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Asst. Enrolling Clerk and Postmaster—H. B. Corey.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Washington Peirce.

Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms—Henry Gerdson.

Chaplain—M. N. Adams.

Mr. Middleton offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the chairs and desks in this hall be allotted to members in the following manner, viz.:

The Clerk of the House shall prepare slips each containing the name of some member of the House, until all the names of all the members are included ; that he then place all the said slips in a hat or a box, shaking the same thoroughly ; that he then draw therefrom one of said slips, and the member whose name is on the slip so drawn, shall choose for himself a seat on the floor, and that such drawing and selection of seats be continued until all slips and names are drawn.

The clerk having prepared the list of members in accordance with the resolution, the House resolved itself into the committee of the whole for the drawing of seats.

Mr. Gilman in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee arose.

Mr. Pettit offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to confer with a similar committee from the Senate to agree upon a time and place for both Houses of the Legislature to meet in joint convention for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the last general election for State officers, judges, and for constitutional amendments.

#### NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Stevens :—A bill to appropriate money to enable the Centennial State Board of Minnesota to properly exhibit the resources and products of the State at the Industrial Exposition, at Philadelphia, during the present year.

→ The Speaker announced that the evidence in the contested election case of Mathias Seibenaller vs. Chas. A. Baker had been filed with the Chief Clerk, as required by law.

On motion of Mr. James, the House adjourned.

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H. F. No. 24, A bill to authorize the corporate authorities of the village of Moorhead to issue bonds for the construction of a wagon bridge across the Red river at Moorhead, in Clay county,

Which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on towns and counties.

By Mr. Hall, on leave—

H. F. No. 25, An act to appropriate money to build a bridge over three mile creek, in the town of Camp, Renville county,

Which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

By Mr. Wait, on leave—

H. F. No. 26, A bill to amend section 79, of chapter 5, of the general laws of 1875, being an act to amend chapter 1 of the general laws of 1874, the same being an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes,

Which was read the first time, and referred to the committee on taxes and tax laws.

#### FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS.

S. F. No. 20, A bill to authorize the borough of Le Sueur, in the county of Le Sueur, to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge across the Minnesota river,

Was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Burgess, the rules were suspended, and—

H. F. No. 20 was read the second and third times, and put upon its final passage.

The question being taken on the passage of the bill, there were yeas 93, and nays none, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Akins, Allen, Anderson, Andrus, Baker, Bassett, Bennett, Boyum, Brokken, Brawley, Brink, Burgess, Callender, Chase, Clark, Cleary, Comstock, Conrad, Covert, Curtis, Cutts, Deming, Denny, Diley, Drew, Dunbar, Earl, Erickson, Frederick, Gerlich, Gibbs, Gilfillan, Gish, Gleason, Good, Gorton, Goulet, Grant, Greening, Grover, Hall, Hensley, Hunt, Jacobson, James, Jones, Kitchel, Klosterman, Kruger, Lamb, Lunkenheimer, Marston, Middleton, More, Morse, Mott, Murray H., Murray W. R., Nelson, Noble, Norrish, Northrup, Onstine, Osborne, Pettit, Plaisance, Potter, Rathbun, Reid, Richter, Robbins, Ryan, Sheeley, Skinner, Sons, Southard, Stevens, Stinchfield, Stone, Stowe, Sullivan, Tirrell, Tunell, Wait, Walrath, Warner, Webb, Webber, Wedge, Westman, White, Whitney, and Mr. Speaker.

So the bill was passed, and its title agreed to.

#### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS.

H. F. No. 16 was read the second time.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Nelson, until Tuesday next.

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

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. by the Speaker.

A quorum present.

The Speaker stated that the special order for this hour, was the contested election case from the 20th senatorial district, in Dakota county, wherein Mathias Siebenaler is contestant, and Chas. A. Baker is respondent.

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The names of the parties being called, C. K. Davis, Esq., appeared as counsel for the contestant, and W. W. Erwin, Esq., appeared as counsel for the respondent.

Mr. Gilfillan offered the affidavit of J. W. Gibbons, one of the Justices of the Peace, who took the testimony in said case, stating that at the instance and request of C. D. O'Brien, one of the contestant's counsel, the testimony in said case was sent to Messrs. Davis, O'Brien & Wilson, St. Paul, Minn.

C. K. Davis, as counsel for the contestant, opened the case by argument.

W. W. Erwin responded.

The clerk then proceeded with the reading of the testimony.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the contested election case of Siebenaler vs. Baker was made the special order for Saturday, the 15th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion of Mr. Reid, the House adjourned.

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## NINTH DAY.

SAINT PAUL, Saturday, January 15, 1876.

The House met at the usual hour, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll being called, the following members were found to be absent:

Messrs. Allen, Brawley, Burnap, Clark, Covert, Crooks, Dunbar, Grant, Nelson, Stanchfield, Walrath, and Wedge.

On motion of Mr. James, no objection being made, the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

Corrections being made, the Speaker stated that the journal stood approved.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Allen, Clark, Stevens, Hulebak and Murray W. R., until Tuesday next.

The Speaker stated that the special order for this hour, was the contested election case of Siebenaler vs. Baker.

Mr. Erwin, counsel for respondent, claimed the right to close the argument in the case.

Mr. Davis, counsel for contestant, objected.

The question being put by the Speaker,

The House decided that the contestant had the closing argument.

W. W. Erwin, Esq., counsel for respondent, presented his arguments.

After which, C. K. Davis, Esq., counsel for contestant, presented his arguments.

Mr. Gilfillan offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Mr. Baker is entitled to his seat as a member of this House.

Mr. Morse offered the following as a substitute : Resolved, That Mr. Siebenaler is, and that C. A. Baker is not entitled to a seat in this House as Representative from the twentieth legislative district.

The question being taken upon the substitute offered by Mr. Morse, It was adopted,

Mr. Siebenaler then came forward, took the oath of office, and took his seat as a member of the House.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Bennett, until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the House adjourned until Monday, the 17th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

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## TENTH DAY.

SAINT PAUL, Monday, January 17, 1876.

The House met at the usual hour, and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The roll being called, the following members were found to be absent:

Messrs. Akins, Allen, Bennett, Burnap, Campbell, Clark, Crooks, Dunbar, Gilman, Hulebak, Kitchel, Middleton, Morse, Murray W. R., Nelson, Noble, Norrish, Pettit, Stanchfield and Walrath.

On motion of Mr. Mellen, no objection being made, the reading of Saturday's journal was dispensed with.

Corrections being made, the Speaker stated that the journal stood approved.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Akins, Norrish, and Walrath, until to-morrow at 12 M.

## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

By Mr. Mullen, for change of name of John Brofey,  
Was read, and referred to the committee on judiciary.