

gress to adopt measures to prevent the spread of pleuro-pneumonia and other infectious diseases of cattle—to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. BELMONT: The petition of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and by the presidents and secretaries of the following associations: New York Produce Exchange, Maritime Association of Port of New York, New York Board of Trade and Transportation, New York Cotton Exchange, New York Mining Stock and Petroleum Exchange, Sailors' Snug Harbor, New York and New Jersey Sandy Hook Pilots, American Seamen's Friends' Society, and others, praying for the establishment of a permanent marine hospital at the port of New York—to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. W. R. COX: The petition of Sophia B. Duffy, for relief—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. DEUSTER: The petition of John W. Carr, of Milwaukee, Wis., for a pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MURRAY: The petition of John Davis, of James McMullin, of Mrs. Christiana Eldermeier, and of John Schmidt, for a pension—severally to the same committee.

Also, the petition of John Doenhardt, for correction of his Army record—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. PARKER: The petition of Charles F. Allen and others, citizens of Saint Lawrence County, New York, for the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. J. M. TAYLOR: The petition of C. A. Ashby, of Tennessee, for compensation for property taken during the late war—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. TUCKER: The petition of citizens of Virginia, praying for passage of bill granting pensions to soldiers of the Mexican war—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of George W. Hardwicke, for an appropriation of \$795.12 for compensation for publishing military orders in the Lynchburg Republican, a newspaper published at Lynchburg, Va.—to the Committee on Claims.

## SENATE.

THURSDAY, December 6, 1883.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. J. J. BULLOCK, D. D.  
The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

### ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY.

On motion of Mr. ALLISON, it was  
Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn to-day it be to meet on Monday next.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a letter from the Secretary of State, requesting certain charges in the estimates of that Department relating to foreign intercourse contained in the annual Book of Estimates of appropriation required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885; which was ordered to be printed, and lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Appropriations when appointed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to section 333 of the Revised Statutes, transmitting his annual report; which was ordered to be printed, and lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Finance when appointed.

He also laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report from Capt. R. P. Hughes, Third Infantry, in regard to an investigation made to determine the true boundary lines of the military reservation of Fort Missoula, Montana Territory; which was ordered to lie on the table, with the accompanying papers, and to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed.

### HEATING AND VENTILATING SENATE CHAMBER.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a report of the Sergeant-at-Arms on the heating and ventilation of the Senate Chamber; which was ordered to be printed, and lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate when appointed.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore* presented a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting the petition of Second Lieutenant W. P. Hogarty, United States Army (retired), praying that he be given the full rank of captain upon the retired list; which was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed.

He also presented a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting a petition of enlisted men of the United States Army, praying for the passage of a law making provision for the retirement under certain conditions of enlisted men of the Army with fixed rates of pay,

allowances, &c.; which was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed.

Mr. GARLAND. Yesterday the Senator from Ohio [Mr. SHERMAN] presented a petition of J. W. Niles, a citizen of Arkansas, in which, according to the statement made by the Senator, "he complains that by an unlawful combination he and his associates have been prevented from exercising their rights under the land laws to make a pre-emption of land." That petition was ordered to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed. My attention was withdrawn at the time from the business of the Senate, and I failed to notice the presentation of the petition when it was presented by the Senator from Ohio. Some three or four weeks since Mr. Niles called upon me in reference to the grounds of his complaint, which, I see, were substantially stated by the Senator from Ohio in presenting the petition. I had never heard before of the complaints that were made by Mr. Niles, and I took it upon myself to address letters to the two courts, the national court and the State court, of which he complained. I have received information direct from those courts, from the judge and the district attorney of one and from the judge of the other, but I have not had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Niles since to lay them before him and to make known to him their responses. Inasmuch as the petition has been filed here, of which I make no complaint at all, I ask that the responses from those two courts be filed also and referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed. I present the responses of the two courts of which complaint is made, with certified copies of transcripts, &c., from the records of those courts and other documents, which will be interesting and instructive to the committee.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The Senator from Arkansas asks leave to submit, to be referred in connection with the petition presented yesterday by the Senator from Ohio, certain papers, that they may be referred with the petition to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. SHERMAN. The request of the Senator from Arkansas is a very proper one. As a matter of course the whole subject ought to be examined. I desire to say that I presented the petition at the request of a citizen of the United States who claimed that officers of the United States had violated his rights as a citizen. I therefore deemed it proper to have the matter examined into. I have no objection at all to having any paper presented that will throw light on the subject.

Mr. GARLAND. I make no complaint whatever of the Senator presenting the petition. I should have presented it myself for Mr. Niles if he had asked me. I have never declined to do that for any person. At the same time, as the complaint goes forward, I simply ask that these two responses, which substantially deny the charge that he has made, and in which they have answered him, may go with it.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. If there be no objection the papers submitted by the Senator from Arkansas will be received, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed.

Mr. MANDERSON. I present a memorial and joint resolution of the Legislature of Nebraska, having reference to the taxing of railroad lands. I ask that it be read, and lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Railroads when appointed.

The joint resolution was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Railroads when appointed, and was read, as follows:

Memorial and joint resolution to Congress relative to lands in the State of Nebraska granted to railroad companies and not taxed.

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Whereas the General Government has made large and generous grants of the public domain to aid in the construction of railroads in the State of Nebraska, as well as other States; and

Whereas certain railroad companies in the State of Nebraska having neglected to obtain patents upon large portions of such lands and have refused to pay taxes on the same; and

Whereas it is manifest injustice to all citizens of this State, and particularly to settlers in the immediate vicinity of said lands who are by their industry and improvements adding value to said lands and at the same time being unjustly taxed for the support of local and State government: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the State of Nebraska, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are requested to secure such action by the heads of Departments at Washington or such legislation by Congress as will compel said railroad companies to take out patents for said lands, so that they may be taxed, or that they may revert to the General Government and be subject to the homestead and pre-emption laws.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be requested to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy of this memorial and joint resolution.

ALFRED W. AGEE,  
President of the Senate.

Attest:

GEORGE L. BROWN,  
Secretary of the Senate.

GEORGE M. HUMPHREY,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Attest:

BRAD. D. SLAUGHTER,  
Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

Approved February 24, A. D. 1883.

JAMES W. DAWES, Governor.

Mr. MANDERSON. I present also a memorial and joint resolution of the Legislature of Nebraska, having reference to the improvement of the Missouri River, which I ask to have read.

The joint resolution was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to

the Committee on the Improvement of the Mississippi River and Tributaries when appointed, and was read, as follows:

Memorial and joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Nebraska concerning the improvement of the Missouri River.

Whereas the importance to the whole country of continuing the work of the improvement of the great water way of the West, the Missouri, the Mississippi, and the Ohio, a system of rivers unequalled on the face of the globe as a God-blessed competition with the railways in the interest of cheap transportation, is a matter of even more than national interest:

*Resolved*, That the house of representatives of the State of Nebraska requests its Senators and Representatives in Congress to sustain the plans for the improvement of said rivers, and to use their best endeavors to secure the appropriations necessary to carry out the much-needed work as speedily as practicable.

*Resolved*, That we believe that an independent Missouri River commission, in purposes similar to the Mississippi River Commission, is demanded by the best interests of the great valley of the Missouri—the most fertile agricultural region in the world.

*Resolved*, That the clerk of this house is instructed to forward forthwith attested copies of this resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

I hereby certify that the foregoing preamble and resolution was adopted by the house on February 15, 1883.

BRAD. D. SLAUGHTER, *Chief Clerk.*

Attest:

JAMES F. ZEDIKER,  
*First Assistant and Journal Clerk.*

A true and correct copy.

JAMES F. ZEDIKER,  
*First Assistant and Journal Clerk House of Representatives.*

Mr. MANDERSON. I also present a memorial and joint resolution of the Legislature of Nebraska, requesting that the duty on barbed wire and the material of which it is made be removed. I ask that it be read, and lie upon the table, to be referred at the proper time to the Committee on Finance.

The joint resolution was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Finance when appointed, and was read, as follows:

Memorial and joint resolution requesting that the duty be removed off of barbed wire and the material it is manufactured from.

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Whereas the article of barbed wire and the material from which it is made has become so necessary for use that it is indispensable to the people of the State of Nebraska, and especially to the agricultural interest, we do most respectfully urge upon the Congress of the United States to repeal the duty on the same: Therefore,

*Be it resolved, etc.*, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress are hereby requested to use all honorable means to secure the removal of such duty so it may be placed on the free list.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of state be, and is hereby, instructed to transmit a certified copy of this memorial and joint resolution to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

GEORGE M. HUMPHREY,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

Attest:

BRAD. D. SLAUGHTER,  
*Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.*  
ALFRED W. AGEE,  
*President of the Senate.*

Attest:

GEORGE L. BROWN,  
*Secretary of the Senate.*

Approved, February 21, A. D. 1883.

JAMES W. DAWES, *Governor.*

I hereby certify that the within act originated in the house of representatives, and passed the Legislature February 20, A. D. 1883.

BRAD. D. SLAUGHTER,  
*Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

Mr. JONES, of Florida, presented the petition of Henrietta M. Sands, widow of the late Benjamin F. Sands, rear-admiral United States Navy, praying for an increase of pension; which was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Pensions when appointed.

Mr. HAWLEY presented the petition of Joseph Dawson, of Hartford, Conn., praying for a pension on account of a permanent disability incurred in the discharge of his duty in the internal-revenue service; which was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Pensions when appointed.

Mr. PALMER presented the petition of Mrs. Eunice Tripler, of Detroit, Mich., praying compensation for Dr. Tripler's Manual of the Medical Officers of the Army of the United States for the Recruiting Service; which was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed.

Mr. SLATER presented a petition of the Chamber of Commerce of Astoria, Oreg., praying that the lands granted the Oregon Central Railroad Company by act of Congress approved May 4, 1870, to aid in the construction of a railroad from Portland to Astoria, Oreg., be forfeited and thrown open to settlement; which was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed.

Mr. McMILLAN presented the petition of Laura C. P. Haskins, widow of Second Lieut. Hiram D. Haskins, late of the One hundred and tenth Regiment New York Volunteers, praying for an increase of pension; which was ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Pensions when appointed.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. LAPHAM asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 409) limiting a portion of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, and for other purposes;" and of public act No. 207, which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 410) for the relief of the Sone and Fleming Manufacturing Company, limited, of the city of New York; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 411) for the relief of James M. Wilbur; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 412) for the relief of Thomas H. Lawrence; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Commerce when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 413) for the relief of Edgar Huson; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Patents when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 414) for the relief of Alonzo Snyder; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 415) regulating maritime liens and remedies, and to secure uniformity in the enforcement of the rights of material-men in courts of admiralty; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 416) to establish a mint of the United States at New York city; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Finance when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 417) for the relief of William H. Whiting; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 418) for the relief of Timothy E. Ellsworth; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

Mr. LAPHAM. I desire to say that nearly all of these bills were introduced and reported upon and passed in the Senate during the last Congress, but they were not acted on in the House of Representatives.

Mr. PLATT asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 419) for the extension of letters patent to the heirs of Rudolph Leschot, deceased; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Patents when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 420) for the relief of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Patents when appointed.

Mr. DOLPH asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 421) for the relief of Thomas J. Miller, of Washington Territory; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed.

Mr. MILLER, of California (by request), asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 422) for the relief of Isaac Minor, administrator of the estate of John Saf, deceased, of Humboldt County, California; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

He also (by request) asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 423) for the relief of settlers under the desert land act; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed.

Mr. INGALLS asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 424) to repeal the pre-emption laws; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 425) to repeal the timber-culture laws; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 426) to amend the homestead laws; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed.

Mr. BUTLER (by request) asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 427) for the relief of Thomas G. Corbin; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs when appointed.

Mr. SLATER. In accordance with the prayer of the petition of the Chamber of Commerce of Astoria, Oreg., which I presented this morning, I ask leave to introduce a bill.

By unanimous consent, leave was granted to introduce a bill (S. 428)

to forfeit certain public lands granted to the Oregon Central Railroad Company in the State of Oregon and the Territory of Washington; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed.

Mr. McMILLAN asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 429) granting a pension to Laura C. P. Haskins; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Pensions when appointed.

Mr. JACKSON (by request) asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 430) for the relief of Myra Clark Gaines; which was read twice by its title, and, with the accompanying paper, ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims when appointed.

Mr. MILLER, of New York, asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 431) for the relief of Sallie A. Spence; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

Mr. MILLER, of New York. I ask for an order that the papers in the claim of Sallie A. Spence be withdrawn from the files of the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. Has there been an adverse report?

Mr. MILLER, of New York. The bill, as I understand it, was reported favorably and passed by the Senate at the last session.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The order will be entered, subject to the rule.

Mr. CALL asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 432) to disqualify justices of the Supreme Court from sitting in the trial of causes which have been previously heard before them in their circuits or otherwise; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

Mr. GARLAND asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 433) to release the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad Company from such of the conditions of the several acts of Congress approved February 9, 1853, and July 28, 1866, as unjustly affect said corporation; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Railroads when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 434) to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to settle and adjust the account between the United States and the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad Company on account of customs duties arising out of the importation of iron for said company during the years 1860 and 1861; which was read twice by its title.

Mr. GARLAND. This bill is in the nature of a claim, and I ask that it be referred to the Committee on Claims, although it might very well go to the Committee on Finance.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The bill will lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

Mr. GARLAND asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 435) for the relief of Silas F. Feild, one of the sureties on the bond of John G. Halliburton, deceased, late marshal of the United States in and for the eastern district of Arkansas; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Finance when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 436) for the relief of William J. Gamble; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

Mr. GARLAND. In connection with the two last bills I ask for an order, under the rules, withdrawing certain papers to be referred with them.

*Ordered*, That the papers in the claim of William J. Gamble be withdrawn from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

*Ordered*, That the papers in the claim of Silas F. Feild be withdrawn from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Finance when appointed.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. Has there been an adverse report in these cases?

Mr. GARLAND. No, sir; they come under the rule.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The orders will be entered, subject to the rule, if there be no objection.

Mr. MITCHELL asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 437) to provide for the appointment of official stenographers for the circuit and district courts of the United States, for the several Territorial courts, and for the supreme court of the District of Columbia; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

He also (by request) asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 438) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Capt. Lambert Wickes; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims when appointed.

Mr. MITCHELL. In that case I suppose there should be an order for the withdrawal and reference of the papers.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. Has there been an adverse report?

Mr. MITCHELL. There has been no report. I ask that an order be made withdrawing the papers from the files of the Senate, and referring them to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims when appointed.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. If there be no objection that order will be entered.

Mr. MITCHELL asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 439) for the relief of George A. Jaeger; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed.

Mr. MITCHELL. In that case there was a favorable report; and I ask that an order be made withdrawing the papers from the files of the Senate, and that they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. That order will be entered, if there be no objection.

Mr. JONES, of Florida (by request), asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 440) for the relief of W. P. Moran; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Appropriations when appointed.

Mr. BROWN asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 441) to provide for the settlement of accounts with certain railway companies; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Railroads when appointed.

Mr. CAMERON, of Wisconsin, asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 442) to restore to market and sale certain lands of the United States in the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and to authorize their sale subject to the right of flowage; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed.

Mr. JONAS asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 443) to refer the claim of George E. Payne to the Court of Claims; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

Mr. PLUMB asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 444) for the relief of Edward Fenlon; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 445) for the relief of the heirs or legal representative of Robert J. Baugnass, deceased; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 446) for the relief of H. A. Myers; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed.

Mr. GROOME asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 447) to provide for the construction of the Maryland and Delaware Free Ship-Canal, as a means of military and naval defense and for commercial purposes; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard when appointed.

He also (by request) asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 448) for the relief of George H. Plant; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

Mr. GROOME. In connection with the bill I ask that the papers in the case of George H. Plant be referred from the files of the Senate to the Committee on Claims, there having been no adverse report.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. That order will be made, if there be no objection.

Mr. MORGAN asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 449) to grant the right of way over the public lands in Alabama to the Rome and Decatur Railroad Company, from Rome, Ga., to Decatur, in Alabama, on the Tennessee River; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 450) for the relief of Weil & Moore, of Montgomery, Ala.; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 451) to define the jurisdiction of the circuit and district courts of the United States; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 452) to remit the forfeiture of the British bark Viscount Canning, and to refund the proceeds of the sale thereof to her owners, Edward D. Morris and C. R. Morris; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

Mr. MORGAN. In connection with that bill I ask that the papers relating to the claim of the owners of the British bark Viscount Canning be withdrawn from the files of the Senate, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The order will be made, subject to the rules of the Senate, if there be no objection.

Mr. MORGAN asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 453) for the relief of Coronna, Taussig & Co. and others; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a bill (S. 454) to explain and carry into effect sections 2498 and 2499 of the Revised Statutes, and to provide for executing in their true intent and purpose the commercial treaties between the United States and other governments; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations when appointed.

Mr. BUTLER asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution (S. R. 17) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

Mr. LAPHAM asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution (S. R. 18) proposing an amendment to Article I, section 7, clause 2, of the Constitution of the United States, in relation to the veto power; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution (S. R. 19) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Select Committee on Woman Suffrage when appointed.

He also asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution (S. R. 20) referring the claim of Clinton G. Colgate to the Court of Claims; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

Mr. PLUMB asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution (S. R. 21) for the relief of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad Company; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on Railroads when appointed.

Mr. MORGAN asked and, by unanimous consent, obtained leave to introduce a joint resolution (S. R. 22) proposing an amendment to the Constitution in relation to appropriations; which was read twice by its title, and ordered to lie on the table, to be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary when appointed.

#### PAPERS WITHDRAWN AND REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. COKE, it was

*Ordered*, That the petition and accompanying papers in the case of Marcus Radich be withdrawn from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

On motion of Mr. MITCHELL, it was

*Ordered*, That the petition and papers in relation to the claim of Matilda Watmough be withdrawn from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Pensions when appointed.

On motion of Mr. JACKSON, it was

*Ordered*, That the papers in the case of Thomas B. Stratton, assignee of W. B. Waldron, be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims when appointed.

On motion of Mr. McMILLAN, it was

*Ordered*, That the papers relating to the pension claim of Laura C. P. Haskins be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Pensions when appointed.

On motion of Mr. JONAS, it was

*Ordered*, That the papers in the claim of the Citizens' Bank of Louisiana be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims, subject to the rules of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the papers in the claim of the heirs of Maurice Grivot be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims, subject to the rules of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the papers in the case of Martin Kenofsky be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, subject to the rules of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the petition and papers in relation to the claim of John F. Krantz, of the State of Louisiana, be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims, subject to the rules of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the petition and papers in the claim of L. Madison Day be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims, subject to the rules of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the petition and papers in the claim of Joseph R. Shannon be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims, subject to the rules of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the petition and papers in relation to the claim of the State National Bank of New Orleans be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Claims, subject to the rules of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. FAIR, it was

*Ordered*, That the papers in the case of John Leathers be referred from the files of the Senate to the Committee on Claims when appointed, there being no adverse report.

On motion of Mr. MILLER, of California, it was

*Ordered*, That the papers in the case of Edward Byrne be withdrawn from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs when appointed, there being no adverse report.

On motion of Mr. GROOME, it was

*Ordered*, That the papers in the case of Margaret Cassidy be referred from the files of the Senate to the Committee on Patents when appointed, there being no adverse report.

*Ordered*, That the papers in the case of Alfred G. Hatfield be referred from the files of the Senate to the Committee on Claims when appointed, there being no adverse report.

*Ordered*, That the papers in the case of Frank Della Terre and Susan F. Della Terre be referred from the files of the Senate to the Committee on Claims when appointed, there being no adverse report.

*Ordered*, That the papers in the case of Mrs. S. A. Wright and Mrs. C. Fahnestock be referred from the files of the Senate to the Committee on Patents when appointed, there being no adverse report.

#### TRANSFER OF A LAND GRANT.

Mr. HILL. I offer the following resolution, and ask for its immediate consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to furnish to the Senate copies of all papers now on file in the Interior Department relating to the transfer of the land grant of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company to the New Orleans Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. INGALLS. Let that lie on the table and be printed.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The present consideration of the resolution is objected to, and it will go over under the rules. It will be printed, if there be no objection.

#### SIoux INDIAN RESERVATION.

Mr. DAWES submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to communicate to the Senate copies of any and all agreements made with the Sioux Nation of Indians, and with any tribe or band of them, for the cession of any portion of their existing reservation to the United States, together with all signatures now attached to the said agreements; and to inform the Senate whether any tribe or band of such Sioux Nation has declined to enter into such agreements; and to furnish copies of any correspondence between the Department and any official or other individuals concerning any such agreements, or the ratification thereof by Indians; and to communicate to the Senate what has been done by the Department in carrying out the provisions of chapter 143 of the statutes of the second session of the last Congress in reference thereto.

#### CATTLE SHIPMENTS TO CUBA.

Mr. CALL submitted the following resolution; which was ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations when appointed:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to demand of the Government of Spain the payment to citizens of the United States of the money paid by them under demand of the Spanish authorities for the shipment of cattle from the United States to Cuba.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. If there be no further concurrent or other resolutions the morning hour will be considered as having terminated. The Chair awaits the further pleasure of the Senate, there being no calendar and no special or general orders.

Mr. GARLAND. If no Senator has any business to bring before the Senate, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, December 6, 1883.

The House met at 12 o'clock m. Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev JOHN S. LINDSAY, D. D.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

#### ADDITIONAL MEMBER SWORN IN.

Mr. McCoid, of Iowa, appeared and took the oath of office prescribed by section 1756 of the Revised Statutes.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. HOLMAN. I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. Pending the motion of the gentleman from Indiana that the House do now adjourn, the Chair desires by consent to submit certain executive communications.

There was no objection.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a letter from the Attorney-General, transmitting his annual report for the year 1883; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

#### REPORT ON THE FINANCES FOR 1883.

The SPEAKER also laid before the House the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances for the year 1883; which was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

#### TERRACE AND APPROACHES TO THE CAPITOL.

The SPEAKER also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting estimates for the proposed terrace and approaches to the United States Capitol, Washington, D. C.; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

## AMENDED ESTIMATES FOR FOREIGN INTERCOURSE.

The SPEAKER also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of State of the 1st instant relating to certain changes desired in the estimates of his Department, relating to foreign intercourse; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted as follows:

To Mr. DAVIS, of Missouri, for three weeks.  
To Mr. GIBSON, for one week from Monday next.  
To Mr. WOOD, for one week.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The motion of Mr. HOLMAN was then agreed to; and accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned.

## PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk, under the rule, and referred as follows:

By Mr. DIBRELL: The petition of J. A. Henry and of Mrs. J. P. Williams, for relief—severally to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. HERBERT: The petition of William H. Beck, for relief—to the same committee.

By Mr. LIBBEY: The petition of Mrs. Margaret T. Higgins, of the Norfolk County Ferry, and of Mary Parker, for relief—severally to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, the petition of William H. C. Ellis, for relief—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Baker, widow of Capt. Francis H. Baker, late of United States Navy, for an increase of pension—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, the petition of Benjamin T. Loyall, for relief—to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. MCOMAS: Paper relating to the claim of Joseph H. Maddox—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. PIERCE: The petition of J. C. & J. H. Atkins, administrators of the estate of N. G. Atkins; of Isaac W. Coppedge; of Stephen S. Hale; of William P. Posey, and of Elizabeth Seward, for relief—severally to the same committee.

By Mr. RICHARD WARNER: The petition of D. M. Coldwell and of William J. Thompson, for relief—severally to the same committee.

By Mr. YOUNG: The petition of Richard L. Andrews, administrator of the estate of M. H. Battle; of John Bateman; of William E. Barnett; of Charles C. Burke, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Burke; of Clara E. Bryan; of Augustus F. Bonner, administrator of Anna M. Cogswell; of Washington G. Campbell; of Robert H. Clure; of Amelia B. Caldwell, administratrix of Mrs. Martha C. Cole; of Malon Courts, administrator of Jane M. Courts, deceased; of Fendall Carpenter; of Wiley T. Cargill, executor of estate of Wiley Cargill, deceased; of Sanders R. Carney, of Fendall Carpenter; of Hugh Davis; of M. L. M. Edenton; of W. W. R. Elliott; of John A. Farley; of Meshack Franklin; of M. A. Gober; administrator of estate of Joseph T. Abernathy, deceased; of John O. Graves; of Elizabeth Griggs, executrix of H. C. Griggs, deceased; of Robert C. Hardwicke; of Delos A. Harrell; of David H. Hildebrand; of Fannie T. Hunt; of Mrs. Lucie A. Jameson; of James H. Johnson; of Henry T. Jones, administrator of estate of J. C. Anderson, deceased; of Harriet Jones, administratrix of John L. Jones; of William R. Kearney; of Ezekiel T. Keel; of Elijah Kennon; of Abner W. Lanier; of Abner D. Lewis; of Mary E. McKinney; of John H. McClellan; of the City of Memphis, Tenn.; of John H. Mitchell; of Thomas E. Moore; of George W. Morris; of John Morrison; of Thomas G. Neal; of John B. Reed; of Mrs. J. D. Scott; of Josiah Q. Shaw; of Henry E. Sills; of Mrs. Lucy J. Stockley; of John T. Stratton, Edgar McDavitt, and Samuel H. Dunscomb; of Mrs. Elizabeth Toof and R. H. Wood, executors of the estate of J. H. Bills, deceased, for relief—severally to the Committee on War Claims.

## SENATE.

MONDAY, December 10, 1883.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. J. J. BULLOCK, D. D.

The Journal of the proceedings of Thursday last was read and approved.

## APPOINTMENT OF PAGES.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a communication from the Sergeant-at-Arms, on the subject of the state of the law and rules of the Senate regarding the appointment of pages; which was ordered to lie on the table and be printed, to be referred to the Committee on Rules when appointed.

## EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a communication from the Attorney-General, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of March 3, 1883, the names of special deputy marshals employed at the Congressional election held in New Castle County, Delaware, in Novem-

ber, 1882; which was ordered to lie on the table, and be printed, to be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections when appointed.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The Chair lays before the Senate a communication from the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting, in accordance with law, copies of his accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883. The letter will be printed. The accounts are very voluminous, and such accounts the Chair thinks for many years past have not been printed, at first at least, by order of the Senate. The Chair thinks they have been referred hitherto to the Committee on Printing; and if there be no objection the letter and the accounts will be referred to the committee with a view to consider whether the accounts shall be printed.

## COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

Mr. SHERMAN. I ask unanimous consent of the Senate to offer a resolution affecting the organization of the body which I suppose to be privileged. I ask the consent of the Senate to submit the resolution at this moment.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The Senator from Ohio presents a privileged resolution, which will be read.

The resolutions were read, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Senate now proceed to the appointment of the standing and other committees of the Senate for the present session.

*Resolved*, That so much of the forty-sixth rule of the Senate as requires the appointment of the standing and other committees of the Senate to be made by ballot be suspended.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. Is there objection to the present consideration of the first resolution? The Chair hears none. Is there objection to the suspension of the standing rule regarding a ballot for committees embraced in the second resolution? The Chair hears none. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions.

The resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. SHERMAN. I move that the committees of the body be constituted as stated in the paper I send to the Chair.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The Senator from Ohio moves that the standing committees of the body be constituted according to the list now to be read by the Secretary. The Secretary will read the list.

The Acting Secretary read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the following be the standing committees of the Senate during the present session:

*On Privileges and Elections*—Messrs. Hoar (chairman), Cameron of Wisconsin, Sherman, Frye, Lapham, Saulsbury, Vance, Pugh, and Jonas.

*On Foreign Relations*—Messrs. Miller of California (chairman), Sherman, Lapham, Edmunds, Wilson, Morgan, Pendleton, Vance, and Brown.

*On Finance*—Messrs. Morrill (chairman), Sherman, Jones of Nevada, Allison, Aldrich, Miller of New York, Bayard, Voorhees, Beck, McPherson, and Harris.

*On Appropriations*—Messrs. Allison (chairman), Logan, Dawes, Plumb, Hale, Beck, Ransom, Cockrell, and Call.

*On Commerce*—Messrs. McMillan (chairman), Jones of Nevada, Conger, Frye, Miller of New York, Ransom, Coke, Farley, and Vest.

*On Manufactures*—Messrs. Riddleberger (chairman), Sabin, Dolph, Williams, and Colquitt.

*On Agriculture*—Messrs. Miller of New York (chairman), Blair, Plumb, Van Wyck, George, Williams, and Fair.

*On Military Affairs*—Messrs. Logan (chairman), Cameron of Pennsylvania, Harrison, Sewell, Hawley, Cockrell, Maxey, Hampton, and Camden.

*On Naval Affairs*—Messrs. Cameron of Pennsylvania (chairman), Anthony, Hale, Mahone, Miller of California, McPherson, Jones of Florida, Farley, and Butler.

*On the Judiciary*—Messrs. Edmunds (chairman), Logan, Ingalls, McMillan, Hoar, Garland, Bayard, Lamar, and Pugh.

*On Post-Offices and Post-Roads*—Messrs. Hill (chairman), Sawyer, Mahone, Palmer, Wilson, Maxey, Saulsbury, Groome, and Jackson.

*On Public Lands*—Messrs. Plumb (chairman), Hill, Blair, Van Wyck, Dolph, Walker, Morgan, Slater, and Gibson.

*On Private Land Claims*—Messrs. Bayard (chairman), Jonas, Colquitt, Edmunds, and Manderson.

*On Indian Affairs*—Messrs. Dawes (chairman), Ingalls, Harrison, Cameron of Wisconsin, Bowen, Coke, Walker, Slater, and Gorman.

*On Pensions*—Messrs. Mitchell (chairman), Blair, Van Wyck, Cullom, Sabin, Slater, Jackson, Camden, and Colquitt.

*On Revolutionary Claims*—Messrs. Jones of Florida (chairman), Garland, Williams, Anthony, and McMillan.

*On Claims*—Messrs. Cameron of Wisconsin (chairman), Hoar, Pike, Dolph, Manderson, Jackson, George, Gibson, and Kenna.

*On the District of Columbia*—Messrs. Ingalls (chairman), Aldrich, Riddleberger, Pike, Palmer, Harris, Vance, Gorman, and Brown.

*On Patents*—Messrs. Platt (chairman), Hoar, Mitchell, Lapham, Coke, Call, and Camden.

*On Territories*—Messrs. Harrison (chairman), Platt, Conger, Manderson, Butler, Garland, and Vest.

*On Railroads*—Messrs. Sawyer (chairman), Hawley, Sewell, Sabin, Riddleberger, Cullom, Lamar, Williams, Jonas, Brown, and Kenna.

*On Mines and Mining*—Messrs. Wilson (chairman), Bowen, Van Wyck, Jones of Nevada, Hampton, Fair, and Camden.

*On the Revision of the Laws of the United States*—Messrs. Conger (chairman), Platt, Hale, Pendleton, and Kenna.

*On Education and Labor*—Messrs. Blair (chairman), Mahone, Miller of New York, Aldrich, Bowen, George, Call, Pugh, and Groome.

*On Civil Service and Retrenchment*—Messrs. Hawley (chairman), Dawes, Mitchell, Miller of California, Pike, Walker, Williams, Lamar, and McPherson.

*To Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate*—Messrs. Jones of Nevada (chairman), Platt, and Vance.

*On Rules*—Messrs. Frye (chairman), Sherman, Ingalls, Harris, and Pendleton.

*On Engrossed Bills*—Messrs. Saulsbury (chairman), Call, and Allison.

*On the Improvement of the Mississippi River and Tributaries*—Messrs. Van Wyck (chairman), Mitchell, Cullom, Pike, Jonas, Cockrell, and Jackson.

*On Transportation Routes to the Seaboard*—Messrs. Aldrich (chairman), Cameron of Pennsylvania, Manderson, Palmer, Farley, Slater, and Gibson.

*On Printing*—Messrs. Anthony (chairman), Hawley, and Gorman.

*On Enrolled Bills*—Messrs. Sewell (chairman), Riddleberger, and Colquitt.

*On the Library*—Messrs. Sherman (chairman), Hoar, and Voorhees.

*On Public Buildings and Grounds*—Messrs. Mahone (chairman), Morrill, Cameron of Wisconsin, Jones of Florida, and Vest.