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Legislative Proceedings.

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The proceedings in the Legislature on Monday were of an unimportant character.

In the Assembly, Mr. Letcher introduced a bill for the formation of a State Agricultural Society. Read, ordered printed, and referred to Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. M'Kenny introduced a bill to prevent gambling. Read and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Whipple, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported back a bill for a survey of a portion of the northern boundary of the State, and recommended its passage. [The bill provides for the survey, by the Surveyor General, of the northern boundary of Klamath and Siskiyou Counties from Pilot Knob to the ocean.]

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. Bradford in the chair, for its consideration; an amendment was adopted limiting the expense to \$2500, and the bill was reported back and passed.

INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

Mr. Dannals, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported back Senate joint resolutions for remuneration to our citizens for injuries sustained by the action of the Indian Commissioners, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Bradford offered a substitute. [The Senate resolutions request our representatives in Congress to call the attention of the proper department to the losses sustained by pre-emptors in being removed by the Indian Commissioners. The substitute in addition requests the delegation to call the attention of the proper department "to the subject of the claims of our citizens incurred by order of the Indian Commissioners appointed for this State, in furnishing provisions to the Indians."]

The substitute was opposed by Messrs. Conness and M'Brayer, as endorsing the action of the Commissioners in the wrongs it was acknowledged they had committed.

Mr. C. said that persons having just claims could now present them to the proper department, but if the substitute was adopted it would be construed into an endorsement of all these claims. He then showed that the action of the Commissioners had been repudiated by previous Legislatures and by the United States Senate.

Mr. Bradford said that the substitute could not be construed into such an endorsement—such was not his intention. But there were just and equitable claims which should be paid; he knew of one in his own county for \$30,000, for which the person had paid this amount in cash, supposing that he would be repaid by the General Government.

Mr. M'Brayer was opposed to the resolutions in toto; every person knew at the time of the appointment of these Commissioners that they were not authorized to expend more than \$30,000, and he could not see how, without intention of fraud, an American citizen would enter into these contracts without first inquiring into the power and authority of the Commissioners.

After some further discussion by Messrs. Warmcastle and Bradford in favor of the substitute endorsing equitable claims and not endorsing the action of the Commissioners, the substitute was withdrawn.

Mr. Daniels stated that the subject of these claims had been before the Committee on Indian Affairs for some time past, and that they would probably be prepared to report after another meeting.

On motion, the resolutions were referred back to the committee, without instructions.

The Senate, on Tuesday, says the *Union*, passed a bill "defining the distance from the several counties of the State to Sacramento, the State Lunatic Asylum, and State Prison," upon which a basis may be formed of the amount of mileage due to public officers or agents of the State, while traveling to discharge its business.

Senate concurrent resolution, fixing the time of adjournment of the Legislature, amended in the House by naming the 15th day of May, was concurred in. Therefore, there are but twenty-seven days left—Sundays inclusive—for the Legislature to dispose of the vast amount of matter before it, and rapidly accumulating on the Speaker's table.