

Mr. Butters moved that the further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, except the report on shinplaster circulation, which the Clerk proceeded to read.

The Clerk read the following Communication :

ST. ANTHONY, Minn. Ter. Feb. 27, 1858.

Hon. James B. Wakefield :

DEAR SIR : By letters recently received from Illinois, I find that it becomes absolutely necessary for me to leave immediately for that State to transact business matters connected with the estate of my deceased father.

Therefore, I am forced to request you to ask leave of absence for me of the House of Representatives for thirty days. You will have the kindness to say in my name, that for the past days during which I have absented myself from the sitting of the House, I do not desire or expect my per diem, or for any time I may be absent hereafter, and hope the House will take action accordingly.

Very respectfully yours,

L. C. WALKER.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Walker.

Mr. Tattersall from the Committee to whom was referred H. F. No. 180, submitted the following report :

To the Honorable the House of Representatives:

Your Committee to whom was referred House Bill No. 180, beg leave to make the following report:

We have had the above bill under consideration, and we cannot see any good or valid reason for the establishment of the County of "Zumbro," at the present time. Your Committee are convinced that it would be against the wishes of a large majority of the people of the three counties interested to have a new county, formed according to the programme laid down by the good people of Pine Island. And we therefore most respectfully refer the above bill back to the House, with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. R. TATTERSALL,
J. BURGESS,
E. ALLEN POWER,
HANS HANSON,
H. L. BEVANS,
THOS. A. THOMPSON,
N. S. TEFFT,
SAM. LORD,

} Committee.

Mr. Libbey from the same Committee submitted the minority report:

The Committee to whom was referred House Bill No. 180, a bill to establish the County of Zumbro, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

That inasmuch as petitions numerously signed by the people of the

Mr. Otis, from the Select Committee on State Seal, presented a bill and on motion of Mr. Keith, the Rules were suspended, and the bill read a second time.

Mr. Poehler from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as being correctly engrossed:

Bill No. 255, for an Act to incorporate the city of Hastings and to repeal a former Charter.

Mr. Cruttenden, from the Committee on Incorporations, submitted the following report:

The Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred S. F. No. 130, a Bill to incorporate the Town of Neenah, report the same back and recommend its passage.

J. D. CRUTTENDEN, Chairman.

Mr. Atkinson gave notice that on to-morrow or some future day he would introduce a Bill to incorporate the town of Somerville.

Upon motion of Mr. Pierce, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the special order of the day, (the reports of the Conference Committee on the Homestead Bill.)

Mr. Pierce in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and by their Chairman recommended that the reports and bill be re-referred to the Conference Committee.

The report of the Committee was adopted, and the reports and Bill disposed of accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Sheetz, Mr. Balcombe was appointed upon the Conference Committee, in the place of Mr. Bearce, absent.

H. F. No. 279, an Act for the protection of Laborers on Rail Roads and works of other incorporated Companies, was read the second time.

Mr. Talbot presented the credentials of Hon. J. S. Demmon, member elect from Hennepin County, in place of T. C. Walker, resigned, which were read.

Mr. Demmon then came forward and took and subscribed to the oath of office.

H. F. No. 280, an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the laying out of certain Territorial Roads in the State of Minnesota, approved February 27, 1855, was read the second time.

H. F. No. 282, an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the town of La Crescent, was read the second time.

H. F. No. 255, an Act to incorporate the City of Hastings, and to repeal a former charter, was read a third time and put upon its passage.

And the yeas and nays being ordered, there were yeas 45, nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. Atkinson, Bacon, Balcombe, Bevans, Bray, Burgess, Butters, Cruttenden, Decow, Demmon, Foster, Gaskill, Gibson, Graham, Hanson, Hinkley, Heyd, S. R. Johnson, Kibler, Kingsley, Libbey, Locke, Lord, Lyle, Masters, M'Grorty, Otis, Parker, Peckham, Pierce, Poehler, Rauch, Rehfeld, Scofield, Seeley, Stevens, Tattersall, Talbot, Tefft, M. Thompson, Townsend, Tuttle, Wakefield, Way, and Willson.

So the Bill passed, and the title was agreed.

The Private Secretary of His Excellency the Governor appeared and delivered the following message :