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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

The record of the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, the 6th instant, is not very voluminous. In the Council, Mr. Woodruff, from the Committee on Revenue, reported a bill for an act in relation to Territorial taxes, which passed its first reading.

In the House on the 6th, Mr. Preston presented the petition of Nelson Empey for extension of grant of ferries over Bear river and bridge over Malad river, which was read and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges, Ferries and Kanyons.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the bill concerning Justices of the Peace was taken up on its second reading. A lengthy discussion arose, pending which a message was received from the Council concurring in the House vote of Dec. 23d, for the printing of the reports of the Territorial Auditor and Treasurer; also the report of the Directors of the Penitentiary.

In the Council on Wednesday, the 7th, the bill in relation to Territorial taxes was taken up and made the special order of the day for Friday, the 9th inst.

Mr. Hyde presented the claim of A. Miner, Esq., for services rendered in the 3d District Court as prosecuting Attorney for the Territory, which was read and referred to the committee on Claims and Appropriations.

A bill for an act in relation to the Telegraph, and to secure secrecy and fidelity in the transmission of telegraphic messages was taken up, debated, amended, and passed, and sent to the House for concurrence.

In the House on the 7th, the petition of Lewis Robinson and Joshua Terry, for the right to establish and control a ferry over Green river, and to erect a bridge over said river was read and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges, Ferries and Kanyons.

Mr. Rockwood, from the Committee on Roads, Bridges, Ferries, etc., to whom was referred the Petition of Nelson Empey, praying for an extension of the charter to control a ferry across Bear river, reported further legislation thereon unnecessary, which report was accepted, and on motion of Mr. Wright, the Committee were discharged from further duties in relation to the subject. Mr. Rockwood also reported that the Committee had taken into consideration the report of the Territorial Road Commissioner, and recommended an appropriation for repairs on Jordan bridge, Great Salt Lake county; the Weber bridge, Weber county; the Silver bridge, Juab county, and on the Great Salt Lake City and Weber Valley road, amounting in the aggregate to over four thousand dollars, which the Committee on Claims and Appropriations were instructed to incorporate in the Territorial appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. Maughan, the Committee on Claims were instructed to take into consideration that part of the Warden's report submitted to us by the Directors of the Penitentiary which refers to the balance due from Alex. McRae, drawn from P. K. Dotson, U. S. Marshal, and reported not accounted for in settlement, and report at an early day by resolution or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Preston, the Committee on Roads, Bridges, etc., were instructed to inquire into the propriety of making an appropriation of five hundred dollars of the delinquent Territorial taxes of Cache valley, to be used under the direction of the County Court of said county, for the repair of the county road across the Logan bottoms in said county.

The bill for an act concerning Justices of the Peace was called up, discussed, amended and laid on the table. A bill for an act granting a ferry franchise to Lafayette Granger, in Green river county, was also taken up for consideration, and after some discussion was laid over.

In the Council on Thursday, the 8th, a bill

which had been passed by the House and sent to the Council for concurrence, in relation to Justices of the Peace, was taken up, read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill to provide for the organization of telegraph companies was taken up and passed, and sent to the House for concurrence.

Mr. Carrington, from the Judiciary Committee, to whom had been referred a bill assigning the Federal Judges, reported back the same with an amendment, and recommended its passage. The bill was in the course of that day's session, passed, and sent to the House for concurrence.

In the House on Thursday, Mr. Long presented a petition from W. A. Carter, asking for the right to erect a toll bridge over Ham's Fork of Green river, which was received, read and referred to the appropriate committee.

The bill passed by the Council in relation to the Telegraph and the transmission of messages was received from that body, read, and laid on the table to come up in its order.

A supplemental report was received from Theodore McKean, Esq., Territorial Road Commissioner, which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Appropriations.

The bill granting a ferry franchise to Lafayette Granger was taken up and referred back to the Committee on Roads, Ferries, etc.

The bill concerning Justices of the Peace was taken up and passed. Several other bills were under consideration, among which was the act in relation to the telegraph, the bill providing for the organization of telegraph companies, and the bill assigning the Federal Judges to their several districts.

On motion of Mr. Long, the Committee on Elections were instructed to confer with the Committee on Elections in the Council, on the subject of the election of such officers as are made elective by the joint vote of the Legislative Assembly, and report at an early day; and, on motion of Mr. Foote, the Committee on Agriculture, Trade and Manufactures were instructed to take into consideration the rate of toll to be taken by millers for grinding in this Territory.

In the Council on the 9th, among the petitions presented, was one in behalf of John Spriggs and Wm. H. Kimball, praying for an appropriation of the sum of one thousand dollars, as a reward to them for the opening of a coal mine within fifty miles of Great Salt Lake city; and one from citizens of Fort Ephraim, Sanpete county, asking for a mitigation of the Territorial tax, within that precinct.

Among the bills passed was an act authorizing the issuing of executions against non-resident judgment debtors. Progress was made with several other bills, some of which had been passed by the House and sent to the Council for concurrence.

The committee on elections reported the number and kinds of officers to be elected by the joint vote of the Legislative Assembly, which was received and laid on the table. The report of the Territorial Librarian was also received and referred.

Mr. Hyde, from the committee on Roads, &c., reported unfavorably on the petition of the Provo Canyon Road Company, which had been referred to that committee.

The Council adjourned till Monday.

In the House on Friday, the 9th, Mr. Hambleton presented the petition of J. F. Hutchinson and others, citizens of Sanpete county, asking for an appropriation for the purpose of building a bridge across San Pitch river, and a petition from the citizens of Gunnison, in said county, in relation to taxes, which were received and referred.

Mr. Rockwood, from the committee on Roads, Bridges, Ferries and Kanyons, to whom was referred the petition of W. A. Carter, to control a toll bridge across Ham's fork of Green river, reported adversely to said petition.

Among the bills presented was one from

the committee on Agriculture, providing for the preservation, in purity, of the seed of Sorghum, Imphee and Broom corn.

The following bills were passed: An act appropriating money to Cache county, for road purposes; and an act granting a ferry franchise to Lafayette Granger. Several other bills were under consideration.

In the House on Saturday, the 10th, the bill in relation to Sorghum, Imphee and Broom corn seed was taken up and passed; also the Council bill authorizing the issuing of executions against non-resident judgment debtors. The presentation of bills, petitions and memorials and reports of committees occupied most of the session on that day.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

In the Senate on the 19th of December, Mr. Kennedy offered a joint resolution which was referred in relation to the mileage of the Senators and Representatives of the present session.

Mr. McDougall offered a resolution, which laid over, requesting the Secretary of War to inform the Senate whether any tribunal had been constituted to report upon the operations of Major-General D. C. Buell in Kentucky and Tennessee, and if so to state the character of such tribunal, whether it was a court-martial or a court of inquiry, and if not under what law it was instituted, and whether that tribunal was in session in secret and had attempted to exclude from its sessions Major-General Buell, whose conduct it was to investigate, and whether the said tribunal proposed to the said Major-General Buell to take an oath that he would not disclose any of the incidents connected with this trial or any of the evidence.

Mr. Powell called up his resolution to inquire of the Secretary of War whether any oath had been proposed to citizens who have been arrested and imprisoned, that they would not sue or bring any action against those who arrested them, which caused a lengthy discussion, in the course of which Mr. Powell and Mr. Morrill had some sharp words in relation to the matter.

The bankrupt bill was taken up, to which some amendments were made.

In the House on the 19th, Mr. Law offered a resolution which, after some debate instructing the Military Committee to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill by which soldiers who have been rendered unfit by wounds and other disabilities may at once be discharged from service, and that all soldiers at the military hospital fit for duty be returned to their respective regiments; also establishing a board of medical officers to examine into such cases by visiting the hospitals and examining into the physical condition of the men, with the power to thus return them; the results of such examination to be reported to the surgeon-general and Congress. In the course of the discussion a letter was read from the soldier's convalescent camp near Alexandria, describing the woeful condition of affairs in that camp, and the sufferings endured by the sick and wounded soldiers there, who preferred the perils and horrors of the battle-field to the filthy disease-creating loathsome condition in which they were placed under existing arrangements.

On motion of Mr. Sargeant, a resolution was adopted instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the office of Assistant Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the Pacific State and Territories, who shall have general control of matters on that subject under the direction of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The bill for the payment of invalid and other pensions was passed without debate after being amended on motion of Mr. Duell that no part of the money appropriated shall be paid to any person who has given aid and comfort to the enemy.

Mr. Stevens made a lengthy speech in favor of his financial propositions, after which the House went into committee of the whole on

the state of the Union and when the committee arose the House adjourned, as did the Senate till the following Monday.

In the Senate on Monday, Dec. 22nd, the Vice President presented a communication from the Secretary of War relating to the charter of the vessels for the expedition under Gen. Banks with other documents pertaining to that matter and Mr. Grimes offered a resolution which was adopted, providing for the appointment of a committee of three to inquire into the whole matter. Mr. Grimes also offered a resolution which was adopted, instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the United States Marine Corps as a naval organization, and attaching it to the United States army as the twentieth Regiment of Infantry.

A bill was passed providing for the payment by Government, of the funeral expenses of the late Gen. E. D. Baker.

In the House on the 22nd, Mr. Pendleton offered a resolution that the protest of the thirty-six members of the House against the passage of the bill to indemnify the President for certain arrests under the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, be entered upon the journal.

Mr. Ashley introduced bills proposing a temporary government for Idaho, and to enable the territories of Nevada, Utah, and Colorado to form state governments preliminary to their admission into the Union. They were referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. May offered a resolution which was tabled by a vote of 63 to 48, requesting the President to communicate to the House a copy of the order of the Secretary of State dated about the 28th of November last, and which he caused to be read to the State prisoners at Fort Warren, forbidding them to employ counsel, on the ground that such a course would be deemed by the government and the State Department, as a reason for prolonging their imprisonment.

The deficiency bill was taken up and passed.

A resolution offered by Mr. Mallory that, the Senate concurring, an adjournment take place to the first Monday in January 1863 was passed by a vote of 79 to 47.

THEATRE.—The representations, during the past week, of The Charcoal Burner were well received. The principal character—Poynt Arden, was particularly well played by Mr. Caine, and the leading characters were creditably sustained by Messrs. Simmons, Margetts and Maiben. The old Miser—Matthew Esdale, was a piece of exquisite acting by Mr. McKenzie. Mrs. Gibson's first appearance on the stage, with a part committed to her not two days before—was very creditable.

The management announces for to-night the fine classic play—*Virginius*, or the Roman Father: Mr. Bernard Snow representing *Virginius*. Mr. Snow has many admirers, and his playing will doubtless attract a large audience. The play is an excellent representation of the nobility and honor of the uncorrupted ancient Roman citizen. Dunbar's comic song—*The Perfect Cure*, with D n't Judge by Appearances are to follow *Virginius*. Tickets for this evening were "going" rapidly.

We were glad to hear less coughing than on former occasions. A few more children still suffering from the epidemic could very profitably, to them and to the general audience, be left at home.

PEACE INDICATIONS.—The most promising sign of peace we have observed of late is embodied in the following important announcement:

Tom Sayers is out of the ring for life. He thus announces the fact in the newspapers of London: "Tom Sayers begs most respectfully to state that he will never again fight, or second any man who may fight."