Warfield; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### EMMA A. PORCH.

Mr. RICE, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2466) for the relief of Mrs. Emma A. Porch; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### HENRY M'GOWAN.

Mr. RICE, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2467) for the relief of Henry McGowan; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### SALES OF STAMPS, ETC.

Mr. RICE, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2468) to amend section 9, title 34 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to stamp taxes on specific objects; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

#### NATIONAL BANKING.

Mr. RICE, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2469) to amend section 5171, chapter 2 of title 62 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, and ordered to be printed.

#### PERNETTA HENDLEY.

Mr. FORD introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2470) for the relief of Pernetta Hendley; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### ZELORA CRUMPACKER.

Mr. FORD also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2471) relating to the pension of Zelora Crumpacker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### JACOB MARTIN.

Mr. FORD also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2472) granting a pension to Jacob Martin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### ALABAMA CLAIMS COMMISSION.

Mr. FORD (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2473) for reviving and continuing the court of commissioners of Alabama claims, and for the distribution of the unappropriated moneys of the Geneva award; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

#### WILLIAM SAYERS.

Mr. HASELTINE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2474) for the relief of William Sayers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### JACOB R. M'FARREN.

Mr. HASELTINE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2475) granting a pension to Jacob R. McFarren; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### DADE COUNTY, MISSOURI.

Mr. HASELTINE (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2476) for the relief of the county of Dade, in the State of Missouri; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### EQUALIZATION OF BOUNTIES.

Mr. HASELTINE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2477) to equalize the bounties of soldiers who served in the late war for the Union; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

#### AUSTIN N. M'GINDLEY.

Mr. BURROWS, of Missouri, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2478) for the relief of Austin N. McGindley; which was read a first and second

time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### A. O. SIPLE.

Mr. BURROWS, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2479) for the relief of A. O. Siple; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### MARY BAKER.

Mr. BURROWS, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2480) granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Baker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### DICEY BOBBITT.

Mr. BURROWS, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2481) for the relief of Dicey Bobbitt; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### NICHOLAS MOY.

Mr. BURROWS, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2482) granting a pension to Nicholas Moy; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### JOHN SEAMANS, JR.

Mr. BURROWS, of Missouri, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2483) for the relief of John Seamans, jr.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

Mr. BURROWS, of Missouri, also introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 79) providing for the publication of 50,000 additional copies of special report No. 34 of the Commissioner of Agriculture, contagious diseases of domestic animals; which was read a first and second time.

The SPEAKER. That will be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. BURROWS, of Missouri. I would like to have it referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The SPEAKER. Under the rule, the Chair thinks it very clearly belongs to the Committee on Printing, which committee has jurisdiction of all matters relating to the printing of documents.

The resolution was accordingly referred to the Committee on Printing, and ordered to be printed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate by Mr. SYMPSON, one of its clerks, informed the House that the Senate had passed without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

A joint resolution (H. R. No. 66) extending the thanks of the people of the United States to his highness the Khedive of Egypt for the gift of an ancient obelisk.

#### BRIDGE OVER THE MISSOURI RIVER.

Mr. CLARK introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2484) authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Missouri River at or near Hamburg, Missouri; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

#### SAMUEL BUNCH.

Mr. CLARK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2485) for the relief of Samuel Bunch; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### ISAAC C. MATHEWS.

Mr. CLARK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2486) for the relief of Isaac C. Mathews; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

#### LEWIS HEMBREE.

Mr. BLAND introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2487) for the relief of Lewis Hembree; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### RECORDS OF LAND OFFICES IN MISSOURI.

Mr. ALLEN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2488) authorizing the archives of the several land offices in the State of Missouri to be delivered to said State whenever said offices shall be closed and discontinued; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

#### BRANCH MINT AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI.

Mr. ALLEN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2489) to establish a branch mint of the United States at Saint Louis, Missouri; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, and ordered to be printed.

#### NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. CASSIDY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2490) to restore to the public domain the lands granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company because of its failure to comply with its charter and the act of Congress making said grant of land; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pacific Railroads, and ordered to be printed.

## ANNA M. MARSHALL.

Mr. CASSIDY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2491) for the relief of Anna M. Marshall; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## EUGENE B. RAIL AND OTHERS.

Mr. CASSIDY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2492) for the relief of Eugene B. Rail and others; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

## EFFICIENCY OF THE NAVY.

Mr. BRIGGS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2493) to promote the efficiency of the Navy; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## JOHN C. WHITE.

Mr. BRIGGS (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2494) for the relief of John C. White; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## JOSEPH W. SKELTON.

Mr. VALENTINE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2495) granting a pension to Joseph W. Skelton; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## CHARLES ELISON.

Mr. VALENTINE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2496) granting an increase of pension to Charles Elison; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## MAJOR D. WILLIAMS.

Mr. VALENTINE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2497) restoring to the pension-roll the name of Major D. Williams; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## FORT HARTSUFF MILITARY RESERVATION.

Mr. VALENTINE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2498) providing for the sale of the lands lately occupied as a military reservation at Fort Hartsuff, in the State of Nebraska; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## BRIDGE ACROSS MISSOURI RIVER.

Mr. VALENTINE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2499) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at a point to be selected between the north line of the county of Monona and the south line of the county of Harrison, in the State of Iowa; and also to construct accessory works to secure the best practicable channel-way for navigation and confine the flow of the water to a permanent channel at such point; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTEE COMPANY.

Mr. ROBESON (by request) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2500) to incorporate the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company of the District of Columbia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM H. YOUNG.

Mr. ROBESON (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2501) for the relief of William H. Young; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## BARCLAY WHITE.

Mr. BREWER (by request) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2502) for the relief of Barclay White; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ANNA M. THOMAS.

Mr. BREWER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2503) granting a pension to Anna M. Thomas; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## ABRAM COLLEY.

Mr. BREWER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2504) to increase the pension of Abram Colley; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## FRANCES A. RAWSON.

Mr. WEST introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2505) for the relief of Frances A. Rawson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Patents, and ordered to be printed.

## TAX ON BANKS.

Mr. FLOWER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2506) to abolish the tax on banks, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

## SURVEY OF HARBOR OF ROUSE'S POINT.

Mr. HAMMOND, of New York, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2507) for the survey of the harbor of Rouse's Point, on Lake Champlain, State of New York, for the purpose of the construction of breakwaters; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## SURVEY OF HARBOR OF PORT HENRY.

Mr. HAMMOND, of New York, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2508) for the survey of the harbor of Port Henry, on Lake Champlain, State of New York, for the purpose of the construction of breakwaters; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## MILITARY RESERVATION AT PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK.

Mr. HAMMOND, of New York, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2509) for the Secretary of War to sell such portion of the military reservation at Plattsburgh, New York, as is not required for military purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF PIERRE AYOTT.

Mr. HAMMOND, of New York, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2510) for the relief of the legal representatives of Captain Pierre Ayott; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## WARREN S. SMITH.

Mr. HAMMOND, of New York, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2511) for the relief of Warren S. Smith; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## JAMES R. BARNEY.

Mr. HAMMOND, of New York, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2512) granting a pension to James R. Barney; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## JEREMIAH PHELAN.

Mr. ROBINSON, of New York, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2513) to place Hospital Steward Jeremiah Phelan on the retired list; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## CLAIMS OF WORKINGMEN, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. ROBINSON, of New York, also introduced a resolution of inquiry relative to unpaid claims of workingmen of the District of Columbia under act of June 20, 1878; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

## NOAH D. CLARK.

Mr. VAN AERNAM introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2514) granting a pension to Noah D. Clark, of the Seventy-second New York Volunteers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## PAUL REICHARDT.

Mr. KETCHAM introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2515) for the relief of Paul Reichardt; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## PETER SPRINGSTEEN.

Mr. KETCHAM also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2516) for the relief of Peter Springsteen; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## AMENDMENT OF REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. HARDY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2517) to amend chapter 6, title 13, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to provide for the appointment of associate circuit judges, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

## DOROTHEA BOTHNER.

Mr. HARDY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2518) granting a pension to Dorothea Bothner; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NEW YORK.

Mr. HISCOCK introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2519) to amend the Revised Statutes, fixing the times and places for holding terms of the district court in the northern district of New York; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

## BARKER, WILLIAMS &amp; BANGS AND OTHERS.

Mr. HISCOCK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2520) for the relief of Barker, Williams & Bangs, Barker & Williams, W. W. and E. T. Williams, and W. W. Williams; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## REMISSION OF DUTIES ON NEW TESTAMENT.

Mr. HISCOCK also introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 80) in behalf of the American Company of Revisers of the New Testament

for return and remission of duties; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

**PUBLIC BUILDING, SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.**

Mr. HISCOCK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2521) to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of Syracuse, New York; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

**AMENDMENT OF REVISED STATUTES.**

Mr. HISCOCK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2522) to amend the Revised Statutes, fixing the time and place of holding terms of the circuit court in the northern district of New York; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

**BRITISH VESSEL BORROWDALE.**

Mr. BLISS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2523) granting an American register to the British vessel Borrowdale; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

**STEPHEN A. McCARTY.**

Mr. BLISS (by request) also introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 81) authorizing the President of the United States to reappoint Stephen A. McCarty a lieutenant-commander in the Navy; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

**ALICE J. BENNETT.**

Mr. BLISS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2524) for the relief of Alice J. Bennett; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

**CAREY B. PEPPER.**

Mr. JACOBS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2525) to reimburse Carey B. Pepper, postmaster at Oneonta, New York, for postal stamps and postal funds stolen from his office; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**MARGARET MAYHAM.**

Mr. JACOBS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2526) granting a pension to Margaret Mayham; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

**DWIGHT B. BAKER.**

Mr. BEACH introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2527) for the relief of Dwight B. Baker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**JOHN LAPOLT.**

Mr. BEACH also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2528) to increase the pension of John Lapolt; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

**PORT OF ENTRY AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK.**

Mr. BEACH also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2529) to constitute Newburgh, in the State of New York, a port of entry and delivery; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

**THOMAS CRARY.**

Mr. BEACH also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2530) for the relief of Thomas Crary; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**AUGUSTUS B. GOODALE.**

Mr. BEACH also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2531) for the relief of Augustus B. Goodale; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**ALONZO SNYDER.**

Mr. WADSWORTH introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2532) for the relief of Alonzo Snyder; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**GEORGE A. PIERCE.**

Mr. WADSWORTH also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2533) for the relief of George A. Pierce; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**BOTANIC GARDEN.**

Mr. McCOOK introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 82) to place the establishment known as the Botanic Garden under control of the Department of Agriculture; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Joint Committee on the Library, and ordered to be printed.

**CONSOLIDATION OF RAILROAD COMPANIES.**

Mr. VAN VOORHIS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2534) to authorize the consolidation of railroad companies in the Territories of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Railways and Canals, and ordered to be printed.

**NEHEMIAH OSBURN.**

Mr. VAN VOORHIS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2535) author-

izing Nehemiah Osburn to sue in the Court of Claims for balance alleged to be due for building Baltimore court-house; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**M. D. TITSWORTH.**

Mr. SKINNER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2536) for the relief of M. D. Titsworth; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**WILLIAM T. BROWN.**

Mr. PRESCOTT introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2537) granting a pension to William T. Brown; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

**JURISDICTION OF JUSTICES OF PEACE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

Mr. RICHARDSON, of New York, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2538) to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the District of Columbia, and to regulate the proceedings before them; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

**SUBLETTING UNITED STATES MAIL CONTRACTS.**

Mr. VANCE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2539) to prevent the subletting of contracts for carrying the United States mails; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, and ordered to be printed.

**J. H. GREENE.**

Mr. VANCE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2540) for the relief of J. H. Greene; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**SAMUEL H. FLEMMING.**

Mr. VANCE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2541) for the relief of Samuel H. Fleming; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**UNITED STATES COURT-HOUSE, ETC., STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.**

Mr. ARMPFIELD introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2542) to provide for the erection of a building for a United States court-house and post-office in the city of Statesville, in the State of North Carolina; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS AT NEW BERNE, NORTH CAROLINA.**

Mr. HUBBS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2543) to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of New Berne, in the State of North Carolina; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

**MARINE HOSPITAL AT NEW BERNE, NORTH CAROLINA.**

Mr. HUBBS also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2544) to provide for the establishment of a marine hospital at New Berne, North Carolina; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

**SAMUEL BAKER.**

Mr. NEAL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2545) granting an increase of pension to Samuel Baker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

**WILLIAM F. WILLIS.**

Mr. NEAL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2546) for the relief of William F. Willis; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

**CAROLINE PATTEN.**

Mr. NEAL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2547) for the relief of Caroline Patten, administratrix; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**CONSULAR SERVICE.**

Mr. NEAL also submitted a resolution of inquiry to the Secretary of State relative to appointments to and removals from the consular service of the United States since the 4th day of March, 1877; which was referred to the Select Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

**APPOINTMENTS, ETC., IN POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.**

Mr. NEAL also submitted a resolution of inquiry relative to appointments, promotions, and removals in the Post-Office Department since March 4, 1881; which was referred to the Select Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

**CHARLES P. WANNALL.**

Mr. NEAL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2548) for the relief of Charles P. Wannall; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

**JAMES M. SINCLAIR.**

Mr. GEDDES introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2549) granting a pension to James M. Sinclair; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.



## SAMUEL M. REESE.

Mr. GEDDES also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2550) granting a pension to Samuel M. Reese; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## SARAH COLES.

Mr. GEDDES also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2551) granting a pension to Mrs. Sarah Coles; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## DONATION OF CONDEMNED CANNON.

Mr. UPDEGRAFF, of Ohio, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2552) to donate condemned cannon to the Soldiers and Sailors' Association of Bellaire, Ohio; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## ZEPHANIAH CRUBAUGH.

Mr. UPDEGRAFF, of Ohio, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2553) granting a pension to Zephaniah Crubaugh; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## LOUIS GROVERMAN.

Mr. UPDEGRAFF, of Ohio, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2554) granting a pension to Louis Groverman; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## MARY J. DOUGLASS.

Mr. UPDEGRAFF, of Ohio, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2555) granting a pension to Mary J. Douglass; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## R. ALLEN M'CORMACK.

Mr. UPDEGRAFF, of Ohio, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2556) granting a pension to R. Allen McCormack; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## COMMISSIONED OFFICERS IN VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

Mr. ATHERTON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2557) for the recognition of the services of commissioned officers in the volunteer service who were discharged from or died in said service during the civil war; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## EZRA A. HOSKINS.

Mr. TAYLOR introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2558) granting a pension to Ezra A. Hoskins; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## BURTON ARMSTRONG.

Mr. TAYLOR also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2559) granting an increase of pension to Burton Armstrong; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## STANLY B. LOKWOOD.

Mr. TAYLOR also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2560) granting an increase of pension to Stanly B. Lokwood; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## AMENDMENT OF REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. TOWNSEND, of Ohio, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2561) to amend title 53, section 4609 A, of the Revised Statutes of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## DANIEL M. JONES.

Mr. RITCHIE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2562) granting a pension to Daniel M. Jones; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## HENRY H. BIXLER.

Mr. MCKINLEY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2563) granting a pension to Henry H. Bixler; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## JOSEPH H. MOORE.

Mr. MCKINLEY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2564) to remove the charge of desertion against Joseph H. Moore; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## METAL TESTS—DISTRIBUTION OF REPORTS.

Mr. MCKINLEY also introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 83) to furnish the civilian members of the United States testing board of American iron and steel 50 copies each of the forthcoming report on that subject; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Printing, and ordered to be printed.

## ROBERT BIRCH.

Mr. MCKINLEY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2565) to increase

the pension of Robert Birch; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM KING.

Mr. MCKINLEY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2566) granting a pension to William King, formerly of Company D, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## FRANCIS M. COX.

Mr. MCKINLEY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2567) granting a pension to Francis M. Cox; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## JANE BLACKMER.

Mr. MOREY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2568) granting a pension to Jane Blackmer; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## PROMOTIONS IN THE ARMY.

Mr. MOREY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2569) to regulate promotion in and to increase the efficiency of the Army of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM MADEN.

Mr. MOREY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2570) for the relief of William Maden; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## CLARK ELDRED.

Mr. McCLURE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2571) granting a bounty-land warrant and a pension to Clark Eldred; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

## CUSTOM-HOUSE AT PORTLAND, OREGON.

Mr. GEORGE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2572) providing for the construction of a custom-house and bonded warehouse at Portland, Oregon; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

## MILITARY WAGON-ROAD IN WASHINGTON AND OREGON.

Mr. GEORGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2573) to provide for a military wagon-road from Vancouver Barracks, Washington Territory, to Portland, Oregon; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## SETTLERS ON THE PUBLIC LANDS.

Mr. GEORGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2574) to protect the settlers on the public lands of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

## AMENDMENT OF REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. GEORGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2575) to amend sections 2586 and 2587 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## INDIAN DEPREDAATIONS.

Mr. GEORGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2576) to provide for the appointment of commissioners to ascertain and report losses sustained by reason of Indian depredations; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## WAR WITH NEZ PERCÉ INDIANS.

Mr. GEORGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2577) for the relief of citizens of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, who served in connection with the United States troops in the war with the Nez Percé Indians, and for the relief of the heirs of such as were killed in such service, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## OREGON DONATION LAW.

Mr. GEORGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2578) to further define the class of persons included in section 5 of the act of July 17, 1854, amendatory of the Oregon donation law of September 27, 1850; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## INDIANS ON UMATILLA RESERVATION.

Mr. GEORGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2579) providing for allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians residing upon the Umatilla reservation in the State of Oregon and granting patents therefor, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## FORFEITURE OF RAILROAD LANDS.

Mr. GEORGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2580) to declare certain lands heretofore granted in aid of the construction of railroads forfeited, and to open the same for settlement, and protecting

the rights of any settlers thereon; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pacific Railroads, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN M. BACON.

Mr. GEORGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2581) for the relief of John M. Bacon; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS.

Mr. HARDENBERGH introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2582) to enable National Banking Associations to extend their corporate existence; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, and ordered to be printed.

AUGUSTUS D. SAYLOR.

Mr. GODSHALK introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2583) for the relief of Augustus D. Saylor; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

POST-ROUTES, ETC.

Mr. BINGHAM introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2584) extending the provisions of sections 5 and 6 of an act establishing post-routes, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, and ordered to be printed.

MAJOR LUCIEN L. DAWSON.

Mr. BINGHAM also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2585) for the relief of Major Lucien L. Dawson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

ISAAC H. MARKS AND SAMUEL STONE.

Mr. BINGHAM (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2586) for the relief of Isaac H. Marks and Samuel Stone; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS P. WOLLASTON.

Mr. BINGHAM (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2587) for the relief of Thomas P. Wollaston; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

PACIFIC TELEGRAPH LINE.

Mr. BINGHAM (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2588) for the purchase of the Pacific Telegraph Line; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pacific Railroads, and ordered to be printed.

J. H. HAMMOND.

Mr. BINGHAM also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2589) for the relief of J. H. Hammond; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

SOPHIA A. MORGAN.

Mr. BINGHAM also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2590) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Sophia A. Morgan; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

MARIAH BETTS.

Mr. CAMPBELL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2591) granting a pension to Mariah Betts; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

MARY E. MURRAY.

Mr. CAMPBELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2592) granting a pension to Mary E. Murray; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

O. E. GLEASON.

Mr. WATSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2593) for the relief of O. E. Gleason; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BUILDING, SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

Mr. SCRANTON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2594) for a public building at Scranton, Pennsylvania; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN TORREY AND OTHERS.

Mr. SCRANTON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2595) for the relief of John Torrey, Edward W. Weston, and Charles T. Weston; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

S. E. BRYANT.

Mr. SCRANTON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2596) for the relief of S. E. Bryant; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE A. REESE.

Mr. SCRANTON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2597) for the re-

lief of George A. Reese; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

SECOND LIEUTENANT GEORGE A. REESE.

Mr. SCRANTON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2598) for the relief of George A. Reese; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM BEISTEL.

Mr. WISE, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2599) granting a pension to William Beistel; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

HERMON R. TYSON.

Mr. WISE, of Pennsylvania, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2600) granting a pension to Hermon R. Tyson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

FRANCIS VAN SWARTTAUN.

Mr. WISE, of Pennsylvania, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2601) granting an increase of pension to Francis Van Swarttaun, Pennsylvania Volunteers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN M. GREGORY.

Mr. WISE, of Pennsylvania, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2602) for the relief of John M. Gregory; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

GRANT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS.

Mr. O'NEILL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2603) granting public lands for the relief of certain citizens of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

NICHOLAS MARSHALL.

Mr. O'NEILL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2604) for the relief of Nicholas Marshall; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

HEIRS OF JACOB CRAMER.

Mr. O'NEILL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2605) for the relief of the heirs of Jacob Cramer; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

SARAH C. HAIG.

Mr. O'NEILL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2606) granting a pension to Mrs. Sarah C. Haig; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

ELIZABETH S. M. FINLEY.

Mr. O'NEILL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2607) granting a pension to Mrs. Elizabeth S. M. Finley; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mr. BELTZHOVER introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 84) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

The SPEAKER. What is the subject of the joint resolution?

Mr. BELTZHOVER. It relates to the election of President and Vice-President.

The SPEAKER. This joint resolution should then be referred to the Committee on the Law relating to the Election of President and Vice-President.

Mr. BELTZHOVER. The same joint resolution was offered in the last Congress, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the subject, and while there may have been a single bill, or probably two or three, in the last Congress which were referred as the gentleman suggests, yet this class of bills has uniformly been referred, both in that Congress and in the present one up to this time, to this Committee on the Election of President and Vice-President.

Mr. BELTZHOVER. It has been heretofore referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, but I have no particular preference as to the committee. If the reference which the Chair specifies is the proper one I shall not object.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on Law respecting Election of President and Vice-President, and ordered to be printed.

AMOS C. WERTZ.

Mr. BELTZHOVER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2608) granting a pension to Amos C. Wertz; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

R. W. ROSS.

Mr. BELTZHOVER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2609) for the relief of R. W. Ross; which was read a first and second time,

referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

JABEZ BURCHARD.

Mr. HARMER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2610) for the relief of Jabez Burchard; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

EDWARD SHIELDS AND OTHERS.

Mr. HARMER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2611) for the relief of Edward Shields and others; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGE A. JAEGER.

Mr. HARMER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2612) for the relief of George A. Jaeger; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

ANDREW J. PUTMAN.

Mr. WALKER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2613) granting a pension to Andrew J. Putman; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JAMES R. MASON.

Mr. WALKER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2614) granting a pension to James R. Mason; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM M. REA.

Mr. SHALLENBERGER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2615) granting an increase of pension to William M. Rea; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JAMES H. JOHNSON.

Mr. SHALLENBERGER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2616) for the relief of James H. Johnson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS L. DARRAGH.

Mr. SHALLENBERGER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2617) for the relief of Thomas L. Darragh; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

CAPTAIN DOUGLASS OTTENGER.

Mr. MUTCHLER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2618) to retire Captain Douglass Ottenger, of the revenue marine service; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGE W. GRIFFIN.

Mr. MUTCHLER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2619) for the relief of George W. Griffin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

CATHARINE S. EDMONDSON.

Mr. MUTCHLER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2620) granting a pension to Catharine S. Edmondson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN A. INNES.

Mr. MUTCHLER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2621) granting a pension to John A. Innes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BUILDING, READING, PENNSYLVANIA.

Mr. ERMENTROUT introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2622) to provide for the purchase of a suitable site and the erection of a public building in the city of Reading, Pennsylvania; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM H. HOTHAM.

Mr. MOSGROVE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2623) for an additional pension to William H. Hotham; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGE W. ROBERTSON.

Mr. MOSGROVE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2624) granting a pension to George W. Robertson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

BOUNTY LAND.

Mr. MOSGROVE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2625) granting one hundred and sixty acres of land to all volunteer commissioned and non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates who served three years in the Union Army during the late rebellion; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN ADAMS.

Mr. MOSGROVE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2626) granting

a pension to John Adams; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

ANN STUCHELL.

Mr. MOSGROVE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2627) for the relief of Ann Stuchell; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WIDOW AND HEIRS OF THOMAS H. REYNOLDS.

Mr. MOSGROVE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2628) for the relief of the widow and heirs of Thomas H. Reynolds, deceased; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

Mr. BAYNE introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 85) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States in relation to the election of Senators; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

WATER SUPPLY OF WASHINGTON.

Mr. BARR introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2629) to increase the water supply of the city of Washington; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGIE E. STRATTON.

Mr. BARR also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2630) granting a pension to Mrs. Georgie E. Stratton; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

NOBLE N. BETTS AND OTHERS.

Mr. JADWIN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2631) for the relief of Noble N. Betts, Eleazer T. Fox, and Charles M. Manville, sureties of Stephen W. Alford; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM R. ROBINSON.

Mr. JADWIN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2632) for the relief of William R. Robinson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

LEWIS HOLMES.

Mr. JADWIN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2633) granting a pension to Lewis Holmes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

NORTON L. NEWBERRY.

Mr. JADWIN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2634) for the relief of Norton L. Newberry; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

HENRY N. GUNN.

Mr. JADWIN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2635) granting an increase of pension to Henry N. Gunn; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

PENSIONS TO DEPENDENT MOTHERS.

Mr. JADWIN (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2636) changing the law granting pensions to dependent mothers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS' HOME.

Mr. ERRETT introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 86) to fill a vacancy in the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

CITIZENS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Mr. ERRETT also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2637) for the relief of certain citizens of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

J. J. COFFEY AND REBECCA S. LEWIS.

Mr. RANDALL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2638) for the relief of J. J. Coffey and Rebecca S. Lewis, mother of Burge Rawle Lewis; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

MRS. E. H. RUDD.

Mr. RANDALL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2639) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. E. H. Rudd; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

CHARLES M'GERRY.

Mr. CHACE (for Mr. HASKELL) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2640) for the relief of Charles McGerry; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ALEXANDER KIRK.

Mr. CHACE (for Mr. HASKELL) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2641) granting a pension to Alexander Kirk; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. THOMAS submitted a joint resolution (H. R. No. 87) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

## STEAMER MONITOR.

Mr. THOMAS (by request) also introduced a bill for the relief of the officers and crew of the United States steamer Monitor who participated in the action with the rebel iron-clad Merrimac on the 9th day of March, 1862; which was read a first and second time.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thinks this bill should be referred to the Committee on War Claims.

Mr. THOMAS. I think it should go to the Committee on Naval Affairs. It grows out of captures made.

The SPEAKER. It does not relate to prize-money.

Mr. THOMAS. I think it does.

The SPEAKER. It proposes to make an appropriation of money out of the public Treasury.

Mr. THOMAS. I ask leave to withdraw the bill.

There being no objection, the bill was withdrawn.

## F. W. CLAUSSEN.

Mr. DIBBLE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2642) authorizing the Court of Claims to grant a rehearing in the case of F. W. Claussen vs. The United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

## LACON R. TILLMAN.

Mr. EVINS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2643) for the relief of Lacon R. Tillman; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## B. S. JAMES.

Mr. AIKEN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2644) for the relief of B. S. James; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. AIKEN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2645) to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Department; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and ordered to be printed.

## JAMES A. DOUGHTY.

Mr. HOUK introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2646) granting a pension to James A. Doughty; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## DAVID C. JACKSON.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2647) granting a pension to David C. Jackson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM GIBSON.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2648) for the relief of Commander William Gibson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## ELIZABETH P. DUNFORD.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2649) granting a pension to Elizabeth P. Dunford; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## HORACE L. BRADLEY.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2650) for the relief of Horace L. Bradley; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## P. H. CARDWELL.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2651) for the relief of P. H. Cardwell; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## GEORGE W. DICE.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2652) for the relief of George W. Dice; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## NEW MARKET COLLEGE, TENNESSEE.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2653) for the relief of the trustees of New Market College, located at New Market, Tennessee; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## MOSSY CREEK COLLEGE, TENNESSEE.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2654) for the relief of the trustees of Mossy Creek College, located at Mossy Creek, Tennessee; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## SILAS M. M'GUIRE.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2655) for the relief of Silas M. McGuire; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2656) for the relief of William Robinson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM H. DAWSON.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2657) for the relief of William H. Dawson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## FIELDING NEWPORT.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2658) granting a pension to Fielding Newport; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## LIEUTENANT JAMES W. VENTIS.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2659) granting a pension to Lieutenant James W. Ventis; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## AVEY M. BALES.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2660) granting a pension to Avey M. Bales; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## MALINDA HENRY.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2661) granting a pension to Malinda Henry; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## T. R. HAGGART.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2662) granting an increase of pension to T. R. Haggart; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## NANCY DIVINE.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2663) restoring the name of Nancy Divine to the pension-roll; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## SAINT LEGER KING.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2664) granting a pension to Saint Leger King; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## MARY L. WELLS.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2665) granting a pension to Mary L. Wells; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## ROBERT HUNT.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2666) for the relief of Robert Hunt; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## WRIGHT FRENCH.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2667) for the relief of Wright French; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## W. M. PIPER.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2668) for the relief of W. M. Piper; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## M. M. CORBETT.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2669) for the relief of M. M. Corbett; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM LIONS.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2670) for the relief of William Lions; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## ROBERT E. NEWMAN.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2671) for the relief of Robert E. Newman; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## MILES GOFORTH.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2672) for the relief of Miles Goforth; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## H. Q. WALKER.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2673) for the relief of H. Q. Walker; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ALEXANDER KENNEDY, SR.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2674) for the relief of Alexander Kennedy, sr.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## JOHN HENRY.

Mr. HOUK also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2675) for the relief of John Henry; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ROAD TO NATIONAL CEMETERY, NEAR MEMPHIS.

Mr. MOORE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2676) to construct a macadamized road from Memphis to the national cemetery; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## EDUCATION OF COLORED RACE.

Mr. MOORE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2677) to encourage and aid the education of the colored race in the several States and Territories; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and ordered to be printed.

## IMPROVED COTTON-GIN.

Mr. MOORE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2678) to provide for the extension of letters patent for an improvement upon the Eclipse cotton-gin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Patents, and ordered to be printed.

## TREADWELL S. AYRES.

Mr. MOORE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2679) for the relief of Treadwell S. Ayres; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## SALLY JARRATT.

Mr. MOORE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2680) for the relief of Mrs. Sally Jarratt, executrix; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## LUCINDA M'GUIRE.

Mr. MOORE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2681) for the relief of Lucinda McGuire; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## REUBEN S. JONES.

Mr. MOORE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2682) for the relief of Reuben S. Jones; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## PRISCILLA W. BURWELL.

Mr. MOORE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2683) for the relief of Mrs. Priscilla W. Burwell, executrix, &c.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## JULIA ELLIOTT.

Mr. MOORE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2684) for the relief of Mrs. Julia Elliott, administratrix; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## HEIRS OF GEORGE H. MERIAM.

Mr. MOORE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2685) for the relief of the heirs of George H. Meriam; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## JONES C. BOON.

Mr. DIBRELL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2686) for the relief of Jones C. Boon; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ASA FAULKNER.

Mr. DIBRELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2687) for the relief of Asa Faulkner; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DIBRELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2688) for the relief of Asa Faulkner; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## B. B. TAYLOR.

Mr. DIBRELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2689) for the relief of B. B. Taylor; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ELLEN W. P. CARTER.

Mr. DIBRELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2690) granting arrears of pension to Ellen W. P. Carter; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## LUCINDA BALLINGTON.

Mr. DIBRELL also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2691) for the relief of Lucinda Ballington; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## TAXES DUE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. McMILLIN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2692) to regulate the manner of making and collecting assessments of taxes due the Gov-

ernment of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

## COLONEL S. K. N. PATTON.

Mr. PETTIBONE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2693) for the relief of Colonel S. K. N. Patton; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## W. T. PRITCHETT.

Mr. PETTIBONE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2694) granting a pension to W. T. Pritchett; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## ANDREW J. MARSHALL.

Mr. PETTIBONE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2695) granting an increase of pension to Andrew J. Marshall; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## J. H. PAINTER.

Mr. PETTIBONE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2696) for the relief of J. H. Painter; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## HARRIETT W. SHACKLETT.

Mr. PETTIBONE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2697) for the relief of Harriett W. Shacklett; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## TREATY WITH MEXICO.

Mr. WHITTHORNE introduced a joint resolution (H. R. No. 88) to authorize a treaty with the Republic of Mexico to promote and facilitate reciprocal and liberal commercial relations between the people of the said republic and the United States, and to secure protection to capital and labor of citizens of the United States which may be invested and employed in opening railway communications in said republic and through its territory to the Pacific coast; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## FREDERICK A. THOMPSON.

Mr. WHITTHORNE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2698) for the relief of Frederick A. Thompson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## HENRY S. FRENCH.

Mr. WHITTHORNE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2699) for the relief of Henry S. French; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## I. D. MASON.

Mr. ATKINS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2700) for the relief of I. D. Mason; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## BOOK AGENTS OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

Mr. HOUSE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2701) for the relief of the book agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ESTATE OF E. H. CHILDRRESS.

Mr. HOUSE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2702) for the relief of Thomas Chadwell, administrator of the estate of E. H. Childress, deceased; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## DUNCAN MARR.

Mr. HOUSE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2703) for the relief of Duncan Marr; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## CUMMINGS, DOYLE &amp; CO. AND DOYLE &amp; CO.

Mr. HOUSE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2704) for the relief of Cummings, Doyle & Co. and Doyle & Co.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## A. H. BUCHANAN.

Mr. HOUSE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2705) for the relief of the estate of A. H. Buchanan, deceased; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## STERLING T. AUSTIN.

Mr. BLANCHARD (by request) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2706) for the relief of the representatives of Sterling T. Austin, deceased, late of Louisiana; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF CERTAIN SETTLERS.

Mr. BLANCHARD also presented a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly of Louisiana, urging the protection of the rights of settlers on lands included within grants to railroads; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

## COMMON SCHOOLS IN LOUISIANA.

Mr. BLANCHARD also presented a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly of Louisiana, urging the passage of the bill to aid in the establishment and temporary support of common schools on the basis of illiteracy; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

## POSSUM FORK LEVEE.

Mr. BLANCHARD also presented a concurrent resolution of the General Assembly of Louisiana, urging the reparation and restoration of the Possum Fork Levee; which was referred to the Committee on Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River.

## HOSPITAL STEWARDS.

Mr. UPSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2707) fixing the pay of hospital stewards; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## J. W. ECKLES.

Mr. UPSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2708) for the relief of J. W. Eckles; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## LEWIS HORST.

Mr. UPSON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2709) for the relief of Lewis Horst; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## E. P. CLAUDON.

Mr. REAGAN (by request) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2710) for the relief of E. P. Claudon; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## WILLIAM BEDDO AND OTHERS.

Mr. WELLBORN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2711) for the relief of William Beddo and others; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## GEORGE R. SMITH.

Mr. WELLBORN also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2712) for the relief of George R. Smith; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## EXTENSION OF PENSION LAWS.

Mr. JOYCE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2713) to extend the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act for the relief of certain pensioners," approved March 3, 1879, to certain other pensioners; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Select Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay, and ordered to be printed.

## MARY SELLICK.

Mr. JOYCE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2714) granting a pension to Mary Sellick; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## LEWIS B. COOK.

Mr. JOYCE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2715) granting a pension to Lewis B. Cook; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## LYDIA JOHNSON.

Mr. TYLER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2716) for the relief of Lydia Johnson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## INSPECTION OF STEAM-VESSELS.

Mr. TYLER (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2717) to increase the efficiency of the inspection of steam-vessels; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

## MARINE HOSPITAL AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

Mr. DEZENDORF introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2718) for a public building for a marine hospital at the port of Norfolk, Virginia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

## CUSTOM-HOUSE AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

Mr. DEZENDORF also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2719) to provide for heating the custom-house at Norfolk, Virginia, by steam; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

## APPROPRIATION FOR NAVY.

Mr. DEZENDORF also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2720) making an appropriation for the Navy, to be available immediately; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

## EDWIN DE LEON.

Mr. TUCKER (by request) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2721) for the relief of Edwin De Leon; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ADVANCES TO UNITED STATES BY MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA.

Mr. FULKERSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2722) to provide for paying certain advances made to the United States by the States of Maryland and Virginia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## MRS. A. FANT.

Mr. BARBOUR introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2723) for the relief of Mrs. A. Fant; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## MARKING OF TOBACCO PACKAGES.

Mr. WISE, of Virginia, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2724) to amend and re-enact section 3362 of the Revised Statutes so as not to require the manufacturer's name to be printed or marked on certain packages of tobacco; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

## UNITED STATES FIDELITY GUARANTEE COMPANY.

Mr. WISE, of Virginia, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2725) to incorporate the United States Fidelity Guarantee Company; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

## SALLY HARDMOND.

Mr. WISE, of Virginia, also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2726) for the relief of Mrs. Sally Hardmond; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## PETER WINCE.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2727) granting a pension to Peter Wince; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## DANIEL WOODIN.

Mr. WILSON (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2728) for the relief of Daniel Woodin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## MRS. EMMA M. MOORE.

Mr. WILSON (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2729) for the relief of Mrs. Emma M. Moore; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## MARTINSBURGH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Mr. HOGE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2730) for the relief of the trustees of the German Evangelical Lutheran church of Martinsburg, West Virginia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## JOHN H. KING.

Mr. HOGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2731) for the relief of John H. King; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## EMPLOYÉS OF HARPER'S FERRY ARMORY.

Mr. HOGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2732) for the relief of the employés who worked in and the contractors who furnished casting to the United States armory at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, and were not paid from January 1, 1861, to April 17, 1861, inclusive; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## MARTINSBURGH TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Mr. HOGE also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2733) for the relief of Trinity Protestant Episcopal church in Martinsburg, West Virginia; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## W. H. FORMAN.

Mr. HUMPHREY (by request) introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2734) granting a pension to W. H. Forman; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## PETER IMIG.

Mr. HUMPHREY (by request) also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2735) granting a pension to Peter Imig; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

## LOGS FROM MEMONONEE RESERVATION, WISCONSIN.

Mr. POUND introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2736) authorizing the sale of certain logs cut by the Indians of the Menomonee reservation in Wisconsin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

## HENRY FINK.

Mr. DEUSTER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2737) for the relief of Henry Fink; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## MILWAUKEE HARBOR OF REFUGE.

Mr. DEUSTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2738) to reimburse the city of Milwaukee for money paid in the construction of a harbor of refuge at the port of Milwaukee; which was read a first and

second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

JOHN M'AULIFFE.

Mr. DEUSTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2739) granting a pension to John McAuliffe; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

W. B. WHITING.

Mr. DEUSTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2740) granting a pension to W. B. Whiting; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

THEODORE RAUTHE.

Mr. DEUSTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2741) granting a pension to Theodore Rauthe; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

MARY WILEY.

Mr. DEUSTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2742) granting a pension to Mary Wiley; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

JAMES PRESTON.

Mr. DEUSTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2743) granting a pension to James Preston; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

PASSENGERS BY SEA.

Mr. DEUSTER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2744) to regulate the carriage of passengers by sea; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

PHILADELPHIA MINT.

Mr. O'NEILL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2745) appropriating ground in the city of Philadelphia for public purposes; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, and ordered to be printed.

PRIVATE LAND GRANTS IN ARIZONA.

Mr. OURY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2746) to confirm title to certain private land-grants in Arizona Territory; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims, and ordered to be printed.

D. C. THOMAS.

Mr. PETTIGREW introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2747) for the relief of D. C. Thomas; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

SIoux INDIAN RESERVATION, DAKOTA.

Mr. PETTIGREW also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2248) to authorize the survey of that portion of the Sioux Indian reservation in the Territory of Dakota lying west of Big Stone Lake, and making an appropriation therefor; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

FORT RICE MILITARY RESERVATION, DAKOTA.

Mr. PETTIGREW also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2749) vacating the Fort Rice military reservation in the Territory of Dakota; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

MARY COLLINS.

Mr. AINSLIE introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2750) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Mary Collins; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

OFFICERS OF THE ARMY.

Mr. MAGINNIS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2751) relating to officers of the Army; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

WATER SUPPLY IN THE TERRITORIES.

Mr. BRENTS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2752) to approve an act of the Legislative Assembly of Washington Territory entitled "An act authorizing cities, incorporated towns, and villages to provide for a supply of water," approved December 1, 1881; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Territories, and ordered to be printed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The SPEAKER. If there be no objection, the Chair will now recognize for the introduction of bills gentlemen who for any cause have not had that opportunity.

There was no objection.

ENTRIES UNDER HOMESTEAD LAWS.

Mr. HOLMAN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2753) limiting entries of public lands to actual settlers under the homestead laws; which

was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

ELIZABETH BERTRAM.

Mr. MORRISON introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2754) granting a pension to Elizabeth Bertram; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

REBECCA LEWIS.

Mr. MORRISON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2755) granting a pension to Rebecca Lewis; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

HEIRS OF COLONEL STEPHEN H. LONG.

Mr. MORRISON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2756) to settle the claim of the heirs of the late Colonel Stephen H. Long, of the United States Topographical Engineers; which was read a first and second time.

The SPEAKER. What reference does the gentleman indicate for this bill?

Mr. MORRISON. The Committee on Military Affairs.

The SPEAKER. It would appear to belong to the Committee on Claims, as it proposes an appropriation for services rendered.

Mr. MORRISON. No, sir; the bill proposes compensation to the heirs of this man for a patent which was taken and used by the United States.

The SPEAKER. It is a matter of claim.

Mr. MORRISON. This man, who was in the military service of the United States, was a patentee; and the Government appropriated to its own use the patent which was granted to him. He has since died; and though the Government had a right to his services while he was living the claimants do not think that right operates after his death. His heirs now want pay for the patent.

The SPEAKER. Clearly, under the ruling hitherto made, the bill belongs to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. MORRISON. Very well; so that this man's children get pay for the use of his patent by the Government I do not care where the bill goes.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

PETER MULLER.

Mr. MORRISON also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2757) for the relief of Peter Muller; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

DAVID WALDO & CO.

Mr. VAN HORN introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2758) for the relief of David Waldo & Co.; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

LAW OF INSANITY IN CRIMINAL CASES.

Mr. SPRINGER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2759) defining the law of insanity in criminal cases; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

STENOGRAPHERS FOR JUDGES OF SUPREME COURT.

Mr. SPRINGER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2760) authorizing the employment of stenographers by the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGE C. M'FARLAND.

Mr. SPRINGER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2761) granting an honorable discharge to George C. McFarland; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

ARNO VOSS.

Mr. SPRINGER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2762) for the relief of Arno Voss; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

GEORGE BANCROFT.

Mr. SPRINGER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2763) for the relief of George Bancroft; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

DANIEL B. SMITH.

Mr. SPRINGER also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2764) granting arrears of pension to Daniel B. Smith; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

CHIRIQUI COALING STATIONS.

Mr. SPRINGER also submitted the following resolution of inquiry; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested, if not incompatible with the public interests, to transmit to this House all papers and correspondence in the Department relative to the Chiriqui coaling stations and the appropriation for the purchase thereof; and that the Secretary be requested to continue to withhold all payments for such coaling stations until further legislation by Congress on the subject.

## AMENDMENT OF RULES.

Mr. DE MOTTE submitted the following resolution; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Rules:

*Resolved*, That a committee of eleven members, with like privileges and powers as the Committee on Commerce, be appointed by the Speaker, to be known as the "Committee on Inland Fares and Freights," to which all matters relating to the regulation of interstate commerce shall be referred.

JACOB B. KING.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2765) for the relief of Jacob B. King; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## AMENDMENT OF RULES.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, also submitted the following resolution; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Rules:

*Resolved*, That no private bill shall be printed unless it has been reported back by the committee to which it has been referred with recommendations for its passage.

PETER C. DE GRAFF.

Mr. WILLITS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2766) for the relief of Peter C. De Graff; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## ESTATE OF JOHN SHIRLEY, DECEASED.

Mr. GUNTER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2767) for the relief of the estate of John Shirley, deceased; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

LOUIS VOLIN.

Mr. LINDSEY introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2768) for the relief of Louis Volin; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

THOMAS S. HOPKINS.

Mr. LINDSEY also introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2769) to exempt Thomas S. Hopkins, late a private in Company C, Sixteenth Maine Volunteers, from the limitation prescribed by section 2 of the act of March 3, 1879, on account of mental incapacity, and to increase his pension; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

REBECCA WRIGHT.

Mr. CRAVENS introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2770) for the relief of Rebecca Wright; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

WILLIAM F. SEWARD.

Mr. STEELE, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2771) for the relief of William F. Seward; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on War Claims, and ordered to be printed.

## FARMERS IN SOUTH OF AFRICA.

Mr. HILL presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, in relation to the struggle of the Dutch farmers in the south of Africa to maintain their independence; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## EULOGIES ON THE LATE FERNANDO WOOD.

Mr. COX, of New York. I ask permission at this time to offer the following concurrent resolution in relation to printing the eulogies on my late colleague, Mr. Wood.

The SPEAKER. What action does the gentleman from New York desire?

Mr. COX, of New York. I ask consideration for it at the present time.

Mr. KELLEY. I shall have to object to that, and rise for the purpose of asking that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to receive and consider the resolution reported from the Committee on Ways and Means in relation to the distribution among the several committees of the House of the President's message. When this resolution was reported by myself from the committee this morning it was with the understanding, as expressed at the time, that I should make this motion.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain the motion.

Mr. COX, of New York. As the gentleman from Pennsylvania is disinclined to yield in view of the purpose I have stated in submitting this resolution, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will state that the call of States has been concluded, but by the indulgence of the House and of the Chair we have received bills out of the regular order under the rules, and the motion of the gentleman from Pennsylvania is in order at this time.

Mr. COX, of New York. If the gentleman from Pennsylvania would withdraw his motion for a moment, I am satisfied there would be no objection to this matter.

Mr. KELLEY. I will yield to the gentleman from New York for the purpose of offering the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The Chair understands the gentleman from Pennsylvania as withdrawing his objection.

Mr. COX, of New York. I will state to the gentleman from Pennsylvania and to the House that this is a concurrent resolution in reference to printing the eulogies on Mr. Wood, and was passed by

the House during the last session, but by some misadventure it failed in the Senate. I ask, therefore, that it be now taken up and considered.

Mr. KELLEY. I withdraw the objection after the statement of the gentleman from New York.

The SPEAKER. The resolution will be read.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring,) That 12,000 copies of the eulogies delivered in the House of Representatives upon the late Fernando Wood, of New York, be printed, 8,000 for the use of the House of Representatives and 4,000 for the use of the Senate; and that the Secretary of the Treasury have printed a portrait of Mr. Wood to accompany the same; and for the purpose of defraying the expense of procuring the said portrait, the sum of \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.*

Mr. COX, of New York. That is the usual form.

The SPEAKER. The Chair hears no objection to the present consideration of the resolution.

Mr. WILSON. Will the gentleman from New York allow me to say one word? The division of the number to be printed gives to each Senator a much larger number than to the members of the House.

Mr. COX, of New York. It gives the House 8,000 copies and the Senate 4,000 copies.

Mr. KELLEY. The Senators from my State represent twenty-seven districts each, while we each represent one district.

The SPEAKER. The Chair suggests that the resolution be made joint instead of concurrent, as it appropriates money.

Mr. COX, of New York. I have no objection to that.

The joint resolution (H. R. No. 89) to print the eulogies delivered in the House of Representatives on the late Fernando Wood was read a first and second time, engrossed, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. COX, of New York, moved to reconsider the vote by which the joint resolution was passed; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. KELLEY. I now move to dispense with the morning hour as a preliminary to moving that the House go into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union to consider the resolution distributing the President's message.

The SPEAKER. The business of the morning hour would be the call of committees for reports. To dispense with it requires a two-thirds vote.

The question being taken, the motion to dispense with the morning hour was agreed to, (two-thirds voting in favor thereof.)

## DISTRIBUTION OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mr. KELLEY. I now move that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union for the purpose of considering the resolution reported by the Committee on Ways and Means distributing the President's message.

The motion was agreed to.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, (Mr. HISCOCK in the chair.)

The CHAIRMAN. The House is in Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union to consider the resolution providing for the distribution of the President's message. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That so much of the annual message of the President and the documents that accompany it as relates to the death of James A. Garfield, late President of the United States, be referred to the Joint Select Committee on the Garfield Memorial:

That so much as relates to refunding the public debt, to the national finances, to the abolition of internal-revenue taxes, [and to the issue of silver certificates,] be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

That so much as relates to the appropriation and expenditure of public moneys be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

That so much as relates to the courts of the United States and to the suppression of polygamy be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

That so much as relates to affairs between the Government of the United States and those of foreign countries, to legislation to carry into effect treaties recently negotiated between the United States and China and the United States and Japan, and to the construction of interoceanic canals, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

That so much as relates to the coinage be referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

That so much as relates to the currency be referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

That so much as relates to the Territory of Alaska and to disturbances and depredations in the Territories be referred to the Committee on the Territories.

That so much as relates to the Navy be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

That so much as relates to the Army be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

That so much as relates to the civil service be referred to the Select Committee on Reform in the Civil Service.

That so much as relates to postal affairs be referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

That so much as relates to the care, education, and management of the Indians and to the protection of their reservations against unlawful occupation be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

That so much as relates to the improvement and defense of rivers and harbors, to the decline of American merchant marine, to the care and supervision of immigrants, and to international rules to prevent collision on the high seas, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

That so much as relates to revision of the laws be referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Laws.

That so much as relates to providing additional facilities for the Department of



Agriculture, and to the agricultural development of the country, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

That so much as relates to the construction of a building for the Library of Congress be referred to the Joint Select Committee on additional accommodations for the Congressional Library.

That so much as relates to the promotion of general education be referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

That so much as relates to the payment of arrearages of pensions and of bounty be referred to the Select Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay.

That so much as relates to the early completion of public buildings in the city of Washington be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

That so much as relates to the ascertainment and declaration of the vote for Presidential electors be referred to the Select Committee on Election of President and Vice-President.

That so much as relates to the prevention of the introduction of contagious and infectious diseases from foreign countries or from one State to another be referred to the Select Committee on Public Health.

That so much as relates to the publication of trade reports collected by the Department of State be referred to the Joint Committee on Printing.

That so much as relates to the reclamation and improvement of marshes on the Potomac River in front of Washington, to the improvement of the public reservation south of the executive mansion, to the erection of a free bridge across the Potomac River near Georgetown, to the deficiency in the supply of water in Washington, to the removal of steam-railway lines from the surface of the streets of that city, and to affairs generally of the District of Columbia, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. BELFORD. I have a very great respect for the Committee on Ways and Means, but I am unwilling for one to trust that committee with the coinage of silver or the regulation of silver certificates. The pending resolution provides that so much of the President's message as relates to silver certificates shall be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. It occurs to me that that is an improper reference.

These silver certificates were authorized under the act of 1878, known, I believe, as the Bland bill, a bill which provided for the coinage of the silver dollar. These certificates take the place in the country of the actual circulation of the coin. I think under the rules and according to every principle that question should go to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures. I therefore move to amend the resolution accordingly.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman will please reduce his amendment to writing.

Mr. KELLEY. After a conference on the subject with some members of the Committee on Ways and Means, I wish to say I am not under instructions to resist the amendment offered by the gentleman from Colorado; on the contrary I am rather instructed to assent to it.

Mr. RANDALL. The question whether this belongs to the Committee on Ways and Means, or the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, or the Committee on Banking and Currency, is a matter which the House should determine. It does not belong to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. KELLEY. I have stated what I believe is the sense of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. BUCKNER. I will suggest to the gentleman from Colorado there is no reason why this should be referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures. The Committee on Coinage has only to do with the matter of imprinting and making the coin itself; and when that is done it becomes currency. And when anything is issued in its place, as certificates are, which are a representative of coin, then that becomes currency, and belongs to the Committee on Banking and Currency. I shall therefore move to amend my friend's motion so that that portion of the message shall go to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Mr. KASSON. It is a matter of indifference to me personally where this question goes except as a precedent; and I am sorry that the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means has said that he felt at liberty to waive the position taken by the Ways and Means Committee, for this reason: These certificates are public debt, and we have always in the Ways and Means Committee had jurisdiction of the public debt.

Having served on all these committees, perhaps the House will excuse me for stating a little more particularly the distinction which I conceive prevails among them. Just as we have had the greenbacks in the Committee on Ways and Means as the representative of public obligation, so everything that certifies a debt of the United States belongs, I apprehend, to the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. This is simply a certificate of the deposit of so much silver in the Treasury, and is not a debt.

Mr. KASSON. The United States promises to pay or redeem these certificates just as they promised to redeem the greenbacks; and they are obliged to do it under the law. Now, sir, the Banking and Currency Committee, as we know, has jurisdiction always of the circulation of the banks and the system of banking.

The Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, a committee created on my motion several years ago, has jurisdiction solely, as the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. BUCKNER] says, of what is done in the mints in the issue of the coin of the country. I therefore apprehend that there is no committee that would so legitimately take charge of this question as the Committee of Ways and Means; and perhaps I may say that there is no reason to suppose that committee would take action different from any other committee. That committee seems to me the only one which by virtue of its charge of the public obligations of the United States has charge of this matter, its duty being to provide the ways and means for paying every public obligation.

Mr. BUCKNER. I cannot understand how these certificates are a public debt. The Government gives its obligations for debts due by the Government to individuals.

Mr. KASSON. How can it be a private debt, if it is owed by the Government? All the public debt is owed chiefly to individuals; the bonds of the United States are owed to individuals. However, this is important only as a precedent.

Mr. BUCKNER. These certificates are simply certificates of so much coin held by the Government.

Mr. KASSON. And consequently it is an obligation of the United States and of nobody else.

Mr. RANDALL. It is true that these certificates are in the nature of a public debt, but it is a public debt of an exceptional character. The same line of argument that the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. KASSON] employs as to these certificates would apply to greenbacks as well. Yet it has always been held that bills relating to the greenback circulation of the country should go to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Mr. KASSON. Will the gentleman allow me to ask if that is the more recent action of this House? Formerly, in the time of Thaddeus Stevens and others, I understand such bills always went to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. RANDALL. The rules of the last House provide for sending this subject to the Committee on Banking and Currency. The fact is that these certificates represent money on deposit, and for that reason are distinguished from other evidences of debt. The silver which they represent is a basis of circulation, and that is the object of these certificates. Although the Secretary of the Treasury has suggested the repeal of the law authorizing the issue of these silver certificates, if I read his report correctly, yet I believe they have been esteemed so highly that they have absolutely been purchased of the Government with gold. They are therefore strictly currency.

Mr. ROBESON. I think this thing can be made clear in a moment. By the rules adopted at the last session, (and what I now state will be in answer both to the question of the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. KASSON] and the suggestion of the gentleman from Pennsylvania, [Mr. RANDALL,]) it was provided by the second clause of Rule XI that subjects relating to "the revenue and the bonded debt of the United States" shall be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. RANDALL. That is conclusive against the reference to the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. ROBESON. That is the limit; that is all. All that the gentleman has said is found right there, and nowhere else.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan. I was about to make the very point which has been made by the gentleman from New Jersey, [Mr. ROBESON.] I desire to state further in that connection that the fifth clause of the same rule provides that all subjects relating "to banking and currency" shall go to the Committee on Banking and Currency. Now, silver certificates are currency. As the clause referred to by the gentleman from New Jersey restricts the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means to the "bonded debt" alone, this subject certainly cannot go to that committee.

Mr. BELFORD. I have reduced my amendment to writing and ask that it be read.

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike out on first page, fourth line, the words "and to the issue of silver certificates;" and insert the same words in line 1, on page 4, after the word "coinage," so that the clauses will read:

"That so much as relates to refunding the public debt, to the national finances, to the abolition of internal-revenue taxes, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means."

"That so much as relates to the coinage and to the issue of silver certificates be referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures."

Mr. KASSON. I wish to say that if the certificates are to be construed strictly as currency, and not as a debt of the United States, not as within the bonded debt, then under the new rule the construction suggested by the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. BURROWS] is unquestionably right. The proposed amendment of the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. BELFORD] to send this subject to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, and the arguments which have been used on the subject, of course would lead to a contrary direction, for these certificates relate neither to coinage, weights, nor measures. I would therefore move to amend the amendment in order that the question may be properly presented.

Mr. BLAND. It is necessary to refer to the legislation that brought about the issue of these certificates and the coinage of the silver dollar. We remember that the same law that authorized the coinage of the silver dollar also provided for the issue of these certificates. Since that time it has been the universal practice of the House, so far as I know, to refer all bills relating either to the coinage of silver or the issue of silver certificates to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures. Nearly every bill introduced on the subject of the coinage of silver has had in it some provision relating to the issue of silver certificates. It is impossible to separate the two subjects and to refer the one to one committee and the other to another committee. That was the foundation of these certificates; and from this time on the silver dollar, the coinage of silver, the deposit of bullion, and everything connected with the coinage of silver must have linked with it these silver certificates. They are convenient for use; and nearly every bill relating to the subject of coinage has contained some provision in regard to the issue of certificates of this kind. I say it has been the universal practice to refer all these subjects to the Com-

mittee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures; and certainly it would be bad policy now to separate the proposition relating to certificates from the proposition relating to coinage. Both should go together.

Mr. COX, of New York. Allow me to ask the gentleman from what committee the bill providing for the issue of silver certificates was reported?

Mr. BLAND. The bill was originally reported from the Committee on Mines and Mining. But the bill as it became a law came from the Senate. As it passed the House it contained nothing in relation to the silver certificates. It was returned from the Senate with a provision of this kind, and in that form was passed here. But there were bills referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining and reported which contained provisions of this kind.

Mr. COX, of New York. I asked the question of my honorable friend from Missouri [Mr. BLAND] for the purpose of showing to the House how multifarious, how complicated these references happened to be. There is no rule by which to abide in referring matters to committees where the committees have kindred relations, except the disposition of the House, and sometimes the constitution of the committee may determine the action of the House. It very often does.

As will be remembered, some twenty years ago the old Ways and Means Committee was cut up into three distinct committees: the Ways and Means Committee, to bring in the money; the Appropriations Committee, to pay it out; and the Banking and Currency Committee, to determine the kind of money. And very often bills were referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency which had reference to the coinage of silver. I reported, as chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee, the bill for subsidiary coinage. After that the currency question became aggrandized in the public mind and in the view of the House. Various references of these kindred bills were made. Some went to the Committee on Banking and Currency; some went to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures; and some went to the Committee on Mines and Mining; and bills as to matters having a close relation to the same subjects went to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Whenever questions of this kind are raised in the House you cannot determine them by any rule; they can only be determined by the wish of the House. Men who favor a project are not likely to send it to an unfriendly committee; we do not send the lamb to the wolf; we send a subject to that committee which will be kindly disposed toward it. So on this occasion I shall vote for the amendment of my friend from Colorado, [Mr. BELFORD,] believing that the silver interest is very well cared for by him.

Mr. BUCKNER. I move to amend the amendment by striking out "Coinage, Weights, and Measures," and inserting "Banking and Currency."

The CHAIRMAN. The question will be first taken on the amendment of the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. BUCKNER] to the amendment of the gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. BURROWS. Let the amendment be read:

The Clerk read as follows:

Strike out the words "Coinage, Weights, and Measures," and insert "Banking and Currency."

The Chairman was proceeding to put the question on the amendment of Mr. BUCKNER, when

Mr. MCKINLEY said: Will the Chair please state the question again?

Mr. ROBESON. A great many gentlemen do not understand the effect of this vote.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is now upon the amendment of the gentleman from Missouri, providing for a reference to the Committee on Banking and Currency. The amendment of the gentleman from Colorado provided for a reference to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures. The vote now being taken is upon the amendment of the gentleman from Missouri, referring this portion of the message to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

The amendment of Mr. BUCKNER was agreed to; there being ayes 106, noes 45.

The question recurring on the amendment as amended; it was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. KELLEY. I move that the committee now rise and report the resolution to the House.

The motion was agreed to.

The committee accordingly rose; and the Speaker having resumed the chair, Mr. HISCOCK reported that the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, having had under consideration the annual message of the President of the United States, had directed him to report with an amendment a resolution providing for the reference of the same, and recommend its adoption.

The question being taken on the amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole, it was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. KELLEY moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

J. P. WRIGHT.

Mr. TUCKER introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2772) for the relief of J.

P. Wright; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.

#### EXTENSION OF THE MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

Mr. O'NEILL introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2773) for the extension of the area of the Mint at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and for greater security of the same; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures, and ordered to be printed.

#### OLIVE STEPHENSON.

Mr. WADSWORTH introduced a bill (H. R. No. 2774) granting a pension to Olive Stephenson; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and ordered to be printed.

#### APPOINTMENT ON COMMITTEE.

The SPEAKER announced the appointment of Mr. REED, of Maine, to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Rules occasioned by the resignation of Mr. ORTH.

#### DIRECTORS FOR COLUMBIAN INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND DUMB.

The SPEAKER also announced the appointment of Mr. KASSON and Mr. TUCKER as directors of the Columbian Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

#### REGENTS FOR THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

The SPEAKER also announced the appointment of Mr. DEERING of Iowa, Mr. TAYLOR of Ohio, and Mr. COX of New York as Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, to date from the fourth Wednesday of December, 1881.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the President:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit a communication received this day from the late Postmaster-General, to which I invite your careful attention. Though the period limited for the reception of bids under the existing advertisement expires on the 7th instant, several weeks must necessarily elapse before they can be classified and examined, and the actual letting take place. If, therefore, Congress shall be of the opinion that a change in the law is needed, it may, I presume, be made immediately applicable.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, January 6, 1882.

Mr. SPRINGER. I would like to have the accompanying communication read.

The SPEAKER. The communication will be referred to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads and printed.

Mr. REAGAN. Is it to appear in the RECORD, and are the documents accompanying the message which has been read to be printed for the information of the House?

Mr. MILLS. Would it not be well, if that is to go before the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, to give that committee authority from the House to report at any time? The President seems to contemplate that some hasty action may be necessary.

The SPEAKER. The committee will doubtless have the privilege and the power to report it at any time.

Mr. MILLS. They have not the power to report at any time under the rules.

The SPEAKER. The House will doubtless agree to give the committee that power for this purpose.

Mr. SPARKS. As I understand it, the accompanying documents will not be printed in the RECORD unless by order of the House.

The SPEAKER. They will be printed for the use of members in the usual manner, but not printed in the RECORD.

Mr. SPARKS. That was my understanding—that they would not be printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER. The accompanying papers will not be printed in the RECORD.

Mr. RANDALL. I think the communication from the Postmaster-General had better be read.

Mr. SPRINGER. The communication from the Postmaster-General is a very lengthy one and is the report of special counsel of the Post-Office—Inspectors Tidball and Shallcross—in reference to straw bids. It is already printed, I see, and the order for printing it will not be required. This is a pamphlet, which is a public document, I presume.

The SPEAKER. The Chair was under the impression that it was printed simply for the use of the Post-Office Department, and that it could not be supplied to the members of the House. That printing is only for the use of the Department.

Mr. SPRINGER. It contains eighty-five printed pages, and if not printed for the use of the House, it should be, of course, as a public document.

Mr. RANDALL. It is a very important subject. This is one of the agencies by which the Government has been deprived of a great deal of money improperly.

Mr. MILLS. The President of the United States in making this communication to the House announces to them that, on the 7th of this month, bids were opened, but that it will take some time to examine them. In the mean time—and it is going to be a short mean time—Congress may desire to make some change about how these contracts are to be awarded. Now, then, how is it possible for us to act in this short time unless this House gives the Committee on the

Post-Office and Post-Roads the authority to report at any time—tomorrow, if necessary?

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. Well, they can report to-morrow. Committees are called every day in the morning hour.

Mr. MILLS. They cannot report at any time. Other committees may obtain the floor.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. No other committees have any business ready, and it is not likely that they will be deprived of the power to report when the committees are called.

Mr. MILLS. Unless some other committee gets in before them.

The SPEAKER. The Chair has no doubt the House will hear the committee at any time it is ready to report.

Mr. BLOUNT. I can see no objection to the proposition of the gentleman from Texas at all. Even if the committee can report their conclusions to the House, they are not necessarily acted on, and the gentleman from Texas has rightly referred to the importance of speedy action. The President has said in his message to the House the former Postmaster-General has seen fit to make the communication to him upon which his message is based; and if any action is to be had at all it must be had promptly or it is utterly useless.

The SPEAKER. Does the gentleman from Texas submit a motion that the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads, to which this message and accompanying documents have been referred, shall have leave to report on this subject at any time?

Mr. MILLS. Yes, sir; I make that motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. MILLS moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion was agreed to; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. RANDALL. What has become of the proposition to print?

Mr. ROBESON. I move this House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. It will be printed as a document, and not in the RECORD.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois. Why not let it be printed in the RECORD?

The SPEAKER. The Chair will ask unanimous consent to print the document in the RECORD.

Mr. BURROWS, of Michigan. What document, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER. The document to which reference is made in the message. Is there objection to printing the accompanying document in the RECORD?

Several members objected.

#### CONTESTED-ELECTION CASES.

The SPEAKER, by unanimous consent, laid before the House additional evidence in the contested-election case of Cook vs. Cutts, sixth district of Iowa; which was referred to the Committee on Elections.

The SPEAKER also, by unanimous consent, laid before the House additional evidence and papers relating to the contest of Wither- spoon vs. Davidson, second Congressional district of Florida; which were referred to the Committee on Elections.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted as follows:

To Mr. WARD, for two days, on account of important business.

To Mr. KING, for six days, on account of important business.

#### JASPER ISOM.

On motion of Mr. DIBRELL, by unanimous consent, leave was given to withdraw from the files of the House the petition and accompanying papers of Jasper Isom, Third Tennessee Cavalry, for a pension, there being no adverse report thereon.

#### POLYGAMY.

Mr. THOMAS. I ask unanimous consent that there be printed in the RECORD the joint resolution which I introduced to-day, and which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

There was no objection.

The joint resolution is as follows:

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.  
*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of each House concurring therein.)* That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be, and is hereby, proposed to the Legislatures of the several States:

#### ARTICLE —

First. Neither bigamy, polygamy, nor the having or possessing of more than one legal husband or one legal wife at the same time, by any resident, inhabitant, or citizen of or within the United States, shall be tolerated or allowed within the several States and Territories of the United States.

Second. Every marriage or so-called marriage solemnized or entered into, by whatever ceremony or means soever, during the existence of a legal prior marriage, or the living and cohabiting together as man and wife of any male and female resident, inhabitant, or citizen of the United States, either said male or female having at the time a living legal husband or legal wife, is unlawful and void, and is hereby prohibited.

Third. Any male or female resident, inhabitant, or citizen of any of the several States and Territories who shall violate the foregoing section shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be disqualified from voting or holding any office or position of honor and trust within any of the States or Territories within the United States, or by virtue of any law of the United States.

Fourth. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Mr. ROBESON. I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and accordingly (at five o'clock and twenty minutes p. m.) the House adjourned.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

The following memorials, petitions, and other papers were laid on the Clerk's desk, under the rule, and referred as follows:

By Mr. ALLEN: The petition of the Missouri Historical Society, for the publication of a synoptical catalogue of all documents issued by the Government—to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. ANDERSON: The petition of citizens of Logan County, Kansas, praying for a pension for John G. Banks—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ATKINS: Papers relating to the claim of John H. Edwards, of Tennessee—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. BARBOUR: The petition of James Gibbons, for exemption from taxation of property now used by the Catholic Church of Washington, District of Columbia—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. BELFORD: Papers relating to the claim of George F. Brott—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. BELTZHOVER: Papers relating to the claim of Edmond Wolfe and others for compensation for property destroyed by fire by order of United States military authorities—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, papers relating to the pension claim of Thomas N. Rothrock—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BLACK: A bill for an appropriation for the completion of improvements of the harbor of Brunswick, Georgia—to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, a bill for an appropriation for the completion of the river and harbor improvements of the port of Savannah, Georgia—to the same committee.

Also, a bill to appropriate \$50,000 for the improvement of the Altamaha River, in the State of Georgia—to the same committee.

Also, a bill to appropriate \$30,000 for the improvement of navigation through the Romyer Marshes, in the State of Georgia—to the same committee.

By Mr. BLISS: The petition of Patrick Smith, for an increase of pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BRENTS: Papers relating to the claim of F. Prosh and B. F. McElroy, for compensation for binding the statutes of the Legislature of Washington Territory—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. BREWER: Eight petitions of members of the Life-Saving Service, for increase of pay—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. BRIGGS: Memorial of David Webster, of Concord, New Hampshire, for payment of fees due him as a witness before the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. BUCHANAN: The petition of G. A. B. Dozier and others, relative to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. J. C. BURROWS: Five petitions of citizens of Michigan, relative to interstate commerce—to the same committee.

By Mr. CANDLER: The petition of Julia Austin, of East Cambridge, Massachusetts, for compensation for the accidental death of her husband at Charleston navy-yard—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. CANNON: The petition of Standiford Brothers and others, for the modification and amendment of internal-revenue laws—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, the petition of Eli Wiley and others, that extra compensation be paid Samuel Wilson for carrying mails—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. CASWELL: The petition of Samuel Clark and 138 others, and of E. Hart and 65 others, citizens of Wisconsin, relating to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. CHACE: The petition of J. A. Hazard and others, for increase of pay to men employed in the Life-Saving Service—to the same committee.

By Mr. CHALMERS: Papers relating to the claim of Lewis D. Allen, of Adams County, Mississippi—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Louisa S. Bobo, by Charles G. Bobo, administrator—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, the petition of the National Cotton Planters' Association, in favor of making the Commissioner of Agriculture a Cabinet officer—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CLARDY: Papers relating to the claim of Choteau, Harrison & Valle and W. A. Steel—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. COOK: The petition of D. G. Hughes and others, for a mail-route—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, the petition of citizens of Sumter, Schley, and Marion, for a mail route between Americus and Buena Vista, Georgia—to the same committee.

By Mr. CRAVENS: Papers relating to the claim of James Clifford—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Elias R. Core—to the same committee.

By GEORGE R. DAVIS: The resolutions of the Chicago Board of Trade, urging the increase of compensation of keepers and employes of the Life-Saving Service—to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the joint resolution of the Legislature of Michigan, praying Congress to provide for laying and maintaining a telegraphic cable between Manitou Islands and the mainland of Michigan—to the same committee.

Also, the petition of 203 letter-carriers of Chicago, for increase of salary—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, the petition of Mary Ann Murphy, for a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. DAWES: The petition of 600 citizens of Hannibal, Missouri, and of 20 citizens of Orlando, Florida, relative to alleged combination between railroad companies and the Standard Oil Company—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. DEERING: The petition of S. B. Chase, for compensation for services rendered and expense incurred while register of the land office at Osage, Iowa—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. DEUSTER: The petition of William B. Whiting, for a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, relating to the organization of the Signal Service—to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, relating to the compensation of keepers of life-saving stations—to the same committee.

Also, the petition of H. Wehausen and others, citizens of Cedarburgh, Wisconsin, praying for relief from evil effects resulting from formation of syndicates of grain speculators, &c.—to the same committee.

Also, the petitions of keepers of life-saving stations, for relief—to the same committee.

Also, the joint resolution of the Legislature of Michigan, recommending the laying and maintenance of telegraphic cable between Manitou Islands and the mainland of Michigan—to the same committee.

By Mr. DIBBLE: The petition of General C. I. Walker and other members of the National Guards Association of the United States, for amendments of laws relating to militia—to the Committee on the Militia.

By Mr. DIBRELL: The petition of A. M. Cate, W. T. Cate, T. L. Cate, and others, for compensation for services during the late rebellion—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, the petition of Marsellus Martin, for relief—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. DUNNELL: The petition of H. R. Barnard and 66 others and of L. F. McGibbon and 130 others, citizens of Minnesota, in favor of the passage of a law regulating commerce between the States—to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the petition of 80 citizens of Detroit, Michigan, in favor of increasing the efficiency of the life-saving service—to the same committee.

Also, the petition of Delia E. Grummond, for a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of Margaret J. McCrichett and of Augustus Sprague, for relief—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. ELLIS: The petition of Mrs. Anastasea E. Fish—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Cora A. Slocumb, Ida A. Richardson, and Caroline A. Urquhart—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. EVINS: Papers relating to the claim of Lacon R. Tillman—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. S. S. FARWELL: Memorial of the Board of Trade of Davenport, in relation to the Hennepin Canal—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. FISHER: Papers relating to the claim of J. W. Butler for pay for services as an employe of the United States secret service—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. FULKERSON: The petition of Henry A. Hudson, for a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GEDDES: The petition of Jacob Shively and 96 others, citizens of Morrow and Richland Counties, Ohio, relating to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. GUENTHER: Papers relating to the claim of Sarah M. Thomas—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. JOHN HAMMOND: Papers relating to the claim of General Alford—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH: The petition of 140 citizens of Lewis County and of 80 citizens of Marion County, Missouri, for the enactment of a law to prevent extortions and discriminations in passenger and freight rates by railroad corporations—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. HAWK: Papers to accompany House bill No. 2143—to the Committee on the Militia.

By Mr. G. W. HEWITT: The petition of R. S. Bottoms and others, for the establishment of a postal route between Allen's Factory and Pearce's Mills, Marion County, Alabama—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, the petition of A. A. Chesnutt and others, citizens of Tus-

caloosa and Fayette Counties, Alabama, for the establishment of a postal route—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. HISCOCK: The petition of citizens of New York, for the passage of a law giving a bounty to the soldiers of the late war, of the rebellion—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a petition for the removal of tax on banks and bank deposits—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, the petition of the American Company of Revisers of the New Testament, for return and remission of duties—to the same committee.

By Mr. HOGE: The petition of J. P. Anvil and others, citizens of Barbour County, West Virginia, relative to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. HOLMAN: The petition of 258 citizens of Indiana, relating to interstate commerce—to the same committee.

By Mr. HERR: The petition of citizens of Bay City, Michigan, for repeal of bank taxes—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOUK: Papers relating to the claim of Peter Targarona—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, memorial of bankers and business men of Memphis, Tennessee, for repeal of bank taxes—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

Also, the petition of Mary E. Buchanan, administratrix of estate of E. H. Childress, deceased, (by Thomas Chadwell, administrator,) of Cummings, Doyle & Co. and Doyle & Co., and of Duncan Marr, for compensation for property taken and used by the United States Army during the late rebellion—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. HUMPHREYS: Memorial from Charles Seymour and others in opposition to the adoption of the French metric system—to the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

By Mr. JADWIN: The petition of B. E. James and 300 others, citizens of Pennsylvania, relative to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. JOYCE: The petition of Mary C. Sellick, for a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KNOTT: The petition of Samuel S. Hodges, for a pension—to the same committee.

Also, the petition of Mrs. Henrietta L. King, for relief—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. LEWIS: Papers relating to the claim of Joseph F. Nelson—to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

By Mr. LINDSEY: The petition of Charles Gleason and 102 others and of Harvey Ripley and 76 others, citizens of Maine, relative to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. MARTIN: The petition of J. H. Adams and others, citizens of Delaware, relative to interstate commerce—to the same committee.

Also, the petition of Mary J. Goslee, for a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of Franklin Temple, for relief—to the Committee on Accounts.

By Mr. MCCOOK: The petition of Mrs. E. A. Farr, of New York, for relief—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, the petition of Gustav Henze, of New York City, to investigate and adopt his system of compound armor for men-of-war and coast defense—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. MCKENZIE: Papers relating to the claim of L. C. Chat-ham, for pay as a recruiting officer in the military service of the United States—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. MOORE: Papers relating to the claim of Augustus F. Bonner, of Raleigh, Shelby County, Tennessee—to the same committee.

Also, the petition of Mary E. Lucas, for relief—to the same committee.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Mary E. McKinney, of Memphis, Tennessee, for compensation for property taken and used by the United States Army during the late rebellion—to the same committee.

By Mr. MOREY: The petition of 400 citizens of Butler County, Ohio, for the removal of certain taxes on national and private banks—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, the petition of Colonel Worthington, for an increase of pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MORRISON: Papers relating to the pension claim of George W. Long—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MULDROW: Papers relating to the claim of Captain J. H. Estes—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. PAGE: The petition of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, California, relating to construction of a revenue-cutter for the Alaska waters, and relative to certain obstructions of navigation—to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the resolutions of the Merchants' Exchange and of the Board of Trade of San Francisco, California, relating to the United States Signal Service—to the same committee.

Also, papers relating to the duties on sulphur—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PEELE: The petition of citizens of Indiana, for the repeal of the law imposing taxes on banks and stamps on bank checks—to the same committee.

By Mr. PETTIBONE: The petition of A. J. Marshall, for an increase of pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers relating to the claim of J. H. Painter—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Colonel S. K. N. Patton—to the same committee.

By Mr. PHELPS: The petition of Calvin Durand, for relief—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PHISTER: A bill for the continuation of the improvement of the Big Sandy River—to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, a bill for the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio River—to the same committee.

By Mr. RAY: The resolutions of sympathy with Ireland passed by the general court of New Hampshire—to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. RITCHIE: Seven petitions from the members of the Ohio bar for the passage of the bill authorizing the holding of three terms each year of the United States district and circuit courts at Toledo, in the western division of the northern district of Ohio—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, the petition of Melvin M. Boothman and others, citizens of Williams County, Ohio, for increase and equalization of pensions—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of C. M. Clark and 54 others, citizens of Stryker, Williams County, and S. W. W. Shumaker and 32 others, citizens of Wood County, Ohio, relative to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the petition of Darwin Smith, of Toledo, Ohio, for relief—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, the petition of George Strain, for relief—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. ROSECRANS: Memorial of the Chamber of Commerce relating to harbor defenses in San Francisco—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, the petition of the Geographical Society of the Pacific, for an appropriation for United States coast and geodetic survey of Alaska—to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Major G. W. Candee—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, the petition of Mrs. Peter A. Cassidy, for compensation for machine invented by her late husband—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, the petition of Cyrus C. Clark, for relief—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, the petition of B. T. Kirby, for relief—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Redmond Tulley—to the same committee.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Charles J. Whiting—to the same committee.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Mrs. S. A. Wright—to the Committee on Patents.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Frank D. Yates and others—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. RUSSELL: The petition of George W. Cluff, for reimbursement for property captured from him by a hostile tribe of Indians—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, the petition of James O'Grady, for removal of charge of desertion, and payment of back pay—to the Committee on the Payment of Pensions, Bounty, and Back Pay.

Also, the petition of Samuel D. Shipley, late lieutenant-colonel Thirtieth Massachusetts Volunteers, for restoration of rank and adjustment of pension—to the same committee.

Also, the petition of Florence Sullivan, for increase of pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RYAN: Papers relating to the claim of Thomas H. Soward—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. SHULTZ: The petition of citizens of Greenville, Ohio, relating to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. D. C. SMITH: A bill for an appropriation for the completion of the improvement of the Illinois River—to the same committee.

By Mr. SPEER: The petition of James V. Smith, for a postal route—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. STEELE: The petition of Benjamin F. Burkett and 500 others, citizens of Jay County, Indiana, relative to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. STEPHENS: Papers relating to the claim of Bernard Rice—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, papers relating to the claim of William Wheeler Hubbell—to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. STOCKSLAGER: The petition of certain citizens, relating to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. STONE: Papers relating to the claim of the heirs of Nicholas and Marc A. Fouquet for services in the Revolutionary war—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. TAYLOR: Four petitions, praying that the Commissioner of Agriculture be made a Cabinet officer—to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also, the petition of Benton Armstrong, for an increase of pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, four petitions of citizens of Ohio, for the enactment of a law to protect innocent purchasers against the impositions of fraudulent

venders of patents and patent rights—severally to the Committee on Patents.

Also, three petitions of citizens of Ohio, in favor of the enactment of a law imposing a tax on incomes—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, four petitions relating to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. THOMAS: Papers relating to the claim of Rear-Admiral John L. Worden and the officers and crew of the United States steamer Monitor who participated in the action with the rebel iron-clad Merrimac in 1862—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. P. B. THOMPSON: The petition of citizens of Pulaski County, Kentucky, for an appropriation for the improvement of the Cumberland River—to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, papers relating to the claims of George H. Dobyns; of the Madison Female Institute of Richmond, Kentucky; of Joseph Falconor, of Patrick Hill; of John S. Kendrick, executor of Amanda F. Gogger, deceased; of Julia A. Reed, of Benjamin W. Sloan, of Moses Sord, and of Sarah Wells, for compensation for property taken and used by the United States Army during the late rebellion—severally to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, two petitions of citizens of Kentucky, relative to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. AMOS TOWNSEND: The petition of ship-owners and ship-masters of Cleveland, Ohio, for increase of salary for keepers of life-saving stations—to the same committee.

By Mr. TUCKER: Papers relating to the claim of Charles W. Button to be reimbursed for the cost of advertising property levied on by the collector of internal revenue of the fifth district of Virginia—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Folkes and Winston and others, citizens of Lynchburgh, Virginia—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, papers relating to the claim of W. S. Kimball & Co. and other tobacco manufacturers—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, papers relating to the bill (H. R. No. 1785) providing for the erection of a public building at Lynchburgh, Virginia—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, papers relating to the claim of Moses Lacy for pay for building used and occupied by the United States military authorities—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, the petition of J. H. Rives, of Virginia, for pay for expenses incurred in collecting public revenues—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Also, papers relative to the claim of Jaqueline M. Wood asking to be relieved from further responsibility for an alleged deficit in his accounts as stamp clerk—to the same committee.

By Mr. UPSON: The petition of Michael F. Daley, for an increase of pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. URNER: The petition of George Calvert, for relief—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, the petition of Mrs. Margaret R. Coloney, for an increase of pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of A. H. Von Luettwitz, for relief—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. VAN AERNAM: Papers relating to the claim of John R. Bond—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Also, papers relating to the claim of John A. Whitall—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. VANCE: Papers relating to the claim of Sam H. Fleming—to the same committee.

Also, the petition of James H. Green, for payment for carrying United States mails—to the same committee.

Also, papers relating to the claim of James and Noah Roberts—to the same committee.

By Mr. WADSWORTH: The petition of citizens of Yates County, New York, relative to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WASHBURN: The petition of W. C. Van Doren and others, praying for the enactment of a law to pension survivors of rebel imprisonment—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WELLBORN: The petition of W. E. Staples and others, citizens of Texas, relating to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. WEST: The petitions of citizens of Saratoga County, New York, for the repeal of the tax on banks and stamps on bank-checks—to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. C. G. WILLIAMS: Papers relating to the National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children—to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. WILLIS: Papers relative to the claim of A. J. Guthrie—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. WILLITS: The petition of J. E. Gibbs and 79 citizens of Michigan, for legislation relative to interstate commerce—to the Committee on Commerce.

Also, the petition of Sarah E. Shade, for a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GEORGE D. WISE: The petition of W. A. Courtney, agent of the Clyde line of steamers, for refunding of fees alleged to have been illegally collected by the custom-house officers—to the Committee on Ways and Means.