

Mr. Phillips also presented a petition in favor of the bill ; also a remonstrance against its passage,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read.

On motion of Mr. G. H. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 56, partly in Broad Creek hundred and partly in Nanticoke hundred, Sussex county,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate amendment to the bill entitled,

"An act entitled an act prescribing punishment for certain offenses,"

Was read, as follows :

Amend the bill by inserting, after the enacting clause, the following : "SECTION 1."

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended,

And the amendment was read a second and third time,

And

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate amendment to the bill entitled,

"An act defining the Duties of Constables in certain cases,"

Was read a third time and

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the appointment of an additional Justice of the Peace in Kent county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Green,

The petition praying for the passage of the bill was read,

And further,

On his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The bill entitled,

"An act in relation to permanent leasehold estates,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate McDonnel Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 2, I. O. of O. F., of the State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Hanby asked leave of absence for one day.

There being no objection, leave was granted.

Mr. Todd, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of School Districts Nos. 25, 27 and 28, in New Castle county, praying for the passage of an act to prevent live stock from running at large in said districts, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 25, 27 and 28, in New Castle county,"

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Conwell,

The bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Sarah M. Adkins and Henry Adkins from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Hanby moved that the House do now adjourn.

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in that part of School District No. 52, in New Castle county, lying south-easterly of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The petition in favor of the bill and a remonstrance against its passage were read,

And further,

On his motion,

The bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 12, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Baldwin presented a joint resolution to pay Robert L. Armstrong for services rendered in executing the requisition of the Governor of Delaware on the Governor of Ohio for Joseph H. Taylor, charged with murder,

Which was read and

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act proposing Amendments to the Constitution of this State,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to a special committee of five.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Bird, Collins, Houston, Pyle and Broadaway were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The Clerk was ordered to have two hundred copies of the said bill printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Houston, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Delmar Railroad Company,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Houston,
Was read.

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Board of Directors of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine as the Delaware Agency of said company,"

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment,
Which was read, as follows :

Amend the bill by striking out all of Section 3 after the figure "3," and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to wit :

"That the office of said corporation shall be located in the city of Wilmington. That the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine and its corporate agency of this State as created by this act shall and they are hereby required to loan all the moneys received or derived from premiums or assessments on insurance upon the lives of members of said company residing within this State, at the rate of six per cent. interest. Any violation of this section shall work a forfeiture of this charter. The President of the Delaware Board of Directors shall, at the end of every twelfth month, furnish to the State Treasurer a statement showing the gross amount of premiums received and assessments collected during the next preceding year, and shall verify such statement by oath or affirmation taken before some person authorized to administer oaths."

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Rule 12 was suspended

And the amendment was read a second time

And

Adopted.

And further,

On his motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Green, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, John W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, to wit :

“An act to authorize the Clerk of the Orphans’ Court in and for New Castle county to make a certain index ;”

“An act to further amend an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Artizan’s Savings Bank ;’”

“An act to incorporate the Clayton Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Wilmington, Delaware ;”

“A supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Western Car Company,’ passed at Dover, April 2, 1873 ;”

“An act to incorporate the Diamond State Spring Company ;”

“An act to incorporate the Union Fraternelle Francaise de Mutuels Secours de Wilmington ;”

“A supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the New Castle County Mutual Insurance Company,’”

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had non-concurred in the House bill entitled,

“An act making dogs personal property and for their better protection in the consolidated School Districts Nos. 39 and 41, Newark and vicinity, New Castle county,”

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills and joint resolution, to wit :

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of Kent county to make a certain index ;"

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 165, in Sussex county ;"

"An act to further amend Chapter 11 of the Revised Code," and

"Joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay Joseph P. Comegys, William G. Whiteley and E. L. Martin each five hundred dollars,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also returned to the House the following enrolled House bill, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, to wit :

"An act to provide two additional Trustees of the Poor for Wilmington hundred."

He also presented to the House the petition of Wm. R. Morris in favor of changing the mode of capital execution.

Mr. Houston, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Lewes Creek Navigation Company,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act to perfect the title of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Delaware City to certain real property,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadway, Collins, Green, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

“An act to prevent stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 16 and 124, in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The bill entitled,

“An act to divorce Jennie Barcus and James Barcus from the bonds of matrimony,”

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The papers accompanying the bill were read.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bird, Broadway, Collins, Conwell, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, Pyle and Wilds—11.

Nays—Messrs. Biggs, Green, Houston, J. W. Phillips, Todd and Mr. Speaker—6.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Mechanics' Building and Loan Association of the Town of Dover,' passed at Dover, March 4, 1869,"

Reported the bill back to the House without amendment, and with the recommendation that it pass.

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Green, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 34, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Collins, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 666 of the 14th Volume of the Laws of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

And on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadway, Collins, Conwell, Green, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wilds presented the petition of voters of Kenton hundred, asking that the law be changed in relation to the appointment of Constables for said hundred,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Conwell offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That when the House adjourns to-day it stands adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the service of process on Foreign Insurance Companies,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Biggs offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the Clerk be and he is hereby requested to have published, for the use of the House, five hundred copies of the report of the joint committee appointed to examine the accounts of the State Treasurer and Trustee of the School Fund,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and

Adopted.

Mr. McNeal presented the petition of school voters in District No 121, Sussex county, asking to be allowed to hold public worship in their school house,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Broadway, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Lambden,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to enable Isaac Gooden to change a certain public road in Dover hundred, Kent county, Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Broadway,

Was read.

On motion,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, February 15, 1875—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

"An act for the appointment of an additional Justice of the Peace in New Castle county,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had adopted the following joint resolution, to wit :

"Joint resolution in relation to Robert H. Davis, late State Treasurer, and Robert G. Ellegood, late Auditor of Accounts,"

And presented the same to the House for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Senate "Joint resolution in relation to Robert H. Davis, late State Treasurer, and Robert G. Ellegood, late Auditor of Accounts."

Was read and

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Holcomb offered a joint resolution appointing a joint committee to invite the Hon. W. G. Whiteley to address the General Assembly,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and

Adopted.

Whereupon,

Mr. Pyle was appointed the committee on the part of the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The petition of Wm. R. Morris in favor of changing the mode of Capital Execution,

Was read and referred to a special committee of two.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Bird and Green were appointed said committee.

Mr. Voshell moved

That the vote by which the joint resolution to pay Robert L. Armstrong, for services rendered in executing the requisition of the Governor of Delaware on the Governor of Ohio, for Jos. H. Taylor, charged with murder,

Was adopted, be reconsidered,

And,

On the question, " Shall the vote be reconsidered ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal and Todd—8.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the vote was

Reconsidered.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

The resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Houston presented the petition of George A. Messick and others, praying for the repeal of the Exemption laws.

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the special committee already raised on that subject.

Mr. Broadaway gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to repeal the act entitled, 'An act incorporating the Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal Company, and authorizing

said company to construct a canal through the State of Delaware," passed at Dover, March 26th, 1873, and to revoke the charter thereby granted."

Mr. J. W. Phillips gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the Trustees of the M. P. Church, in Seaford, to sell and convey a building lot and premises in Seaford, Delaware."

Mr. Todd presented the petition of Joseph McDaniel, Jr., asking for a grant of salt marsh,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Vacant Lands.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of Kent county to make a certain index,"

Was read.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act for the extension of the boundaries of Red Lion hundred, New Castle county,"

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment was read a second time,

And,

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act for the Protection of Women,' passed at Dover, April 9, 1873."

Mr. Broadaway gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a new public road in North Murderkill hundred, Kent county, Delaware ;"

Also, a bill entitled,

"An act taxing Dogs and for the Protection of Sheep."

Mr. Pyle, in pursuance of previous notice;

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company,"
Which,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Was read.

Mr. Bird gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Delaware City Public Schools, and for other purposes."

Mr. G. H. Phillips gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within United School Districts Nos. 44 and 150, in Sussex county."

Mr. Pyle presented the petition of numerous citizens, praying the passage of an act providing for a workhouse for criminals,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the special committee on that subject.

Mr. Biggs presented a similar petition,

Which was also read and referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

The bill entitled,

"An act to subject growing fruit crops to execution or attachment process,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Lewes Creek Navigation Company,'"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of Emma A. Walker, praying for a divorce from her husband, Henry Walker,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Divorces.

Mr. Houston presented the petition of E. D. Hitchins and twenty-seven others, praying for a stock law in School District No. 112, in Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to a special committee of three.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Houston, J. W. Phillips and Frame were appointed said committee.

Mr. Pyle, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the indictment, conviction and punishment, in the United States Courts, of persons and officers under the laws of this State for offenses against an act of Congress entitled, 'An act to enforce the right of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of this Union, and for other purposes,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Samuel S. Hearn and Georgiana Hearn from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Delmar Railroad Company,' passed at Dover, March 30, 1871,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. J. W. Phillips presented five remonstrances against the passage of a stock law for Seaford hundred,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Biggs gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Union American Circle of Friendship, located in Delaware."

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 165, in Sussex county,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to change the boundary of School District No. 81, in New Castle county,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The Senate joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay Joseph P. Comegys, William G. Whiteley and E. L. Martin each five hundred dollars,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Sarah M. Adkins and Henry Adkins from the bonds of matrimony,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The petition accompanying the bill was read.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Hanby, Learned, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Voshell and Wilds—13.

Nays—Messrs. Biggs, Green, Houston, Nowland, Pyle, Todd and Mr. Speaker—7.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Pyle gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for the renewal of the charter of the Phoenix Fire Company of Wilmington."

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Lone Valley Cemetery Company, near New Castle, Delaware."

Mr. Pyle offered a joint resolution compensating Wm. McCauley, Chancellor *ad litem*,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act for the prevention of cruelty to animals,' passed at Dover, February 20, 1873,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in all that part of School District No. 149, in Sussex county, which lies in Nanticoke hundred,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Nowland presented the petition of A. C. Gray, Esq., asking to have his name stricken from the remonstrance against the passage of the bill entitled, "An act to incorporate the City of New Castle."

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to further amend Chapter 11 of the Revised Code,"

Was read.

Mr. Houston, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of citizens of School District No. 112, Sussex county,

asking for the passage of an act to prohibit live stock from running at large in said district, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 112, Sussex county,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, February 16, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Collins, on behalf of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the following bills, reported the same back to the House without amendment and with the recommendation that they pass, viz :

"An act in reference to the competency of certain persons as witnesses," and

"An act to provide for the relinquishment in certain cases to the United States of titles to lands for sites of light-stations on the coast and waters of this State,"

With an amendment.

He also, from same committee, reported back to the House, without any recommendation, the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to establish an inferior court to be entitled the Court of Quarter Sessions of New Castle County."

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

"An act to incorporate Wyoming Institute of Delaware, at Wyoming, Kent county, State of Delaware ;"

"An act to enable the Beecher Basket Company to hold certain real estate ;"

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in School District No. 56, in New Castle county ;"

"An act to restrain certain animals from running at large in School District No. 54, Pencader hundred, and that portion of School District No. 43 lying in Pencader hundred, New Castle county," and

"An act to enable Robert Lambden to locate certain vacant land and complete his title to the same,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate a beneficial society in the Town of Smyrna under the name of the Sons and Daughters of Smyrna,"

With an amendment, and returned the bill to the House with a request that the House concur in the amendment thereto.

Also, that the Senate had concurred in the House joint resolution inviting the Hon. William G. Whiteley to lecture before the General Assembly, and returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, to wit :

"An act uniting the School Districts of Dover ;"

"An act to incorporate Centreville Lodge, No. 37, I. O. of O. F. ;"

"An act to incorporate Eagle Lodge, No. 36, I. O. of O. F., of Delaware ;"

"An act relating to arrests in civil cases," and

"An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and to change the name of her son, Clayton Frame, to Clayton McColley, and for other purposes."

He also returned to the House, as duly and correctly enrolled, the following House bill and joint resolution, which had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Sussex Insurance Company," and

"Joint resolution adjourning both Houses *sine die* on the 26th of February, 1875."

He also presented, for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following Senate bills and joint resolutions, which had been duly and correctly enrolled and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, to wit:

"An act to change the name of Sarah Ann Barker to Lula Annie Stevens ;"

"An act to incorporate the Rehoboth Hotel Company ;"

"An act to amend the 3d Section of the 24th Chapter of the 14th Volume of the Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act making the First day of January and the Twenty-second day of February legal holidays ;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within certain limits in Broad Creek hundred, Sussex county ;"

"An act relating to the recording of leases of the Potter Charity Estate ;"

"An act to extend the limits of United School Districts Nos. 46 and 133, in Sussex county ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes in respect to investments by the Orphans' Court ;"

"Joint resolution appointing a joint committee to prepare a General Incorporation Act," and

"Joint resolution in relation to the publication of Equity Cases "

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate

• "Joint resolution appropriating two hundred dollars to Kent county to aid in the purchase of a clock for the Court House of said county."

Mr. Houston gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for the Promotion of Internal Improvements ;"

Also, a bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company.'"

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported the following bill as duly and correctly enrolled and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

"An act for the appointment of an additional Justice of the Peace in New Castle county."

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Wm. R. Morris in relation to capital punishment, reported that Mr. Morris would speak before the members of the General Assembly on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Todd,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act relating to arrests in certain cases,"

Was read.

Mr. J. W. Phillips, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the Trustees of the M. P. Church, in Seaford to sell and convey a building lot and premises in Seaford,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

Was read.

He also presented a petition in favor of the passage of the bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act entitled an act to incorporate the Laurel and Peninsular Agricultural and Mechanical Society,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Frame presented two petitions asking for the passage of an act creating a State Workhouse,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the special committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act to provide for the relinquishment in certain cases to the United States of title to lands for sites of light-stations on the coast and waters of this State,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and to change the name of her son, Clayton Frame, to Clayton McColley, and for other purposes,"

Was read.

Mr. Pyle, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Hanby,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for the renewal of the charter of the Phoenix Fire Company, in the City of Wilmington,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Delmar Railroad Company,'"

Was ordered to be read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Pending the reading,

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. J. W. Phillips presented petitions of citizens of School Districts Nos. 109, 138 and 69, Sussex county, asking for the repeal of the stock laws in their respective districts,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read.

Mr. Biggs, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Union American Circle of Friendship, located in Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

Was read.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, returned, with the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, the following enrolled House bill, viz :

"An act to appoint an additional Justice of the Peace in New Castle county."

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Hanby,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware City Public Schools, and for other purposes,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Was read.

Mr. Baldwin, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act for the Protection of Women,' passed at Dover, April 9, 1873,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Was read.

Mr. Broadaway, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act taxing Dogs and for the Protection of Sheep,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

Was read.

Mr. Pyle, from the special committee to whom was referred the Senate joint resolution authorizing Messrs. James & Webb to bind the Revised Code, reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it be concurred in.

He also presented a letter from John H. Paynter, Esq., late Secretary of State, concerning the same,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

The joint resolution was read and

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Todd, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bills entitled,

"An act to prohibit stock from running at large in Seaford hundred, in Sussex county," and

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in North-West Fork hundred, Sussex county, Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Eagle Lodge, No. 36, I. O. of O. F., of Delaware,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of Kent county to make a certain index,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Centerville Lodge, No. 3, I. O. of O. F.,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals,' passed at Dover, February 20, 1873,"

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Wilds presented the claim of James Kirk against the State,
Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Nowland, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Title Fourth of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Of Elections,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

Was read.

Mr. Bird gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware City Fire Insurance Company."

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"A further supplement to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Fire Insurance Company,'"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. G. H. Phillips.

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 165, in Sussex county,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. G. H. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in all that part of School District No. 149, in Sussex county, which lies in Nanticoke hundred,"

Was referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 25, 27 and 28, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion,
The House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the service of process on Foreign Insurance Companies,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Houston presented the petition of 2092 persons from Wilmington, and a similar petition of 44 persons from Middletown, praying for a more stringent liquor law,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

Mr. Pyle announced that he would, on behalf of the temperance ladies, ask for the use of the House at 3½ o'clock.

Mr. Learned, on behalf of the committee appointed to purchase a State flag, presented the bill of Horstman Brothers for the same to the House,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Messrs. Collins, Broadway and Green presented sundry petitions, praying for the passage of a law for the protection of sheep,
Which were read.

Mr. Nowland presented fifteen different petitions from various peach-growers, asking for the reduction of the taxes on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to a special committee of five.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Nowland, Biggs, Collins, Broadway and G. H. Phillips were appointed said committee.

Mr. Voshell gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the several Levy Courts to employ certain convicts at labor.”

The Speaker presented three memorials of the National Board of Trade,

Which were read.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Houston, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company,' "

Which,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 34, in New Castle county,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, to wit:

"An act to vacate parts of certain streets of the Town of New Castle;"

"An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 65, Volume 12 of the Laws of Delaware;"

"An act to incorporate the Knights of St. Lawrence Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware," and

"An act to incorporate the Bridgeville Cemetery Company, of Bridgeville, Delaware,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;"

"An act authorizing a change in the course of a public road in Cedar Creek hundred, in Sussex county ;"

"An act to authorize Joseph B. Morris to erect a gate across a public road in Indian River hundred, Sussex county," and

"An act in relation to the lien of taxes,"

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large on the highways in School District No. 79, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Todd gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to reduce the State tax on county assessments to five cents on the hundred dollars."

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and to change the name of her son, Clayton Frame, to Clayton McColley, and for other purposes,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. G. H. Phillips presented the petition of citizens of Sussex county, for the laying out of a new road in said county,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate McDonnel Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 2, I. O. of O. F., of the State of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Great Council of Delaware of Improved Order of Red Men,"

Reported the bill back to the House without amendment, and with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the Trustees of the M. P. Church, in Seaford, to sell and convey a building lot and premises in Seaford,”

Was read a second time by its title and referred to a special committee of three.

Whereupon,

Messrs. J. W. Phillips, Green and Baldwin were appointed said committee.

Mr. Houston gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act providing for the payment of funeral expenses, medical, nursing and necessary bills at last sickness, in certain cases.”

Mr. Pyle presented the petition of 750 citizens of Wilmington for a more liberal liquor law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

Mr. Hanby presented a petition from citizens of Claymont for a more stringent liquor law,

Which was read and referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Chapter 128 of the Revised Code,”

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to reduce a part of the Tax on Oystermen,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to a special committee of three.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Learned, Bird and Todd were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Fire and Marine Insurance Company,"

Was read.

Mr. G. H. Phillips, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Green,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 44 and 150, in Sussex county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. G. H. Phillips,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Eagle Lodge, No. 36, I. O. of O. F., of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington and Chesapeake Railroad Company,"

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment,
Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time,

And

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs,
in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell,
Hanby, Houston, Learned, G. H. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and
Mr. Speaker—13.

Nays—Messrs. Biggs, Frame, Green, McNeal, Nowland, J. W.
Phillips and Todd—7.

So the bill, having failed to receive the required constitutional
majority,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the
House that the Senate had recommitted the report of the conference
committee in relation to the preservation and regulation of the
Capitol Building to the same committee.

Mr. Broadaway presented two petitions in relation to taxing dogs,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read.

Mr. Biggs presented a petition praying for the passage of an act creating a State and County Board of Examiners for teachers of public schools and other purposes,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Lone Valley Cemetery Company, near New Castle, Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was read.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act with respect to proof of hand-writing."

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported the following enrolled House bills as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within the limits of School Districts Nos. 46 and 133, in Sussex county ;"

"An act to incorporate the Clayton Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Wilmington, Delaware ;"

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in School District No. 56, New Castle county," and

"An act to incorporate the Union Fraternelle Francaise de Mutuels Secours de Wilmington."

Mr. Broadaway presented the petition of numerous citizens of North Murderkill hundred, Kent county, praying for a certain new road,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Wilds presented a remonstrance, signed by numerous citizens, against the passage of such a law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Wilds, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, reported the following enrolled House bills and joint resolution as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

“An act to incorporate the Diamond State Spring Company ;”

“An act to incorporate the Marbleton Quarry Company ;”

“An act to authorize the Clerk of the Orphans’ Court in and for New Castle county to make a certain index ;”

“An act, to enable the Beecher Basket Company to hold certain real estate ;”

“An act to revive and extend the time for recording private acts ;”

“A supplement to an act to incorporate the New Castle Insurance Company,” and

“Joint resolution inviting the Hon. William G. Whiteley to lecture before the General Assembly.”

On motion,

The House adjourned until 3 o’clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Biggs presented four petitions against the passage of the act entitled, "An act limiting the amount to be raised for road purposes in St. George's hundred, New Castle county,"

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the special committee on that subject.

Mr. Wilds, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported the Senate bill entitled,

"An act making the First day of January and the Twenty-second day of February legal holidays,"

As duly and correctly enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware City Public Schools, and for other purposes,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Broadway presented two petitions, praying for the passage of an act taxing dogs in Kent county for school purposes,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred, with the accompanying papers, to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, presented for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate,

"Joint resolution in relation to Robert H. Davis, late State Treasurer, and Robert G. Ellegood, late Auditor of Accounts."

Mr. Nowland presented two petitions of peach growers, asking for a reduction of the tax on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the special committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to change the boundary of School District No. 81, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Houston gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Town of Lewes.'"

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Hanby,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware City Mutual Life Insurance Company,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Was read.

Mr. Houston gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate a Board of Public Education for the Town of Lewes."

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The bill entitled,

"An act taxing Dogs and for the Protection of Sheep,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The vote by which the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Wilmington and Chesapeake Railroad Company,"

Was lost, was reconsidered.

Mr. Nowland moved that the bill be put upon its final passage.

Mr. Todd moved that the bill be postponed until Tuesday next,

Which motion was *Lost.*

Mr. Collins asked for the reading of Section 10 for the information of the House,

And the Clerk read the same.

Mr. J. W. Phillips moved that the bill be laid on the table, and, on the motion, called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Todd and Wilds—14.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bird, Hanby, Nowland, Pyle, Voshell and Mr. Speaker—7.

So the question, having received the required majority,

The bill was *Laid on the table.*

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act relating to arrests in civil cases,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bird gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to protect the elective franchise."

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the petition of Allison White and others, reported the same back to the House with a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Bellevue Quarry Company,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Voshell, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the several Levy Courts to employ certain convicts at labor,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

Was read.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bill, to wit:

"An act to incorporate the Old Dominion Steamship Company,"

And presented the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The bill entitled,

"An act to enable Isaac Gooden to change a certain public road in Dover hundred, Kent county, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Learned, on behalf of the Committee on Vacant Lands, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph McDaniel, Jr., asking for a grant of salt marsh, reported the same back to the House with a bill entitled,

"An act to enable Joseph McDaniel, Jr., to survey and locate certain salt marsh therein named and complete his title to the same,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. G. H. Phillips, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 165, in Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment, with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the indictment, conviction and punishment, in the United States Courts, of persons and officers under the laws of this State for offenses against an act of Congress entitled, 'An act to enforce the right of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of this Union, and for other purposes,'"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Biggs presented the petition of John F. Staats and others, from School District No. 65, in New Castle county, in reference to the boundaries of School District No. 81, in said county,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 112, Sussex county,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—21.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Old Dominion Steamship Company,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act for the renewal of the charter of the Phoenix Fire Company, in the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Union American Circle of Friendship, located in Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the subject of Free Schools,

Mr. Frame in the chair.

After some time spent therein the committee rose, and the chairman reported progress.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, February 18, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Delmar Railroad Company,' passed at Dover, March 30, 1871,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment, with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadway, Collins, Cwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNe Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wi and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. J. W. Phillips, on behalf of the special committee to who was referred the bill entitled,

“An act to authorize the Trustees of the M. P. Church, in Seaford to sell and convey a building lot and premises in Seaford,”

Reported the same back to the House without amendment, with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The petition praying for the passage of the bill was read,

And further,

On his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Gravelly Run Marsh Company, passed at Dover, February 5, 1866,’ and amended and re-enacted by the act entitled, ‘An act to amend and re-enact the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Gravelly Run Marsh Company, passed at Dover, February 5, 1866,’ passed at Dover, January 24, 1867,’”

Reported the same back to the House with a recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

• The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Bellevue Quarry Company,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, viz:

"An act to re-enact and continue in force an act entitled, 'An act to aid Delaware College and to provide therein for the education of teachers for the free schools of this State,' passed at Dover, March 27, 1873;"

"An act to authorize Philip Short of S. to straighten a certain public road in Dagsboro' hundred, Sussex county;"

"An act defining the Duties of Justices of the Peace in cases of assault and battery;"

"An act to amend Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes," and

"An act to amend Section 3, Chapter 87, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 56, partly in Broad Creek hundred and partly in Nanticoke hundred, Sussex county,"

And returned the same to the House.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Old Dominion Steamship Company,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

The Senate amendment to the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate a beneficial society in the Town of Smyrna under the name of the Sons and Daughters of Smyrna,"

Was read, as follows :

Extract from the journal.

Amend Section 1 of the bill by inserting the following after the second line of said section: "two-thirds of the members of each branch of the Legislature concurring,"

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended

And the amendment read a second and third time

And *Concurred in.*

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize Phillip Short of S. to straighten a certain public road in Dagsboro' hundred, Sussex county,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The bill entitled,

"An act to enable Joseph McDaniel, Jr., to survey and locate certain salt marsh therein named and complete his title to the same,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Iron Works,"

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time

And

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker.—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the petition in favor of an additional section to the game law in this State for the protection of fur animals, reported the same back to the House with a bill entitled,

"An act for the Protection of Muskrats."

He also reported back to the House the bills entitled,

"An act for the extension of the boundaries of Red Lion hundred, New Castle county," and

"A supplement to Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, as published in 1874, entitled 'Of Constables,'"

With the recommendation that they pass.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills as duly and correctly enrolled and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

"A supplement to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Western Car Company,' passed at Dover, April 2, 1873;"

"An act to incorporate Hiram Lodge, No. 21, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Seaford, Delaware;"

"An act to cede to the United States title to and jurisdiction over lands for sites of light-houses, beacons, life-saving stations, or other aids to navigation within the limits of the State of Delaware;"

"An act to incorporate the Vulcanized Fibre Company;"

"An act defining the Duties of Constables in certain cases;"

"An act to alter and amend the act entitled, 'An act to raise Revenue for State and County purposes;"

"An act to enable Jacob G. Cannon to locate certain vacant land and complete his title to the same;"

"An act entitled an act prescribing punishment for certain offenses," and

"An act to perfect the title of James T. Massey and Annie E. Massey in certain lands conveyed to them by Joseph Savage and wife."

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 25, 27 and 28, in New Castle county,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill *Passed the House.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Biggs offered a joint resolution concerning the historical paper of Hon. William G. Whiteley upon the revolutionary soldiers of Delaware,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The resolution was amended by striking out the words "five hundred" and inserting "one thousand."

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The joint resolution, as amended, was *Adopted.*

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act for the extension of the boundaries of Red Lion hundred, New Castle county,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of James Garman and others, praying for the passage of the bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

The amendment was

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. G. H. Phillips presented the petition of Isaac G. Phillips and forty-two others, for an act to prohibit floating seines in the waters of Broad Creek, Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the special Committee on Fisheries, to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Voshell presented the petition of John H. Bewley and eighty-eight others, asking for a public road in Duck Creek hundred,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act for the Protection of Muskrats,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Lone Valley Cemetery Company, near New Castle, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to re-enact and continue in force an act entitled, 'An act to aid Delaware College and to provide therein for the education of teachers for the free schools of this State,' passed at Dover, March 27, 1873,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend Title Fourth of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Of Elections,'"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company,'"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. J. W. Phillips presented the petition of numerous citizens for a more stringent liquor law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

He also presented two other petitions of the same import,

Which,

On his motion,

Were, without reading, referred to the same committee.

Mr. Bird presented two petitions asking for a more liberal liquor law,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

Messrs. Hanby and Learned asked for leave of absence.

There being no objection, leave was granted.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Hanby,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to protect the elective franchise,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Was read.

Mr. Broadway presented two petitions in favor of taxing dogs,

Which,

On his motion,

Were, without reading, referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Broadway gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Town of Wyoming, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 10, 1869."

Mr. Houston, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act providing for the payment of funeral expenses, medical, nursing and necessary bills at last sickness, in certain cases,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Was read.

Mr. Collins moved that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Broadaway presented a petition for the vacation of part of a certain road and the laying out of a new road in or near the village of Farmington, Mispillion hundred, Kent county,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act with respect to proof of handwriting,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was read.

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the City of New Castle,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And moved that the bill be taken up for consideration,

Which motion *Prevailed.*

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment to Section 25 of the bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time

And *Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nay—Mr. Todd—1.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Centreville Lodge, No. 37, I. O. of O. F.,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Bird presented a petition in reference to the public schools in Delaware City,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Pyle gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Benedictine Institute, of the City of Wilmington ;"

Also, a bill entitled,

"An act to enable the Benedictine Company of Pennsylvania to hold real estate in Delaware ;"

Also, a bill entitled,

"An act to require trustees in voluntary assignment to give bond, with security, for the faithful execution of the trust, and for other purposes."

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to further amend Chapter 11 of the Revised Code,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bird gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 44, in New Castle county ;"

Also, a bill entitled,

"An act entitled an additional supplement to an act entitled, 'An act for the better regulation of the streets of Delaware City, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 5, 1851."

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 372 of Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act in relation to the Collection of Taxes in this State,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1873,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Collins, from the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act relating to arrests in civil actions,"

Reported the bill back to the House without amendment, and with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Pending the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The bill was recommitted to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Todd, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to reduce the State tax on the county assessment for State purposes to five cents on the hundred dollars,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Todd,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Broadway,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act uniting the School Districts of Dover,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act defining the Duties of Justices of the Peace in cases of assault and battery,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Fire and Marine Insurance Company,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and to change the name of her son, Clayton Frame, to Clayton McColley, and for other purposes,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Mr. Holcomb asked to have the accompanying petition read,

Which was done, and,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadway, Conwell, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—Messrs. Collins and Green—2.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Peninsular Agricultural and Mechanical Society,"

Reported the same back to the House with amendments,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendments read a second time,

And *Adopted,*

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nay—Mr. Bird—1.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Voshell gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Duck Creek hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware."

Mr. Wilds, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware, as published in 1874, entitled, 'Of Constables,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

Was read.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 19, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Bird offered the following resolution, which was read :

Resolved, That a committee of two members of the House of Representatives be appointed to wait on the Rev. Cyrus Huntington to request a copy of his sermon delivered before the Senate and House of Representatives, February 18th, 1875, for publication for the use of the members of both Houses.

Mr. Bird moved the adoption of the resolution,

And, on the question, "Shall the resolution be adopted?"

Mr. Phillips called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bird, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Todd and Wilds—7.

Nays—Messrs. Biggs, Broadway, Green, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell and Mr. Speaker—12.

So the question was decided in the negative.

And the resolution was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 16 and 124, in Sussex county,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs.

Pending the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act with respect to proof of hand-writing,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Phillips moved

That the vote by which the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and to change the name of her son, Clayton Frame, to Clayton McColley, and for other purposes,"

Was passed, be reconsidered,

And presented a letter from Dr. Robert Frame on the subject, Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

The petition accompanying the bill was read.

The question recurring on the motion to reconsider,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Collins, Frame, Green, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Conwell, J. W. Phillips and Pyle—7.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the vote was

Reconsidered.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, to wit :

“An act to amend Chapter 666 of the 14th Volume of the Laws of Delaware;”

“An act for the renewal of the charter of the Female Bible Society of Wilmington, Delaware;”

“An act directing the publication of the act entitled, ‘An act authorizing the City of Wilmington to issue its bonds to meet a portion of the expense of widening Water Street and Railroad Avenue in said city;’”

“A supplement to the act entitled, ‘An act to incorporate the Mechanics’ Building and Loan Association of the Town of Dover,’ passed at Dover, March 4, 1869,” and

“An act to incorporate the Delaware Board of Directors of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine as the Delaware Agency of said Company,”

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

“An act to authorize Henry Todd, the present Register in Chancery and Clerk of the Orphans’ Court of Kent county, to transcribe or copy into a suitable book the index to the recognizances in said courts,”

With an amendment, and requested the concurrence of the House in the same.

He also informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, viz :

“An act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes;”

“An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Milford hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware,” and

"An act to incorporate Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of Delaware, at Middletown,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also returned to the House, as duly and correctly enrolled, the following House bills and joint resolutions, which had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

"An act to incorporate the West End Club Stables ;"

"Joint resolution appointing a joint committee on so much of the Governor's Inaugural as relates to Representation ;

"Joint resolution appointing State Treasurer ;"

"Joint resolution relating to the State House Bell ;"

"Joint resolution authorizing the State Librarian to deliver to the Law Library Association of New Castle county certain law and equity reports ;"

"Joint resolution in relation to the disposition of the certificates of the election of Governor ;"

"Joint resolution requesting Rev. E. Stubbs to preach to this General Assembly, Feb. 10th, and Rev. G. D. Watson at such time as may suit his convenience, and appoint a committee of one from each House to inform said ministers of this request ;"

"Joint resolution convening the two Houses in joint meeting, on Tuesday, the 19th inst., to attend His Excellency, the Governor elect, while the oaths of office are being administered to him ;"

"Joint resolution condemning the recent interference with the organization of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana by the Federal Executive ;"

"Joint resolution appointing Directors for Farmers' Bank of the State of Delaware ;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 68, New Castle county ;"

"An act to incorporate Wilmington Division, No. 1, Sons of Temperance, of Wilmington, Delaware ;"

"An act to incorporate the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Delaware ;"

"An act to exempt wages from execution attachment process ;"

"An act to incorporate St. Peter's Female Beneficial Society, of the City of Wilmington, Delaware," and

"An act to incorporate Evening Star Council, No. 1, S. and D. of A., located in Wilmington, Delaware."

He also presented, for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following Senate bill and joint resolutions, which had been duly and correctly enrolled and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, to wit :

"An act entitled an act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 51 and 148, in Sussex county ;"

"Joint resolution in relation to publication of Equity Reports ;"

"Joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys," and

"Joint resolution appropriating three hundred dollars to Kent county to aid in the purchase of a clock for the Court House of said county."

Mr. Biggs presented a petition of the Levy Court of New Castle county, asking for the repeal of the law in reference to a public road in Pencader hundred, New Castle county,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to a special committee of three, from New Castle county, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Biggs, Bird and Nowland were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Bellevue Quarry Company,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The Senate amendment to the House bill entitled,

“An act to authorize Henry Todd, the present Register in Chancery and Clerk of the Orphans’ Court of Kent county, to transcribe or copy into a suitable book the index to the Recognizances in said courts,”

Was read.

Mr. Voshell presented a remonstrance against uniting the school districts in the Town of Dover,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Todd offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That when the House adjourns it will stand adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o’clock,

Which, on his motion, was read.

Mr. Nowland moved that “P. M.” be added,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And the resolution was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

“An act to re-enact and continue in force an act entitled, ‘An act to aid Delaware College and to provide therein for the education of teachers for the free schools of this State,’ passed at Dover, March 27, 1873,”

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act for the Protection of Muskrats,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 112, Sussex county,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Pyle, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Benedictine Institute, of the City of Wilmington,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The bill entitled,

"An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and to change the name of her son, Clayton Frame, to Clayton McColley, and for other purposes,"

Was referred to a special committee of three.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Frame, Phillips and Wilds were appointed said committee.

Mr. Wilds, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported the following House and Senate bills and joint resolutions as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Bridgeville Cemetery Company, of Bridgeville, Delaware ;"

"An act to restrain certain animals from running at large in School District No. 54, Pencader hundred, and that portion of District No. 43 lying in Pencader hundred, New Castle county ;"

"An act to change the place of holding elections in Gumborough hundred, in Sussex county ;"

"An act to further amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Artizan's Savings Bank ;' "

"An act to change the name of Sarah Ann Barker to Lulu Annie Stevens ;"

"An act to incorporate the Rehoboth Hotel Company ;"

"An act to amend the 3d Section of the 24th Chapter of the 14th Volume of the Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes in respect to investments by the Orphans' Court ;"

"An act to extend the limits of United School Districts Nos. 46 and 133, in Sussex county ;"

"An act relating to the leases of the Potter Charity Estate ;"

"Joint resolution appointing a joint committee to prepare a General Incorporation Act ;"

"Joint resolution in relation to the publication of Equity Cases," and

"Joint resolution in relation to Robert H. Davis, late State Treasurer, and Robert G. Ellegood, late Auditor of Accounts."

On motion,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, February 22, 1875—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. J. W. Phillips gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Bridgeville Agricultural and Mechanical Society."

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Old Dominion Steamship Company,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment, with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Frame moved that the House do now adjourn.

On the question, "Shall the House now adjourn?"

Mr. Voshell called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Biggs, Broadaway, Conwell, Frame, Houston, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips and Todd—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bird, Collins, Green, Houston, Nowland, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—9.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Clerk read Washington's Farewell Address.

Mr. Nowland moved that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of this State providing for an increase of Representation in the State Legislature."

Mr. Voshell, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Collins,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Duck Creek hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

Was read.

Mr. Houston, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to establish a Board of Education for the Town of Lewes and to incorporate the same, and for other purposes,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Was read.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 44, New Castle county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Was read.

Mr. J. W. Phillips gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 57 of the Revised Code, entitled 'Of Fences'"

Mr. Houston, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Town of Lewes, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 2, 1871,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Was read.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Tasker Telegraph Company."

Mr. Collins presented the petition of citizens of Smyrna, praying for a more liberal liquor law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

Mr. Collins presented the remonstrance of ninety-four citizens of Kent county against the passage of the bill entitled,

"An act to subject growing fruit crops to execution or attachment process,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of citizens of Delaware City, praying for the passage of the act to incorporate the Delaware City public schools, and for other purposes,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

The bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the several Levy Courts to employ certain convicts at labor,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. J. W. Phillips presented the petition of 110 citizens of Bridgeville for a more stringent liquor law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

Mr. Todd also presented sundry petitions of the same import,

Which,

On his motion,

Were referred to the same committee.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, February 23, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. J. W. Phillips, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Frame,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 57 of Revised Code, entitled 'Of Fences,'"

Which,

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize Phillip Short of S. to straighten a certain public road in Dagsboro' hundred, Sussex county,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported the following House bills as duly and correctly enrolled and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Knights of St. Lawrence Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware ;"

"An act to vacate parts of certain streets of the Town of New Castle ;"

"An act to incorporate Wyoming Institute of Delaware, at Wyoming, Kent county, State of Delaware," and

"An act to enable Robert Lambden to locate certain vacant land and complete his title to the same."

He also presented, for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate bills and joint resolutions, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within certain limits in Broad Creek hundred, Sussex county ;"

"An act entitled an act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 51 and 148, in Sussex county ;"

"Joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys," and

"Joint resolution appropriating three hundred dollars to Kent county to aid in the purchase of a clock for the Court House of said county."

Mr. Collins, from the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the following bills, viz :

The bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the several Levy Courts to employ certain convicts at labor ;"

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act in relation to arrests in civil cases ;"

The Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 372 of Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act in relation to the Collection of Taxes in this State,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1873 ;"

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of Kent county to make a certain index ;"

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act for the prevention of cruelty to animals,' passed at Dover, February 20, 1873 ;"

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to further amend Chapter 11 of the Revised Code,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they pass the House.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of Kent county to make a certain index,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act in reference to the competency of certain persons as witnesses,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. J. W. Phillips, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Bridgeville Agricultural and Mechanical Society,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

Was read.

Mr. Conwell gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 365, Volume 12, Delaware Laws."

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

The bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Duck Creek hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

The bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the several Levy Courts to employ certain convicts at labor,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House;

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Biggs, Collins, Hanby, Nowland and Voshell—5.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bird, Broadaway, Conwell, Frame, Green, Houston, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Todd Wilds and Mr. Speaker—13.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Hanby,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act entitled an additional supplement to an act entitled, 'An act for the better regulation of the streets of Delaware City, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 5, 1851,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Was read.

Mr. Broadway offered a joint resolution rescinding the joint resolution adjourning both Houses *sine die* on the 26th inst.,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company,'"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware City Mutual Life Insurance Company,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Milford hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act to protect the elective franchise,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. J. W. Phillips gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to change the lands of John A. Nicholson and others from School District No. 75 to District No. 72, in Sussex county."

Mr. Hanby presented the claim of C. P. Johnson against the State,

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 3, Chapter 57, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 16 and 124, in Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment,

And, on his motion,

The amendment was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time,

And

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The Senate amendment to the bill entitled,

"An act to authorize Henry Todd, the present Register in Chancery and Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, to transcribe or copy into a suitable book the index to the Recognizances in said courts,"

Was read a second time,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a third time

And

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to further amend Chapter 11 of the Revised Code,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr Bird asked leave of absence for one day.

There being no objection, leave was granted.

Mr. Frame, on behalf of the Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the indictment, conviction and punishment, in the United States Courts, of persons and officers under the laws of this State for offenses against an act of Congress entitled, 'An act to enforce the right of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of this Union, and for other purposes,'"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Mr. Houston, from the special committee to whom was referred sundry petitions in reference to the Exemption law, reported the same back to the House with a bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 562, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, published in the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware of 1852, as published in 1874,"

Which,

On his motion,

Were read.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 372 of Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act in relation to the Collection of Taxes in this State,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1873,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act with respect to handwriting in certain cases,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Wilds presented the claim of John Slay against the State, Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Broadway also presented the claim of Samuel Leatherbury against the State,

Which was referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act defining the Duties of Justices of the Peace in cases of assault and battery,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Wilds, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported following enrolled House bills as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Underwriters' Agency of Delaware;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 49, New Castle county;"

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 56, partly in Broad Creek hundred and partly in Nanticoke hundred, in Sussex county;"

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Board of Directors of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine as the Delaware Agency of said company;"

"An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 65, Volume 12 of the Laws of Delaware;"

"An act to amend Chapter 666 of the 14th Volume of the Laws of Delaware;"

"An act directing the publication of the act entitled 'An act authorizing the city of Wilmington to issue its bonds to meet a portion of the expense of widening Water Street and Railroad Avenue in said city;'"

"An act for the renewal of the charter of the Female Bible Society of Wilmington," and

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Mechanics' Building and Loan Association of the Town of Dover,' passed at Dover, March 4, 1869."

Mr. Wilds presented the petition of citizens of Kenton hundred, praying for a stock law in said hundred,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Todd presented the claim of John W. Phillips against the State,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act providing for the payment of funeral expenses, medical, nursing and necessary bills at last sickness, in certain cases,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act to establish a Board of Education for the Town of Lewes and to incorporate the same, and for other purposes,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Town of Lewes, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 2, 1871,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act transferring certain real estate belonging to Lorenzo D. Ginn from School District No. 81 to School District No. 72, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Todd offered a joint resolution in relation to the public arms,
Which,

On his motion,

Was read and

Adopted.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Nowland asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on Corporations.

There being no objection, he was excused.

Whereupon,

Mr. Voshell was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Biggs presented a petition of citizens of School District No. 122, Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of Delaware, at Middletown,"

Was read.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 127, Revised Statutes of Delaware."

On motion,

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Nowland, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to change the boundary of School District No. 81, in New Castle county,"

Reported the bill back to the House and moved that it be taken up for consideration,

Which motion

Prevailed.

And further,

On his motion,

The petitions and remonstrances for and against the passage of the bill were read,

And, on his further motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House. \

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

"An act to provide for the relinquishment in certain cases to the United States of title to lands for sites of light-stations on the coast and waters of this State," and

"An act to perfect the title of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of the Town of Delaware City to certain real property,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bill, to wit :

"An act to reincorporate the Delta Phi Literary Society of Delaware College,"

And presented the same to the House.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Lone Valley Cemetery Company, near New Castle, Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

•Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Houston, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Frame,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act for the Promotion of Internal Improvements,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Was read.

Mr. Pyle, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petitions asking for aid to the Wilmington and Western Railroad Company, reported a bill entitled,

“An act to aid the Wilmington and Western Railroad Company to complete their road,”

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Baldwin, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of this State,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Was read.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Union American Circle of Friendship, located in Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—Messrs. J. W. Phillips and Todd—2.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Nowland gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for internal improvement in the interest of the Bombay Hook Railroad, pledging the bonds of the State as security in any amount not exceeding one hundred millions of dollars for bridging the Delaware at some appropriate point for the benefit of said road."

Mr. Broadaway presented the petition of John A. Stevenson and others, praying for a more stringent liquor law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

On motion of Mr. Learned,
The bill entitled,

"An act to enable Joseph McDaniel, Jr., to survey and locate certain salt marsh therein named and complete his title to the same,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Pochahontas Tent, No. 9, Daughters of the Forest,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered;

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Houston, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Green, Todd and Wilds—3.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Broadway presented the petition of Benjamin C. Cabbage and others in relation to landlord and tenant,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Nowland gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act proposing an amendment to Article 2 of the Constitution of this State."

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The bill entitled,

"An act uniting the School Districts of Dover,"

Was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Eagle Lodge, No. 36, I. O. of O. F., of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nay—Mr. Green—1.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act for the Protection of Muskrats,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. J. W. Phillips offered an amendment,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time

And

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Green, Houston, Learned, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Hanby, McNeal and Voshell—4.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Centreville Lodge, No. 37, I. O. of O. F.,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“A further supplement to an act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Delaware Fire Insurance Company,’ ”

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Delaware State Fire and Marine Insurance Company,”

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Hanby,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Tasker Telegraph Company."

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was read.

Mr. Pyle gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Pioneer Club Stables of Wilmington, Delaware ;"

Also, a bill entitled,

"An act to annex, for school purposes, School District No. 19, in New Castle county, to the City of Wilmington ;"

Also, a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 125 of the Revised Code."

Mr. Todd asked leave of absence for one day.

There being no objection, leave was granted.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 24, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Speaker presented a communication from Franklin Temple, W. D. Wilds and W. B. Brown, asking that their names be stricken from a petition in relation to Constables in Kenton hundred,

Which was read, and the Clerk instructed to strike their names from the petition.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing a change in the course of a public road in Cedar Creek hundred, in Sussex county,"

Was read.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills and joint resolution, to wit:

"An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company,"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 68, in New Castle county;"

"An act to incorporate the Great Council of Delaware of Improved Order of Red Men,"

"Joint resolution rescinding the joint resolution adjourning both Houses Feb. 26th,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, viz :

"An act to amend the act entitled 'An additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act in relation to the Town of Dover,'"

"An act to incorporate the Dover Fruit and Vegetable Preserving Company ;"

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Riddle Fund for the benefit of the superannuated preachers of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church ;"

"An act authorizing Joshua Bennett to erect a gate across a certain public road in Milford hundred," and

"An act concerning a road in Milford hundred, Kent county,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also returned to the House, as duly and correctly enrolled, the following House bills which had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Clayton Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Wilmington, Delaware ;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large within the limits of School Districts Nos. 46 and 133, in Sussex county ;"

"A supplement to an act to incorporate the New Castle County Insurance Company ;"

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in School District No. 56, New Castle county," and

"An act to incorporate the Marbleton Quarry Company."

He also presented, for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following Senate bills and joint resolution, which had been duly and correctly enrolled and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, to wit :

"An act entitled an act to incorporate the Laurel and Peninsular Agricultural and Mechanical Society ;"

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 165, in Sussex county," and

"Joint resolution authorizing Messrs. James & Webb to bind the Revised Code."

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Old Dominion Steamship Company,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—17.

Nay—Mr. Hanby—1.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Baldwin presented the petition of John B. Phillips praying for the passage of an act to divorce him from the bonds of matrimony,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Divorces, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals,' passed at Dover, February 20, 1873,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadway, Learned, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Todd and Voshell—11.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the bill was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Riddle Fund for the benefit of the superannuated preachers of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,"

Was read.

Mr. Wilds presented the claim of William A. Moore, Clerk of the Peace in Kent county, against the State,

Which,

On his motion,

Was referred, without reading, to the Committee on Claims.

On motion of Mr. Todd,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Dover Fruit and Vegetable Preserving Company,"

Was read.

Mr. Pyle, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Hanby,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to require trustees in voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors to give bond, with security, for the faithful execution of the trust, and for other purposes,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Bridgeville Agricultural and Mechanical Society,”

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 57, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,”

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Frame gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and for other purposes.”

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

“An act for the renewal of the charter of the Phoenix Fire Company in the City of Wilmington, and for other purposes,”

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And,

On his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

On the question, “Shall this bill pass the House?”

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Baldwin presented three petitions of citizens of New Castle county in reference to Public Schools,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Conwell gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 105, Sussex county.”

Mr. Green gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A supplement to Chapter 34 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware of 1852, as published in 1874, entitled ‘Of Constables.’”

Mr. Pyle, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to enable the Benedictine Company of Pennsylvania to hold real estate in Delaware,”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 57 of the Revised Code, entitled 'Of Fences,'"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled;

"An act to amend Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes,"

Was referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. J. W. Phillips, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Conwell,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to change the lands of John A. Nicholson and others from School District No. 75 to District No. 72 in Sussex county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

Was read.

Mr. Green presented the petition of William H. Gray and other colored men, praying to be taxed for school purposes,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Milford hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

The Speaker presented a remonstrance of citizens of Kenton hundred against the change of the law in relation to Constables;

Which was read.

Mr. Nowland, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition of John W. James and others, in School District No. 121, Sussex county, reported the same back to the House unfavorably, believing that the commissioners have sufficient plenary powers in the premises to grant the request.

Mr. Pyle, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to annex, for school purposes, School District No. 19, in New Castle county, to the City of Wilmington,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Was read.

Mr. Conwell, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Todd,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 565, Volume 12, Laws of Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Conwell,

Was read.

Mr. Conwell also presented a petition from citizens of Milton, praying for the passage of the bill,

Which was also read.

Mr. Nowland, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act proposing an Amendment to Article 2 of the Constitution of this State,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

The Clerk was requested to have 500 copies of the bill printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Wilds gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act amendatory of the act entitled, 'An act concerning roads, of Chapter 60 of the Revised Code of 1852, as published in 1874.'"

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of this State,"

Was read a second time by its title, and,

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The Clerk was requested to have 500 copies of the bill printed for the use of the House.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Tasker Telegraph Company,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act defining the Duties of Justices of the Peace in cases of assault and battery,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body. .

On motion,

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The vote by which 500 copies of the bill entitled,

"An act proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of this State,"

Was ordered to be printed, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The vote by which 500 copies of the bill entitled,

"An act proposing an Amendment to Article 2 of the Constitution of this State,"

Was ordered to be printed, was reconsidered.

Mr. Baldwin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the Senate

"Joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay Joseph P. Comegys, William G. Whiteley and E. L. Martin each five hundred dollars,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The joint resolution was read and

Concurred in.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the joint resolution returned to that body.

Mr. Pyle, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Pioneer Club Stables, of Wilmington, Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Was read.

Mr. Todd, Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to authorize Phillip Short of S. to straighten a certain public road in Dagsboro' hundred, Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House with a recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs.

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Todd, Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to enable Isaac Gooden to change a certain public road in Dover hundred, Kent county, Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Todd,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act for the Promotion of Internal Improvements,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Pyle presented a report of a public meeting held in Wilmington in reference to a State Workhouse,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the special committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Houston,

The bill entitled,

"An act providing for the payment of funeral expenses, medical, nursing and necessary bills at last sickness, in certain cases,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadaway, Frame, Houston, Learned, Nowland, Pyle, Todd and Mr. Speaker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Collins, Conwell, Green, Hanby, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Voshell and Wilds—9.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Town of Wyoming, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 10, 1869,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing Joshua Bennett to erect a gate across a certain public road in Milford hundred,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Todd,

Rule 12 was suspended and the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Dover Fruit and Vegetable Preserving Company,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Frame moved that the vote by which the bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'An act for the prevention of cruelty to animals,' passed at Dover, February 20, 1873,"

Was lost, be reconsidered.

Whereupon,

On the question, " Shall the vote be reconsidered?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Broadaway, Frame, Learned, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle and Mr. Speaker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Collins, Conwell, Green, Hanby, Houston, McNeal, Nowland, Todd, Voshell and Wilds—10.

So the question was decided in the negative,

And the motion to reconsider was

Lost.

Mr. Todd, from the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large on the highways in School District No. 79, in New Castle county,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Whereupon,

On the motion to adopt the title, there being no votes, the title was not adopted, and the Speaker declared the bill lost.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The vote by which the title of the bill was lost, was reconsidered,

And further,

On his motion,

The title was adopted.

The further reading of the bill was then proceeded with,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

It was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act concerning a road in Milford hundred, Kent county,"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of Delaware, at Middletown,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Benedictine Institute of the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Todd,

The bill entitled,

"An act to reduce the State tax on the county assessment for State purposes to five cents on the hundred dollars,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Nowland, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Delaware City Public Schools, and for other purposes,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. G. H. Phillips, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in all that part of School District No. 149, in Sussex county, which lies in Nanticoke hundred,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The accompanying petition and remonstrance were read,

And further,

On his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Conwell presented the petition of Myers Reynolds and others, in Sussex county, praying for a law to prevent Gypsies from coming into the State,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Divorces.

On motion,

The House adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, February 25, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of this State,"

Was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Baldwin offered an amendment to the bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read, as follows :

Amend Section 1, Article 10 of the proposed amendment to the Constitution by striking out the word "nine," in the fourth line, between the words "be" and "representatives," and insert in lieu thereof the word "ten,"

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time,

And *Adopted,*

And, on his further motion,

The bill was postponed for the present.

Mr. Wilds, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported following enrolled House bill as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

“An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company.”

Mr. Bird presented the petition of master mechanics of the City of Wilmington, praying for the passage of an act to repeal the Mechanics' Lien Law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to a special committee of three.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Bird, Biggs and Collins were appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

“An act to change the lands of John A. Nicholson and others from School District No. 75 to District No. 72, in Sussex county,”

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Bird presented the petition of George Dodge and others, praying for the passage of an act creating a State Workhouse,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the special committee on the subject.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Riddle Fund for the benefit of the superannuated preachers of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. G. H. Phillips, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Green,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 162, Sussex county, Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. G. H. Phillips,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware City Public Schools, and for other purposes,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

Pending the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing a change in the course of a public road in Cedar Creek hundred, in Sussex county,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Broadway,

The bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Town of Wyoming, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 10, 1869,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Dover Fruit and Vegetable Preserving Company,"

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read, as follows :

Amend by adding to Section 7 : And this act shall be deemed and taken to be a private act.

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time

And

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker
—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Conwell,

The bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 565, Volume 12, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. J. W. Phillips offered an amendment to the bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act entitled 'An additional supplement to an act entitled; 'An act for the better regulation of the streets of Delaware City, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 5, 1851,'"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Bird also presented a petition from citizens of Delaware City upon the subject,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing Joshua Bennett to erect a gate across a certain public road in Milford hundred,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Conwell, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And;

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 105, Sussex county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Conwell,

Was read.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware City Mutual Life Insurance Company,"

Reported the same back to the House with two amendment,

And, on his motion,

The amendments were read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendments read a second time

And

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. J. W. Phillips gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70 and 102, in Sussex county, and for other purposes."

Mr. Biggs gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 35, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware."

Mr. Wilds presented the petition of Edward Beck and others, praying for a new road in Kenton hundred,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 44, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Pyle presented a petition of Edward Tatnal, asking for an appropriation to pay for his mill-dam,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to a special committee of three,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Bird, Biggs and Nowland were appointed said committee.

Mr. Learned, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition in reference to Jamison Branch Ditch Company, reported a bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act concerning a road in Milford hundred, Kent county,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 57 of Revised Code, entitled 'Of Fences,'"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

He also reported back to the House the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes,"

With the recommendation that it pass.

Also, the bill entitled,

"An act to amend Title Fourth of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Of Elections,'"

With an amendment,

And, on his motion,

The amendment was read,

And further,

On his motion,

The amendment was read a second time

And

Adopted.

Mr. Houston presented a petition for and a remonstrance against the passage of the bill in reference to the charter of the Town of Lewes,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Pyle presented the petition of the Board of Trade of Wilmington, Del., in relation to the Centennial,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Centennial.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act for the Protection of Women,' passed at Dover, April 9, 1873,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Baldwin also offered an amendment to the bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time and referred to the same committee.

Mr. Nowland, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act for the benefit of the Public Schools in Wilmington,'"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

Mr. Pyle presented a resolution of the Board of Education advocating the passage of the bill,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bird, Collins, Conwell, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Biggs, Frame, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland and Voshell—8.

So the bill, having failed to receive the required constitutional majority,

Was

Lost.

Mr. Frame, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and for other purposes,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Frame,

Was read.

Mr. Conwell presented a petition of 103 citizens of the Town of Milton, praying for a more stringent liquor law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Moral Reform.

On motion of Mr. G. H. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 44 and 150, in Sussex county,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Nowland, on behalf of the Committee on Education, reported a bill entitled,

"An act in relation to Free Schools in this State,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The Clerk was instructed to have 500 copies of the bill printed.

Mr. Pyle gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Delaware State Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Wilmington, Delaware."

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to require trustees in voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors to give bond, with security, for the faithful execution of the trust, and for other purposes,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

"An act proposing an Amendment to Article 2 of the Constitution of this State,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to a special committee of seven.

Whereupon,

Messrs. Nowland, Biggs, Pyle, Broadaway, Wilds, J. W. Phillips and Houston were appointed said committee.

Mr. Conwell, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of John B. Phillips, praying for a divorce, reported the same back with a bill entitled,

"An act to annul the marriage contract between John B. Phillips and Emily W. Phillips, his wife,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to enable the Benedictine Company of Pennsylvania to hold real estate in Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The vote by which the bill entitled,

"An additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act for the benefit of the Public Schools in Wilmington,'"

Was lost, was reconsidered,

And further,

On his motion,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to annex, for school purposes, School District No. 19, in New Castle county, to the City of Wilmington,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Frame moved that the House do now adjourn,

Which motion was

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Pioneer Club Stables, of Wilmington, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of this State,"

Was referred to the special committee on that subject.

Mr. Nowland moved that the House adjourn till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

There being a division,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Hanby, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Houston, Learned and McNeal—3.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the House adjourned till nine to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 26, 1875—9 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Pyle, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Mutual Fire Insurance Company,"

Which;

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act to annul the marriage contract between John B. Phillips and Emily W. Phillips, his wife,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Conwell,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large, in School District No. 105, Sussex county,"

Was read a second time by its title,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended,

And the bill read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Biggs, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 35, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. G. H. Phillips,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing a change in the course of a public road in Cedar Creek hundred, Sussex county,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Conwell, Frame, Green, Houston, Learned, McNeal, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Collins, Hanby and Nowland—3.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the bill

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Wilds moved that the vote by which the bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the several Levy Courts to employ certain convicts at labor,"

Was lost, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed,

And further,

On his motion,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed.

Mr. G. H. Phillips, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 44, New Castle county,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Pending the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

Mr. Biggs moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. G. H. Phillips, on behalf of the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit stock from running at large within United School Districts Nos. 44 and 150, in Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell and Mr. Speaker—16.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Frame and Wilds—3.

So the bill, having received the required majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. J. W. Phillips moved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a general stock law, or repeal all stock laws.

Mr. Nowland moved that it apply only to Sussex county,

Which motion was

Lost.

Mr. Frame moved to indefinitely postpone the motion,

Whereupon,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Conwell, Frame, Houston, Learned, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Pyle, Todd and Wilds—14.

Nays—Messrs. Collins, Green, Hanby, J. W. Phillips, Voshell and Mr. Speaker—6.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the motion

Prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act concerning a road in Milford hundred, Kent county,”

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

“An act to amend Title Fourth of the Revised Statutes, entitled ‘Of Elections,’ ”

Was taken up for consideration and read for the information of the House,

And further,

On his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs.

Mr. Holcomb offered an amendment,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended

And the amendment read a second and third time

And

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. G. H. Phillips,

The bill was recommitted to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, and joint resolution, viz :

"An act to amend Chapter 353 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes ;"

"An act to incorporate the Lebanon Hall Company ;"

"An act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delmar, Millsboro' and Breakwater Railroad Company ;'"

"Joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys as counsel fees,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills and joint resolutions, viz :

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 91, in Sussex county, Delaware ;"

"An act to authorize the Trustees of the M. P. Church, in Seaford to sell and convey a building lot and premises in Seaford ;"

"An act in relation to the service of process on Foreign Insurance Companies ;"

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Gravelly Run Marsh Company, passed at Dover, February 5, 1866,' and amended and re-enacted by the act entitled, 'An act to amend and re-enact the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Gravelly Run Marsh Company, passed at Dover, February 5, 1866,' passed at Dover, January 24, 1867 ;'"

"Joint resolution concerning the Historical Paper of Hon. Wm. G. Whiteley upon the Revolutionary soldiers of Delaware," and

"Joint resolution in relation to the Public Arms,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the City of New Castle,"

With an amendment, and returned the same to the House for concurrence therein.

He also presented, for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following Senate bill, which had been duly and correctly enrolled and had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, to wit :

"An act to change the boundary of School District No. 81, in New Castle county."

He also returned to the House, as duly and correctly enrolled, the following House bills which had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

"An act to further amend an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Artizans' Savings Bank ;'"

"An act to change the place of holding elections in Gumboro hundred, in Sussex county ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 666 of the 14th Volume of the Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act for the renewal of the charter of the Female Bible Society of Wilmington ;"

"An act to enable Robert Lambden to locate certain vacant land and complete his title to the same ;"

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Mechanics' Building and Loan Association of the Town of Dover,' passed at Dover, March 4, 1869 ;"

"An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 65, Volume 12 of the Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act to incorporate the Knights of St. Lawrence Beneficial Society of Wilmington, Delaware ;"

"An act to vacate parts of certain streets of the Town of New Castle ;"

"An act directing the publication of the act entitled, 'An act authorizing the City of Wilmington to issue its bonds to meet a portion of the expense of widening Water Street and Railroad Avenue in said city ;'"

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Board of Directors of the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine as the Delaware Agency of said Company ;"

"An act to incorporate the Underwriters' Agency of Delaware,"
and

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 49, New Castle county."

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'A supplement to Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware.'"

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The Senate amendment to the House bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the City of New Castle,"

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended,

And the amendment read a second and third time

And

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Collins,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 127, Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was read.

Mr. J. W. Phillips offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns it will stand adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Lebanon Hall Company,"

Was read.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to establish a Board of Education for the City of New Castle, to incorporate the same, and for other purposes."

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The bill entitled,

"An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and for other purposes,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The Senate joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys as counsel fees,

Was taken up for consideration and read.

Mr. Baldwin offered an amendment,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read, as follows :

Amend the resolution by striking out "two thousand" and insert "twenty-five hundred."

Mr. Baldwin moved that the amendment be adopted.

On the question, "Shall the amendment be adopted?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Frame, Learned, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell and Mr. Speaker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Conwell, Green, Hanby, Houston, McNeal, J. W. Phillips, Todd and Wilds—8.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the amendment was

Adopted.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the joint resolution, as amended, be adopted.

Mr. J. W. Phillips called for the yeas and nays,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Frame, Green, Learned, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Conwell, Hanby, Houston, McNeal, J.W. Phillips and Todd—6.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the resolution was

Adopted.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

Mr. Voshell gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“A supplement to the act entitled ‘An act to incorporate the Diamond State Building and Loan Association of the Town of Smyrna.’”

Mr. Riddle, a member of the Senate, being admitted, returned the following enrolled House bills, with the signature of the Speaker of the Senate thereto, viz :

“An act to incorporate the Every Evening Publishing Company,”

“An act to incorporate the Vulcanized Fiber Company.”

On motion,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, March 1, 1875—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The vote by which the bill entitled,

“An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 44, in New Castle county,”

Was indefinitely postponed, was reconsidered.

Mr. Bird presented a petition asking for the passage of the bill,
Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred, with the bill, to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The Senate bill entitled,

“An act to incorporate the Lebanon Hall Company,”

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Bird,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

“An act to amend an act entitled ‘A supplement to Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,’ ”

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was read.

Mr. Nowland, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of citizens of St. George's hundred in relation to roads in said hundred, reported a bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Road Commissioners in St. George's hundred, New Castle county,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Hanby,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to establish a Board of Education for the City of New Castle, to incorporate the same, and for other purposes,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was read.

The Speaker presented a petition of Thos. R. Taylor, praying for the passage of the act now before the House, entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 34 of the Revised Code of the State of Delaware, as published in 1874, entitled, 'Of Constables,'"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the special committee on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act to annul the marriage contract between John B. Phillips and Emily W. Phillips, his wife,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

Two letters from Bayard Taylor and U. S. Senator-elect McMillan, accompanying the bill, were read for the information of the House.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

The Speaker asked leave of absence for one day for Mr. J. W. Phillips,

There being no objection, leave was granted.

Mr. Broadaway asked leave of absence for one day for Mr. Learned.

There being no objection, leave was granted.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to reincorporate the Delta Phi Literary Society of Delaware College,"

Was read.

Mr. Nowland presented two petitions of citizens of the Town of Middletown, praying for the passage of an act consolidating School Districts Nos. 60 and 94, in said town,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Education, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delmar, Millsboro' and Breakwater Railroad Company,'"

Was read.

Mr. Houston gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for the payment of Justices of the Peace and Constables for attendance at elections."

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 127, Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Holcomb offered a resolution,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read, as follows :

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be and are hereby instructed to report at as early a day as possible a general appropriation bill, which shall contain as near as may be whatever sums are necessary for State expenses, including Executive, Legislative and Judiciary; also, for the interest on the State debt, and for a sinking fund for the payment of the same. They shall be further instructed to report the sums that are likely to be derived during the ensuing two years from the present sources of revenue.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The resolution was

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The bill entitled,

"A supplement to Chapter 35, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Broadaway presented a petition of Susanna French, praying for a divorce from her husband,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Divorces, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Biggs moved that the vote by which the

"Joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys as counsel fees,"

As amended, was adopted, be reconsidered,

Whereupon,

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Biggs, Broadaway, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Todd, Voshell and Wilds—14.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bird, Collins and Mr. Speaker—4.

So the question was decided in the affirmative,

And the vote was

Reconsidered.

Mr. Broadaway moved that the vote by which the amendment to the resolution was adopted, be reconsidered,

Which motion

Prevailed,

Mr. Nowland moved that the resolution be made a special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Mr. Holcomb gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for the protection of mill property from ice and other freshets."

Mr. Nowland, from the special committee to whom was referred the various petitions praying for the reduction of the taxes on the P. W. & B. R. R., reported a bill entitled,

"An act entitled 'An act reducing the tax on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company to twenty thousand dollars a year,' "

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Nowland, from the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Delaware City Public Schools, and for other purposes,"

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment,
Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time

And *Adopted.*

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs,
in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, Todd, Voshell, Wilds, and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence

On motion,

The House adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, March 2, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

"An act to incorporate the Delaware Iron Works ;"

"An act to incorporate Union American Circle of Friendship, located in Delaware ;"

"An act in relation to permanent leasehold estates ;"

"An act to incorporate Pocahontas Tent, No. 9, Daughters of the Forest ;"

"A further supplement to an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delaware Fire Insurance Company ;' "

"An act for the extension of the boundaries of Red Lion hundred, New Castle county ;"

"An act to incorporate the Lone Valley Cemetery Company, near New Castle, Delaware ;"

"An additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to limit the city debt of Wilmington and to provide for the discharge thereof ;' "

"An act to enable Joseph McDaniel, Jr., to survey and locate certain salt marsh therein named and complete his title to the same ;"

"An act to prevent stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 16 and 124, in Sussex county ;"

"An act to prevent live stock from running at large in School Districts Nos. 25, 27 and 28, in New Castle county,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred, with amendments, in the following House bills, viz :

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 112, in Sussex county ;"

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company,' and

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Georgetown and Delmar Railroad Company,' passed at Dover, March 30, 1871,"

And returned the same to the House with the request that the amendments be concurred in:

He also informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bill, to wit:

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to establish a company under the name of the Mispillion Navigation Company,' passed at Dover, February 1st, 1827;"

"An act authorizing the laying out of a public road in Cedar Creek hundred, Sussex county and State of Delaware," and

"An act to incorporate the 'Kent Iron and Hardware Company' of Wilmington, Del.,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also returned the following House bills and joint resolutions, which had been duly and correctly enrolled and received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz:

"An act to incorporate the Bridgeville Cemetery Company, of Bridgeville, Delaware;"

"An act to restrain certain animals from running at large in School District No. 54, Pencader hundred, and that portion of School District No. 43 lying in Pencader hundred, New Castle county;"

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 56, partly in Broad Creek hundred and partly in Nanticoke hundred, Sussex county;"

"An act to enable Jacob G. Cannon to locate certain vacant land and complete his title to the same;"

"An act to incorporate Hiram Lodge No. 21, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Seaford, Delaware;"

"A supplement to the act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Western Car Company,' passed at Dover, April 2, 1873;"

"An act defining the duties of Constables in certain cases;"

"An act to authorize the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of New Castle county to make a certain index;"

"An act to cede to the United States title to and jurisdiction over lands for sites of light-houses, beacons, life-saving stations, or other aids to navigation within the limits of the State of Delaware ;"

"An act to revive and extend the time for recording private acts ;"

"An act to enable 'The Beecher Basket Company' to hold certain real estate ;"

"An act entitled an act prescribing punishment for certain offences ;"

"An act to perfect the title of James T. Massey and Annie E. Massey in certain lands conveyed to them by Joseph Savage and wife ;"

"An act to incorporate the Diamond State Spring Company ;"

"An act to incorporate the Union Fraternalle Francaise de Mutuels Secours de Wilmington ;"

"An act to alter and amend the act entitled 'An act to raise revenue for State and county purposes ;' "

"Joint resolution inviting the Hon. Wm. G. Whiteley to lecture before the General Assembly."

He also presented, for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following duly and correctly enrolled Senate bills, the same having received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

"An act to incorporate Eagle Lodge, No. 36, I. O. of O. F., of Delaware ;"

"An act to authorize the Prothonotary of Kent county to make a certain index ;"

"A supplement to Chapter 372 of Volume 14, Laws of Delaware, entitled 'An act in relation to the Collection of Taxes in this State,' passed at Dover, April 10, 1873 ;"

"An act to incorporate the Delaware State Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;"

"An act to incorporate Centreville Lodge, No. 37, I. O. of O. F. ;"

"An act to further amend Chapter 11 of the Revised Code."

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Delmar, Millsboro' and Breakwater Railroad Company,' "

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

"An act in relation to Free Schools in this State,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

The Senate bill entitled,

"A further additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act to establish a company under the name of the Mispillion Navigation Company,' passed at Dover, February 1st, 1827,"

Was read.

Mr. Pyle presented a memorial from L. P. Bush and others, in reference to the Centennial,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Centennial.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, reported the following enrolled House bills and joint resolution as duly and correctly enrolled, and presented the same for the signature of the Speaker of the House, viz :

"An act to perfect the title of the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of the Town of Delaware City to certain real property ;"

"An act to authorize Henry Todd, the present Register in Chancery and Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, to transcribe or copy into a suitable book the index to the recognizances in said courts ;"

"An act to provide for the relinquishment in certain cases to the United States of title to lands for sites of light-stations on the coast and waters of this State ;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large in School District No. 34, in New Castle county ;"

"An act to incorporate the Great Council of Delaware of Improved Order of Red Men," and

"Joint resolution rescinding the joint resolution adjourning both Houses Feb. 26th."

Mr. Houston, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act for the payment of Justices of the Peace and Constables for attendance at elections,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Houston,

Was read.

Mr. Broadway gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes as amended in 1874."

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to reincorporate the Delta Phi Literary Society of Delaware College,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Nowland, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act transferring certain real estate belonging to Lorenzo D. Ginn from School District No. 81 to School District No. 72, in New Castle county,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. G. H. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act to prohibit live stock from running at large in School District No. 162, Sussex county, Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. G. H. Phillips presented a petition for and a remonstrance against the passage of a stock law in School District No. 53, in Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion,

Were referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways without reading.

Mr. Baldwin presented a petition, of Samuel Harkness and twenty-five others, from School District No. 37, in New Castle county, against any change of the taxation for the purpose of keeping the school open nine months in the year,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Collins, Chairman of the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the following Senate bills, viz :

"An act relating to arrests in civil cases," and

"An act to amend Section 3, Chapter 57, Volume 14, Laws of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that they pass.

He also reported back the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes,"

With the recommendation that it do not pass.

He also reported back the House bill entitled,

"An act to require trustees in voluntary assignment for the benefit of creditors to give bond, with security, for the faithful execution of the trust, and for other purposes,"

With a recommendation that it pass.

He also reported back the House bill entitled,

"An act to subject growing fruit crops to execution attachment process,"

With a recommendation that it do not pass.

He also reported unfavorably on the petition to change the law in relation to landlord and tenant.

He also reported back the bill entitled,

"An act to amend the act entitled, 'An act for the Protection of Women,' passed at Dover, April 9, 1873,"

Without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Kent Iron and Hardware Company, of Wilmington, Del.,"

Was read.

Mr. Nowland called for the special order, being the Senate

"Joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys as counsel fees."

Mr. Nowland moved that the Senate joint resolution be concurred in,

Which motion

Prevailed.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The amendment to the House bill entitled,

"An act to amend Title Fourth of the Revised Statutes, entitled 'Of Elections,'"

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time

And

Adopted,

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The bill entitled,

"An act to establish a Board of Education for the City of New Castle, to incorporate the same, and for other purposes,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend an act entitled, 'A supplement to Chapter 104 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Delaware,'"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

The bill entitled,

"An act to revive, re-enact and continue in force the original and all supplementary acts for the incorporation of the Jamison Branch Ditch Company,"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

"An act entitled 'An act reducing the tax on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company to twenty thousand dollars a year,'"

Was read a second time by its title.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

"An act to subject growing fruit crops to execution attachment process,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The further consideration of the bill

Was

Indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act to aid the Wilmington and Western Railroad Company to complete their railroad,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to annul the act entitled 'An additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act in relation to the Town of Dover,'"

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin,

The bill entitled,

"An act for the Protection of Women,"

Was taken up for consideration and read for the information of the House,

And further,

On his motion,

The amendment read a second time

And

Adopted.

And, on his further motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Bird,

The bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 133 of the Revised Code, entitled
'General provisions concerning Crimes and Punishments,'"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs.]

Pending the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

Mr. Holcomb moved that the further consideration of the bill be indefinitely postponed,

Which motion

Prevailed.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Voshell gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to confirm and establish a certain road leading to and across the bridge over Duck Creek at or near Fleming's Landing."

Mr. Bird gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the American Tin and Iron Company of Delaware."

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Bridgeville Agricultural and Mechanical Society, Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment, with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. J. W. Phillips, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Conwell,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70 and 102, in Sussex county,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Rule 12 was suspended and the bill read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Pyle,

The bill entitled,

"An act to require trustees in voluntary assignments for the benefit of creditors to give bond, with security, for the faithful execution of their trust, and for other purposes,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Road Commissioners in St. George's hundred, in New Castle county,"

Was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to establish a Board of Education for the Town of Lewes and to incorporate the same, and for other purposes,"

Reported the same back to the House with a recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Messrs. Broadaway and Green presented sundry petitions of citizens of Kent county for the passage of the bill entitled,

"An act for the Promotion of Internal Improvements,"

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Lebanon Hall Company,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment, with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Hanby, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Conwell, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Emma A. Walker, praying for the passage of an act to divorce her from her husband Henry Walker, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Emma A. Walker from her husband, Henry Walker,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Conwell, on behalf of the Committee on Divorces, to whom was referred the petition of Susannah French, praying for the

passage of an act to divorce her from her husband, Elias French, reported a bill entitled,

"An act to divorce Susanna French from her husband, Elias French,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

"An act entitled an act reducing the tax on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company to twenty thousand dollars a year,"

Was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Lambden presented a petition in favor of and a remonstrance against a stock law for School District No. 151, Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion,

Were read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

He also presented a petition for a stock law in School District No. 45, Sussex county,

Which was also read and referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The following Senate bills were read a first time, viz :

"An act to amend Chapter 32 of the Revised Statutes ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 353 of Volume 14 of the Laws of Delaware ;"

"An act in relation to the lien of taxes," and

"An act to authorize Joseph B. Morris to erect a gate across a public road in Indian River hundred, Sussex county."

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

The report of the joint committee on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to rewards for arrests,

Was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Broadway,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the laying out of a public road in Cedar Creek hundred, Sussex county and State of Delaware,"

Was read.

Mr. Nowland, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to change the lands of John A. Nicholson and others from School District No. 75 to District No. 72, in Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House without any recommendation from the committee,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And pending its passage.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The bill was

Indefinitely postponed.

Mr. J. W. Phillips presented a remonstrance against the passage of a stock law for School District No. 45, in Sussex county,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

The bill entitled,

"An act making personal property liable to taxation for school purposes, in the school district in which it is situated,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House.

Pending the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

The bill was recommitted to the Committee on Revised Statutes.

Mr. Nowland, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to annex, for school purposes, School District No. 19, in New Castle county, to the City of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time; and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Holcomb, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Green,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled;

"An act for the protection of mill property from ice and other freshets,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Holcomb,

Was read.

Mr. Green presented a petition for the change of the course of a public road in Mispillion hundred, Kent county,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The bill entitled,

"An act to change the name of Hettie E. Frame to Hettie E. McColley, and for other purposes,"

Was taken up for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Biggs,

The bill was referred to a special committee of three,

Whereupon,

Messrs. Biggs, Houston and Frame were appointed said committee.

Mr. Collins, from the Committee on Revised Statutes, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to make personal property liable to taxation for school purposes in the school district in which it is situated,"

Reported the same back to the House with an amendment,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

Rule 12 was suspended and the amendment read a second time,

And

Adopted,

And further,

On his motion,

The bill, as amended, was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Nowland, on behalf of the special committee to whom was referred the petition in reference to the Fishery laws, reported a bill entitled,

"An act protecting shore fishermen, between St. Augustine and Appoquinimink Creeks, on the Delaware River,"

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Todd, from the Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the laying out of a public road in Duck Creek hundred, Kent county, State of Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Todd gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to change the name of High street in the Town of Dover."

On motion,

The House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, March 3, 1875—10 o'clock, A. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Nowland, on behalf of the Committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70 and 102, in Sussex county,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment.

Mr. Voshell, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Wilds,

Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to confirm and establish a certain road leading to and across the bridge over Duck Creek at or near Fleming's Landing,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Voshell,

Was read.

Mr. Robinson, Clerk of the Senate, being admitted, informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the following House bills, viz :

"An act to enable Isaac Gooden to change a certain public road in Dover hundred, Kent county, Delaware;"

"An act with respect to proof of handwriting;"

"An act providing for the payment of funeral expenses, medical, nursing and necessary bills at last sickness, in certain cases;"

"An act for the Protection of Muskrats;"

"An act for the renewal of the charter of the Phoenix Fire Company in the City of Wilmington;"

"An act to incorporate McDonell Encampment of Patriarchs, No. 2, I. O. of O. F., of the State of Delaware," and

"An act to incorporate the Bellevue Quarry Company,"

And returned the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 128 of the Revised Code,"

With an amendment, and returned the same to the House for concurrence therein.

He also informed the House that the Senate had passed and requested the concurrence of the House in the following bills, viz :

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to amend the act incorporating the Breakwater and Frankford Railroad Company,' passed at Dover, March 8, 1871, passed at Dover, March 12, 1873;"

"An act to incorporate the Farmington Institute;"

"An act to incorporate the Milford Gaslight Company;"

"An act authorizing the Governor to appoint an additional Notary Public in Dagsboro' hundred, Sussex county;"

"An additional supplement to the act entitled, 'An act in relation to Oysters,' and

"An act in relation to making a general index to the will record in the Register's office in Sussex county,"

And presented the same to the House.

He also informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the House amendment to the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Dover Fruit and Vegetable Preserving Company."

He also returned to the House the following House bills as duly and correctly enrolled, and which had received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, viz :

"An act to incorporate Wyoming Institute of Delaware, at Wyoming, Kent county, State of Delaware," and

"An act to provide for the relinquishment in certain cases to the United States of title to lands for sites of light-stations on the coast and waters of this State."

He also presented, for the signature of the Speaker of the House, the following Senate bills and joint resolution, which had been duly and correctly enrolled and received the signature of the Speaker of the Senate, to wit :

"An act to incorporate the Old Dominion Steamship Company ;"

"An act defining the duties of Justices of the Peace in cases of assault and battery ;"

"An act to amend Chapter 75 of the Revised Statutes ;"

"An act prohibiting live stock from running at large on the highways in School District No. 79, in New Castle county ;"

"An act to authorize Phillip Short of S. to straighten a certain public road in Dagsboro' hundred, Sussex county," and

"Joint resolution directing the State Treasurer to pay Joseph P. Comegys, William G. Whiteley and E. L. Martin each five hundred dollars."

On motion of Mr. J. W. Phillips,

The bill entitled,

"An act to consolidate School Districts Nos. 70 and 102, in Sussex county,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Riddle Fund for the benefit of the superannuated preachers of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—21.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An additional supplement to the act entitled 'An act in relation to Oysters,' "

Was read.

Mr. Learned presented a petition in favor of a more stringent Oyster Law,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"A supplement to the act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Town of Lewes, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 2, 1871,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass.

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—18.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Collins,
 The Senate bill entitled,
 "An act relating to arrests in civil cases,"
 Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,
 And

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

On motion of Mr. Collins,
 The Senate bill entitled,
 "An act to incorporate the Milford Gas Light Company,"
 Was read.

Mr. Bird gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to authorize the Recorder of Deeds of New Castle county to make a certain index."

Mr. Bird, in pursuance of previous notice,
 Asked,
 And,

On motion of Mr. Hanby,
 Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the American Tin and Iron Company of Delaware,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Bird,
 Was read.

Mr. Broadaway, in pursuance of previous notice,

Asked,

And,

On motion of Mr. Green,
 Obtained leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act to amend Chapter 91 of the Revised Statutes as amended in 1874,"

Which,

On motion of Mr. Broadaway,

Was read.

On motion of Mr. Frame,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the 'Kent Iron and Hardware Company,' of Wilmington, Del.,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"A supplement to an act entitled, 'An act to incorporate the Town of Wyoming, and for other purposes,' passed at Dover, March 10, 1869,"

Reported the same back to the House with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McNeal,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act authorizing the laying out of a public road in Cedar Creek hundred, Sussex county and State of Delaware,"

Was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Roads and Highways.

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of Delaware, at Middletown,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment and with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—None.

So, the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered that the Senate be informed thereof and the bill returned to that body.

Mr. Houston, from the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Pioneer Club Stables, of Wilmington, Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment and with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, " Shall this bill pass the House ?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Collins, Conwell, Frame, Green, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion,

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SAME DAY—3 o'clock, P. M.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Nowland,

The bill entitled,

"An act in relation to the Road Commissioners in St. George's hundred, New Castle county,"

Was read a third time, and by paragraphs,

And

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Bird, on behalf of the joint committee to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Centennial Celebration, submitted a report, recommending the appointment of a committee to take charge of Delaware's interest at said celebration, and recommending the adoption of a joint resolution directing the Governor to purchase \$10,000 of the bonds of said Centennial Celebration,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read.

Mr. Bird also presented a joint resolution carrying out the provisions of said report,

Which,

On his motion,

Was read,

And further,

On his motion,

Was laid on the table for the present.

On motion of Mr. Learned,

The Senate bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Farmington Institute,"

Was read.

Mr. J. W. Phillips gave notice that he would, on to-morrow or some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill entitled,

"An act authorizing a special election for Town Commissioners of the Town of Seaford."

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to incorporate the Benedictine Institute of the City of Wilmington,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment and with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,

The bill was read a third time, and by paragraphs, in order to pass the House,

And,

On the question, "Shall this bill pass the House?"

The yeas and nays were ordered,

Which, being taken, were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Biggs, Bird, Broadaway, Conwell, Frame, Hanby, Houston, Learned, Lambden, McNeal, Nowland, G. H. Phillips, J. W. Phillips, Pyle, Todd, Voshell, Wilds and Mr. Speaker—19.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

Passed the House.

Ordered to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of the Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill entitled,

"An act to enable the Benedictine Company of Pennsylvania to hold real estate in Delaware,"

Reported the same back to the House without amendment and with the recommendation that it pass,

And, on his motion,