

the Sacramento valley to the Oregon line, and to regulate tolls to be collected on the same. The bill was laid over under the rule.

Mr. Snyder introduced several interesting concurrent resolutions, instructing our Senators &c. in Congress to urge the passage of a law providing for a geological and mineralogical survey of the mineral lands in this State, and also authorizing experiments to be made in the dry diggings to ascertain if water sufficient for mining purposes can be procured by means of Artesian wells. A concluding resolution expresses the opinion that if these experiments should prove successful, the miners would cheerfully pay a tax sufficient to pay the interest on the money invested in the undertaking. The resolutions were referred to a select committee.

The President laid before the Senate a special message from the Governor enclosing a joint resolution passed by the Common Council of San Francisco on the 11th inst., extending the hospitalities of that city to the Legislature, and inviting them to adjourn to San Francisco.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, the resolution and accompanying communication were ordered to be entered on the journal, and the thanks of the Senate tendered to the authorities of San Francisco.

The Assembly bill entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the city of Sacramento, was received and referred to the Sacramento delegation of Senators.

The joint resolutions reported by the Committee on Indian Affairs, instructing our Senators in Congress to oppose the ratification of the treaties concluded by the U. S. Commissioners with the California Indians, &c. &c. were taken up, and made a special order for Monday next.

The Senate passed the Assembly bill entitled an act to establish the county of Siskiyou, and to establish a seat of justice therein. [The new county comprises the disputed territory between Shasta and Klamath counties.]

Mr. Tingley introduced a bill entitled an act amendatory of an act to regulate settlements of the estates of deceased persons. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Van Buren, from the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to which was referred so much of the Governor's message as relates to the establishment in California of a Branch Mint, presented an elaborate report. The report contains some valuable statistics of the exportation of bullion and gold dust from California, and it presents an able and interesting exposition of the commercial and financial interests of the State. This paper exhibits the gratifying fact that during the year 1851, San Francisco was the fourth city in the Union in point of tonnage entering and clearing at that port. The report is accompanied by a resolution instructing our Senators, &c., in Congress to endeavor to procure the passage of a law providing for the establishment of a Branch Mint of the U. S. in this State.

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