

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

U. S. SENATE—SPECIAL SESSION.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 13, 1873.

The Secretary of the Senate laid before that body a letter from Vice-President Wilson, addressed to him (the Secretary), saying that as he designed being absent from the city to-day and to-morrow, he would not be able to occupy the chair.

Mr. ANTHONY (Rep. R.) offered a resolution, which was adopted, that Hon. Matthew H. Carpenter (Rep. Wis.) in the absence of the Vice-President, act as President of the Senate.

Mr. CARPENTER having taken the chair, thanked the Senate for the honor just conferred upon him. The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the bill for the relief of the estate of the late Mrs. J. B. Caldwell.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

On motion of Mr. ANTHONY, the Senate proceeded to the election of the standing committees, as follows: Republicans in Roman, Liberal Republicans in small capitals, and Democrats in italics:

- STANDING COMMITTEES. Finance and Accounts: Messrs. Carpenter, Johnson, and Johnson. Commerce: Messrs. Johnson, Johnson, and Johnson.

ASSEMBLY.

On motion of Mr. HILLYER, the bill to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the County of Richmond till the 15th of June was passed.

On motion of Mr. WRIGHT, the bill to authorize the Town of Pelham to purchase a bridge over the City of Pelham was passed.

BILLS PASSED.

To incorporate the Governor's Work Company. To amend the act in relation to the City of Saratoga to provide for paying the salaries of the Village of Saratoga.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION.

ALBANY, March 12.—The Constitutional Commission to-day adopted an amendment to the Constitution, to read as follows: "The number of members of the Senate shall be increased to twenty-four."

THE REPORTS FOR THE PRESS.

Mr. ANTHONY offered the following resolution, which was agreed to: "That it shall be the duty of the Committee on Rules to make and publish a report on the subject of the press."

MR. LOGAN DEFENDS MR. CALDWELL.

Mr. LOGAN (Rep., Ill.) argued that the election of Senator Caldwell (Rep., Kansas) was an act of the Legislature, which the Senate, as decided by the court, could not set aside.

CHARITABLE WORK.

The St. Francis Hospital, situated at No. 609 Fifth-st., though only established a few years, already occupies a prominent position among the benevolent institutions of the kind.

A MUNICIPAL GIFT.

BALTIMORE, March 12.—J. S. Hopkins, the well known millionaire of this city, donated to trustees a short time since, 12 acres of land, bounded by Wolfe, Monument, Broadway, and Jefferson-sts.

MURDERER'S CHANCES IN ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Application was made, yesterday, by the counsel for Osborne, the murderer of Mrs. Matthews, at Yates City, Ill., to Chief-Justice Walker and Justice Walker of the Supreme Court.

THIRD-AVE. RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

A bill was introduced in the Assembly at Albany, a few days ago, authorizing the Third-Ave. Railroad Company to extend their tracks along Forty-second-st. to Fourth-st. Robert Squires, President of the Company, told a Tribune reporter that this was for the purpose of avoiding the heavy grade in Lexington-ave.

THE PACIFIC RAILROADS.

On motion of Mr. CARPENTER (Rep., N. Y.), it was resolved to refer the Committee on the Judiciary to the report of the Committee on the Pacific Railroad Commission.

STATE LEGISLATION.

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particulars: The proposed canal, beginning at the foot of Fifteenth or Sixteenth-st., Hoboken, will run in a westerly direction to the foot of the hill west of the city, thence along the base of the hill to Newark-ave., where it will either unite with the proposed Jersey City Canal, or branch off to the westward, and terminate in the Hudson River, near the foot of the hill.

SANITARY LAWS VIOLATED.

MELTING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH—FILTHY CELLARS INSPECTED—THE FAT-RENDERING BUSINESS REVENUED. The Board of Health met yesterday. A protest of property owners around Reservoir-square Park against the sanitary wrong of building an armory in the park for the 7th Regiment was reported upon by the Sanitary Committee.

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THE COURTS.

FEDERAL CRIMINAL PRACTICE.

The first term of the recently created Criminal Court for the Southern District of New York, Judge Benedict presiding, began yesterday. The twelve Grand Jurors who were impaneled were extended till next Monday to give time to increase their number to 24, or at least to 18. Among the Grand Jurors summoned were several non-residents, and one dead man.

THE COBBES MURDER TRIAL.

The trial of Charles Cobbes, who is charged with stabbing and killing John Dorn in a Duane-st. lazier beer saloon several months ago while the latter was interining to prevent a fight between him and another man, was begun yesterday before Judge Brady in the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

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Situations Wanted—Females.

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