

under consideration the matter referred to them, of Perkins, right to a seat in this House, that they have made some progress therein, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved; That the petition of Perkins, the constant of Messrs. Sullivan and Cooper, and all the papers, poll books &c, sent to this House, from Washington county, be referred to a committee of the whole House, and made the special order of Monday next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion the resolution was adopted. On motion the House adjourned.

Thursday, Dec. 17.

MORNING SESSION.

Cromwell gave notice of a bill for an act to provide for changing the name of Pawnee county, to Buchanan county.

Abbe introduced H F, No 35; an act authorizing Amos J Williamson, to keep a ferry at Otoe City, Otoe county, N T. Read first time. On motion, the rules were suspended. Bill read second time, and referred to committee on corporations.

Campbell introduced H F, No 39; an act for the relief of Samuel W Black; read first time. On motion rules were suspended, bill read second time, and referred to committee on accounts and expenses.

Taggart introduced H F, No 37; a bill to authorize S Gerard and T P Parker, and their associates, to establish and keep a toll bridge or ferry across the Loup Fork of Platte River, at the town of Monroe, in Monroe county. Read first time.

Donelan gave notice of a bill to create the county seat of Burt county.

Paddock offered the following resolution: Resolved; That W A Collins, be and he is hereby admitted within the bar of this House, as reporter for the Iowa State Journal.

Armstrong moved to amend, by adding that Jackson Barrett be admitted within the bar of this House, as reporter for the Detroit Free Press.

Campbell moved to lay resolution and amendment on the table.

The ayes and nays were demanded.—Carried, 17 to 12.

Sullivan gave notice of a bill to amend section three, of chapter eight, of the code passed, and approved, February 18th A. D. 1857.

Taggart gave notice of a bill to incorporate the De Witt Collegiate Institute.

Chambers gave notice of a bill, to charter a ferry across the Shute, between Senora Island, and the main shore of the Missouri River, on Nebraska side. Also of a bill to charter a ferry across the Missouri River at Mt Vernon.

Poppleton introduced H F, No 38; an act to assign the Justices of the supreme court, to their respective Judicial Districts. Read first time. On motion the rules were suspended, the bill read second time by its title, and referred to committee on Judiciary.

The committee on Judiciary, made the following report: Your committee to whom was referred H F, No 20, an act to prevent the improper and criminal use of deadly weapons, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report the same back, with the following amendments: In the first section, strike out words one hundred and insert the word ten. Also in the same section, strike out five hundred, and insert one hundred, so as the bill will read, not less than ten, nor more than one hundred.

All of which is respectfully submitted. S A CHAMBERS, J VAN HORN, MICHAEL MURPHY, A F CROMWELL.

Also the following minority report, was received: Mr. SPEAKER, and gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The minority of your committee on agriculture, to whom was referred H F No 20, entitled an act to prevent the improper and criminal use of deadly weapons, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report as follows:

Under the insufficient, loose, and unsettled criminal code, at present in force, in this territory, it is well known that many serious difficulties arise when personal violence is frequently settled and often used. It is furthermore well known, that these difficulties and strays, most generally arise in relation to disputes concerning claims, or farms, the soil which we cultivate and upon which we have our homes, and for this reason, we doubt the House has honored this, your committee on agriculture, by this (to some) seemingly singular reference.

Human life, as the gift of that Supreme Being, who over-rules the destinies of men, and notes their inmost thoughts and deeds, should be regarded by all as something too invaluable and sacred to be subjected to the thoughtless and reckless threats of unprincipled and desperate men. And yet it is a well established fact, that day after day, upon the public highways, in public meetings, and even within the domestic circle, men talk of cutting out each other's hearts, letting day light through each other, by force of powder and ball, and brandish bowie knives and revolvers, as though they were the only statutes of Nebraska, and every citizen had a power of attorney to use them, at his own discretion.

Bullies, rowdies, funkies, cowards and braggarts, parade our streets, blow g and blustering with oaths and threats against the lives of their fellow citizens, ominously exhibiting their pistols and knives, and swearing deadly vengeance against any and all who may offend them in the slightest degree. And taking the state of facts into consideration, your committee deem the enactment of such a law, as the one under consideration, as of vital importance to the protection and well being of society. And yet further your committee deem the act under consideration, as peculiarly fit and appropriate to meet the exigencies of the times, in as much as it does not prohibit the carrying of arms when occasion may seem to demand. Your committee suggest that the bill as amended in section 1st, by striking out one hundred and inserting ten, and thus amended, your com-

mittee recommend the passage of the bill, all of which is most respectfully submitted. J. STERLING MORTON.

Bills and resolutions from the Council on their first and second reading: C B No 2. An act to incorporate the city of Washington, in Dakota county. Read first time.

C B No 3. An act to incorporate the town of Omadi, in Dakota county. Read first time.

C B No 14. An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the university of Nebraska. Saturday Dec. 19th MORNING SESSION.

Speaker announced the first business in order, was the unfinished business; being the joint resolution, from the Council, relative to the Delegate in Congress.

Mr. Armstrong arose to a point of order, that the Resolution was not in the order of the day. Speaker decided that the resolution was in order.

An appeal was taken, and decided the resolution out of order, ayes 21, nays 10; chair not sustained.

Mr. Benedict presented a petition of Geo. Neal and 24 others; for a Ferry Charter across the Missouri River; referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Minick offered a resolution to suspend smoking in the House. Lost.

Mr. Minick gave notice of a bill changing the western boundary of Nemaha County. By Mr. Cooper, of a bill to incorporate the Town of Belle Plaine, in Burt Co.

By Mr. Murphy of a bill regulating the duties, and fees of County Surveyors. Notice of a bill by Mr. Robb, for chartering the Wyoming Manufacturing Company.

By Mr. King, of a bill regulate and fix Toll for Grinding, and for other purposes. Also a bill to encourage the killing of Wolves, in the counties of Pawnee and Richardson.

By Mr. Thrall, a bill for establishing a Territorial Road from Omaha City, to Forrest City in Sarpy Co.

Mr. Martin, introduced H F No 44, an act to amend an act entitled an act, regulating the disposal of Lands; purchased in trust for Town Sites; bill was read a first and second time, and was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Campbell, introduced H F No 47 an act for Stay of execution in Justice courts. Mr. Crawford, moved to adjourn. Lost ayes 10, nays 17.

Mr. Donelan, moved to take a recess until 2 o'clock.

Mr. Poppleton, moved to adjourn till Monday 2 o'clock both of which were lost.

Mr. Poppleton moved to adjourn until Monday, 9 o'clock, Lost.

Mr. Campbell, to adjourn until 2 o'clock. Pending which, Mr. Abbe, moved to adjourn until Monday morning, 10 o'clock. Lost, ayes 12, nays 30.

Mr. Paddock, moved to reconsider the vote. Mr. Morton, moved to lay that on the table. Carried.

Mr. Poppleton, moved to adjourn until Monday morning at quarter past 11 o'clock, ayes and nays demanded, which resulted as follows: ayes 12, nays 20.

Mr. Steinberger moved to adjourn until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock. Lost.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the House took a recess until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION. House File No 47, an act for Stay of execution in Justice courts. Read the second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

H F No 38, an act assigning Judicial Districts, of Supreme Court to respective Judges, &c.

H F No 9, an act to establish a Territorial Road, from Elkhorn City to Rock Port. Also H F No 16, a bill to establish a Territorial Road from Tekamah to Fontenelle, report of the committee adopted, and the bill passed.

Council Bill No 9 an act to incorporate the town of Greggport, was taken up. On motion of Mr. Morton, it was ordered back to the committee on engrossment.

C B No 14 an act to incorporate the University of Nebraska. Read the second time. On motion of Mr. Strickland, the bill was read the third time by its title. Passed and the title agreed to.

C B No 3 an act to incorporate the town of Omadi in Dakota county; referred to the committee on Corporations.

An act relating to Mechanics Liens; passed.

A memorial and joint resolution for a daily mail from Iowa City, Iowa to the City of Omaha, N T; passed and title agreed to.

Memorial and joint resolution relative to a new Survey district, for the Territory of Nebraska, passed.

A bill relative to new counties, and alteration of county lines, referred to committee on county seats &c.

An act to provide for the erection of Court House and Jail in Otoe county N T.

A bill to establish a Toll Bridge or Ferry across the Loup Fork of the Platte River at the town of Monroe in Monroe county.

The joint resolution relative to the Delegate in Congress was then taken up.

Mr. Poppleton, moved to post-pone, lost 13 to 19.

Mr. Strickland moved to lay Mr. Steinberger's amendment on the table, carried, 19 to 14.

Mr. Armstrong, offered an amendment to Mr. Strickland's motion, lost.

Mr. Crawford, offered an amendment or a substitute to the resolution now pending; it was ruled out of order.

Mr. Holloway, moved previous question. Speaker decided that no debate would be allowed on previous question. An appeal was taken, which resulted as follows: ayes 23, nays 9, the decision of the chair was sustained.

Mr. Poppleton, moved a reconsideration of the vote; ruled out of order.

Armstrong, moved to lay the main question on the table; ruled out of order.

The question now being "Shall the main question be now put?"

The ayes and nays were demanded and resulted as follows, ayes 20 nays 11.

Mr. Poppleton, moved a reconsideration; ruled out of order.

The resolution now passed, 21 to 12.

On motion the preamble was adopted.

Mr. Poppleton, moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; lost, 19 to 10.

On motion the House adjourned.

Joint Resolutions. To the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.

Whereas, the Hon. B. B. Chapman is contesting the right of Hon. Fenner Ferguson to his seat in your body as Delegate from the Territory of Nebraska, and believing it to be a duty devolving upon us, as Representatives of the people, to advise your Honorable body of their wishes and sympathies in the premises.

Therefore be it Resolved by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Nebraska; That a very large majority of the people of the Territory of Nebraska believe that the Hon. Fenner Ferguson was fairly and legally elected Delegate from the Territory of Nebraska. Consequently, they will be slow to believe that efforts from any source will avail anything to deprive them of the Representative of their choice, and a Representative in whose capacity, integrity, fidelity and incorruptibility they have the fullest confidence.

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2nd. That the whole people of the Territory indignantly repel the foul aspersions attempted to be cast upon the character of the late Chief Justice of the Territory, the present Delegate elect, charging in effect, perjury, under the pre-emption laws of the United States, knowing, as they do, that such charges and aspersions are maliciously false, and entirely unfounded, coming from what source they may, and they cannot but believe that such slanderous and libelous charges have been made in the hope or expectation that the right of the Delegate elect to his seat would be prejudiced thereby.

3rd. The foregoing Preamble and Resolutions shall be signed by the President of the Council and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, certified to by the Clerks of each body, and a copy of the same be forwarded by said Clerks to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, Hon. Fenner Ferguson, and Hon. B. B. Chapman.

Local & Territorial. The young men of this City have organized a Debating Society, to be called the Sarpy County Lyceum. Their next meeting will be on Monday evening, Dec. 28th. The subject to be discussed, is "Would the acquisition of Cuba, be beneficial to the United States."

A public school has been opened at the School House, in this City.

A KNOWING DOG.—Our worthy Post Master, L. B. Kinney, owns a dog named Bose, whose sagacity often shows that he is not to be foiled in his pursuit of game under difficulties. A few days ago he was observed to leave the house and commence digging in the earth near by. He continued till he reached a rat hole, and finally came upon an old rat which he immediately dispatched. He continued to dig awhile longer, till the earth became so hard that further progress appeared difficult. Not being satisfied to give up, he deliberately walked into the house, and seized a kitten by the back, and carried her to the mouth of the hole where he had left off digging. The kitten on being released, crawled into the hole and caught four young rats. This seemed to gratify Bose, who walked off with that triumphant air, that always attends success.

THE SCHOOL MASTER HAS ARRIVED.—We received the following communication from "uncle Bill," which we publish verbatim et literatim:—

Belleuve December 21st

Mr Editor as there has bin so much said a bouthe the Lades and Batchlers of Nebraska allow me to say a few wordes on bothe thre your spicey paper the Batchlors ascotiation known as the platonian holdes thare rugelar metugs once every weeke the last meeting was ruther a funey afare for surin as thare were a ball next Doore on the same evening many of oure Batchler frends absconded but that wood not anser thare was acomity apointed to areest them forth with which was done when brote before the council thay Looked giltey and quite sore fore they knew thay hade broke the Laws as Lade downe in the order the Judge Laved A fine on them which was paid ruther reluctantly by the bereaved party

now frends and Batch Lors take warning by this to obey the Laws and never gow A misse

yours uncle Bill

now all of yow old Batchlors of urth every mothers sone of Eves fare Burth

Notice to Lete or to Leese fore the turn of life A Boutful yung Maide in the way of wife she yung and handsome spry and tall for further particulars enquire of all

Gracious! uncle Bill! what do you call that? Phonetics? or are you sick? We should naturally infer that you are laboring under a constitutional weakness of the brain; or else at an early period of youth, you inadvertently swallowed the "Elementary Spelling Book," at one gulp, and it has not yet operated. Were we to prescribe in your case, we should recommend numerous lessons in "abs," and if you are successful in reaching "dog," at the end of the first six months, you might, with safety, add "Mother Goose," to your studies.

We are indebted to Mr. Pike, for a fine lot of apples. We hope that Mr. Pike "will do so some more."

A VALUABLE DISCOVERY.—From the Hon. John M. Taggart, Representative from Dodge county, in our Legislature, we learn that large quantities of Peat, have been discovered in the Platte Valley, extending from North Bend, westward several miles.

A division of Dakota County, is proposed by the citizens of the northern part of that County.

Judge Wakely lectured at Omaha, last evening, before the Library Association. Subject, "Thoughts on the American Government."

ANOTHER OMAHA SWINDLE.—The merchants of Omaha now refuse to take three cent coins for five cents; but will take them for two and a half cents.

MAHRIE ID. On the 16th inst. at the house of the bride's father, by Stephen D. Bangs Esq, of this city, William Frank to Abiah Lucy Fisher, both of Sarpy county.

Tho' money's scarce and credit's rare, Old Bachelors need not despair; For true affection always claims, That Ladies still should change their names.

BELLEVEU MARKET. Corrected weekly by CLARKE & BROTHERS, Forwarding and Com. Merchants.

Flour—Family, \$4.75 per 98 lbs " Extra Superfine, \$5.25 00 " Fine, \$4.50

Meal—\$2.50 per 100 lbs. Apples—Green, \$6.00 Dried, \$3.50. Peaches " 4.00. Butter—New 40 to 50 c 7 1/2 do Old packed, 25 to 30c 7 1/2

Beans—\$4.50 7 1/2 bush. Corn—60 7 1/2 bush. Oats—30c

Beef—5 to 6c. Dried Beef—20c per lb. Salt—G. A., per sack, \$3.50. Eggs—35c 7 1/2 doz

Hides—Dry, 6c do Green, 2 1-2 Hay—\$4.00 @ \$6.00 7 1/2 tun Bran—30 cents per bush.

Pork—Fresh, \$5 per hun. Lard—18 c 7 1/2 do Onions—\$3.50 7 1/2 bush. Potatoes—50c

Pelts—Sheep 50c do Cotton 25c Wood—Cottonwood, 3.50, Hard, 5.00. Lumber—Cottonwood sheat'g 25 7 1/2 m

" do sq. edged 300 00 " do Oak, Walnut, Basswood \$45 00 do Pine siding, clear \$55 00 7 1/2 m do Flooring 24 1st \$75 00

Boards, 500 @ \$75 00 Shingles—Pine \$3 50 @ \$9 50 7 1/2 m. Cottonwood \$5 00

Lath—Pine \$12