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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

THIRD SESSION.

SACRAMENTO CITY, Jan. 19.

The Senate was called to order at 11 o'clock, by the Lieut. Governor.

A communication was received from the Secretary of State, transmitting sealed papers touching the contested election in the senatorial district composed of the counties of Trinity and Klamath. They were referred to the committee on elections.

Mr. Lind offered a resolution appointing Thursday, the 22d inst., as the day when the two Houses will proceed to elect a U. S. Senator. After some desultory conversation the resolution was tabled.

Mr. Hubbs introduced a resolution instructing the judiciary committee to suggest some appropriate method for the revision of the judiciary system of this State.

On motion of Mr. Tingley, the Senate appointed a select committee with instructions to report a series of standing rules for the government of the house.

Mr. Robinson gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill for the relief of insolvent debtors and the protection of creditors: also, a bill to require the performance of specific contracts for personal service.

The bill introduced by Mr. Cook, granting the several county treasurers further time, till the 1st day of March, to make their returns to the State Treasurer of moneys collected by them for taxes, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Tingley gave notice of his intention to introduce several joint resolutions instructing our representatives in Congress to endeavor to

procure the passage of a law appropriating a certain sum for the improvement of the rivers and harbors of California.

Mr. Ralston gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to provide for the establishment of Boards of Supervisors in the several counties.

Mr. Keyser gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to amend the act to regulate proceedings in civil cases in the courts of justice of this State.

On motion of Mr. Keyser, the Senate ordered the appointment of a standing committee of five, on mines and mining interests.

Mr. Estill gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to regulate the interest on money.

Mr. Soule gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill, entitled an act to repeal the act creating the office of State Printer and defining his duties.

Mr. Estill gave notice of a bill in relation to certain property now in possession of Capt. Folsom, known as the Leidesdorff Estate.

Mr. Keyser gave notice of a bill to repeal the act in relation to forcible entries and unlawful detainers.

Mr. Estill introduced a resolution granting the use of the Senate chamber to Col. R. McKee, Indian Commissioner for the U. S., at some convenient day, for the purpose of learning from him the intention of the General Government relative to the Indian treaties in his district, and the instructions that will govern his future action.

Some amusing reminiscences in connection with one of Gen. Estill's Indian campaigns were revived, and they created a great deal of fun.

The resolution was disagreed to, and the Senate adjourned.

The House assembled at 11 o'clock and was called to order by the Speaker.

Mr. Merritt presented the petition of Messrs Brinsmade & Sheppard, late editors of the Morning Post newspaper, published in San Francisco, praying the Legislature to compensate them for publishing the State laws in their newspaper. The petition was appropriately referred.

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pointed for that purpose, introduced a series of standing rules for the government of the House. They were appropriately referred.

Mr. Parrish introduced a concurrent resolution, providing that on Thursday the 22nd inst. the two Houses will meet in joint convention for the purpose of electing a U. S. Senator.

Mr. Crabb said—

At the risk of being considered disposed to throw obstructions in the way of the election of a U. S. Senator, he hoped that it would be postponed to a more remote period. The reason assigned by the honorable gentleman for the delay, was that some of the Seats of members in the House are contested, and he desired these cases to be disposed of before a Senator was elected.

Mr. Parrish objected to a postponement of the election, because he was persuaded that this House would do no business until after the Senatorial question was decided.

Mr. Wood supported the position taken by his friend, Mr. Crabb.

Mr. McMullen moved to amend the resolution by inserting Tuesday, the 27th inst., in lieu of "Thursday, the 22nd inst."

Mr. Parrish accepted the amendment.

Mr. Boggs moved to lay the resolution on the table, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. McMullen introduced a resolution, requesting the Speaker to confer with the City authorities relative to the enlargement of the Assembly Chamber by the removal of a partition. The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Ellis of Nevada introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the public interest and the necessary despatch of legislative business imperatively demands that some provisions should be immediately made for printing bills, reports and other documents required by the Senate and Assembly; therefore,

Resolved, (the Senate concurring) That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and the Secretary of the Senate be, and they are hereby directed to contract temporarily with the proprietors of the *Union* newspaper, published in this city, to execute such printing as may be ordered by the Senate and Assembly, until the appointment of a State Printer by the legislature—provided,

a State Printer by the Legislature. It was resolved that the said proprietors of the Union newspaper shall agree to execute such printing at the rates specified in the act entitled "An act to amend an act defining the duties of State Printer, and fixing his compensation—passed March 25, 1851."

Mr. Ellis prefaced the resolution by a remark that it was not clearly understood who was State Printer, and that no provision for the necessary printing had yet been made.

Mr. Merritt suggested that the House should order its own printing independently of the action of the Senate, and that the resolution ought to be so amended.

Mr. Coffroth opposed the resolution *in toto*, on the ground that the Supreme Court had decided that Mr. Casserly was the State Printer, as well as on other grounds.

Mr. Ellis replied that his object in introducing the resolution was to provide for the immediate necessities of the House—to give the printing temporarily to the Union office, until some other arrangements were made for the prompt execution of the public printing.

Mr. Ellis accepted the amendment of the gentleman from Mariposa, (Mr. Merritt.)

Mr. Merritt moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Public Printing.

Mr. Crabb seconded the motion, and moved that the Committee be instructed to report tomorrow. Agreed to, and the resolution was so referred.

Mr. Cutler introduced a resolution directing the Sergeant at Arms to supply each member with four daily papers and one weekly paper. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. McMeans introduced a resolution providing that all claims presented for military services performed during the Indian campaign be referred to the committee on Indian Affairs. Agreed to.

Mr. Crittenden, the member from Santa Clara was introduced to the House by his colleague, and having taken the oath of office was admitted to a seat.

Mr. Ellis gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill changing the time for holding the terms of the District Court of the 10th Ju-

dicial district.

Other gentlemen gave notice of their intention to introduce several highly important bills; among others, one by Mr. McMullen, directing the Attorney General to institute judicial proceedings for the recovery of the Leidesdorf estate; and one by Mr. McMeans to protect the State against the admission into our ports of foreigners of bad character.

Mr. Merritt introduced a concurrent resolution, directing the Attorney General to instruct the District Attorneys of the several counties to commence suits against the county Treasurers who had failed to comply with the law requiring them to make returns to the State Treasurer of the monies collected by them for taxes. Mr. M. remarked that his reason for introducing this resolution, was that many of the county Treasurers had failed to make these returns, and were holding on to these monies for the purpose of speculating with them. The resolution was referred to the Judiciary committee.

The House then, in Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the standing rules reported by the select committee for the government of the House. Several amendments were made by the Committee of the Whole, and the rules were reported back to the House. The House agreed to the report of the Committee, and 100 copies of the report were ordered to be printed.

And the House adjourned.