

works in opposition to the measure, and called for the yeas and nays. The question was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted in the adoption of the resolution by a vote of 96 to 90. The house then, at 2 o'clock, adjourned till Monday.

The New Orleans Courier, of the 17th ult., says:—*Domingo Jose dos Santos*, a native of Portugal, was yesterday committed to prison by the District court of the United States on charge of piracy. It is alleged that he was part owner and supercargo of a large corvette under Spanish colors, called the *Sultana*, mounting 240 guns, manned with eighty men, and that an American brig from Boston and a Portuguese ship, were taken and destroyed by the *Sultana*, on the coast of Africa, a few months since. The *Sultana* arrived at Trinidad de Cuba about the 18th of September, having previously discharged on the neighboring coast, a cargo of slaves.

THE ORIGIN OF LIFE AND DEATH.

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A sed iend rought eath ease nia
bles ir b hr and ag

N.B. The second or middle line is to be read with the first and third, viz:—
A cursed friend wrought death, disease and pain;
A blessed friend brought breath and ease again.

THE BREVITY OF LIFE.

Man's life's a vapour,
And full of woes;
He cuts a caper,
And down he goes.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

A convention to take into consideration the practicability and expediency of promotion internal improvement in the State of Georgia, from its own resources, has recently been held at Eatonton. The sittings commenced on the 26th September. Thirty-two counties were represented by delegates, and the hon. Thomas Stocks was appointed President, and Wm. T. Myers, Sampson W. Harris, and Wm. Wilkins, Jr., Regrs., secretaries. The following resolutions were adopted:

1st resolution. This convention earnestly recommended a system of internal improvement, to the patronage of the State.

2d Resolution. The convention recommends that the legislature authorize the Governor to employ a competent Engineer or Engineers, to make a minute and careful survey of the principal lines of commercial communication in the state, with reference to their fitness for rail roads, turnpikes or canals, and to diffuse among our fellow citizens generally the topographical information thus obtained.

3d Resolution. The convention recommends for survey the following lines:

1st. That from Savannah to Augusta, thence to Eatonton, and thence in a westwardly direction to the Chattohoochie.

2d. The line from Savannah to Macon, and thence to Columbus, and a line connecting Milledgeville with that route.

3d. The line from Savannah to the head of navigation on Flint River, and thence to Columbus.

4th. The line from Augusta to Athens, and thence in the most advisable direction towards the northwestern boundary of the State; together with any other line or lines, which may afford the prospect of important commercial advantages.

4th Resolution. If the State is disinclined to undertake with her own resources those improvements, the convention recommends that, by subscriptions for stock, loans, or other pecuniary aid, she co-operate with such companies as may be chartered for the purpose of improving the whole or part of any of the routes above mentioned.

On the 29th the convention adjourned sine die.

The Cholera.—It is worthy of remark, that the word occurs in two passages of the Bible, both in Ecclesiasticus, and in both places in connection with directions and exhortations to a sober and temperate mode of living, which is still recommended as the best preservative against this disorder.—*Literary Gazette*.

A gentleman in New York whose family has made sad inroads upon his fortune by following the rapid changes of the style of dress, has requested the editors of the *Courier and Enquirer* to suggest the expediency of holding a convention twice a year, to regulate the fashions; so that a lady's frock, which may be considered *exquisite* in June, may not be called *horrible* in July.

Not many years ago a man appeared in court, whether as plaintiff, defendant, or witness, tradition does not inform us. Be that as it may, the following dialogue ensued:

Court.—What is your name, sir?

Answer.—My name is Knott Martin, your honor.

C.—Well, what is it?

A.—It is Knott Martin.

C.—Not Martin, again. We don't know what your name is, but what it is. No attempt of court, sir.

A.—If your honor will give me leave, I will say name.

C.—Well, spell it.

A.—K is a double t, Knott, in a t, man, in, tin, Maria—Knott Martin.

Legislature.

IN SESSION.

December 10.

Mr. Pollock presented the petition of Ellinwell and others of Dearborn and Ripley counties, praying the incorporation of a company for the erection of a bridge over Laughery creek, which was referred to the committee on canals. A petition was presented by Mr. Seering from Mr. Robinson and others, praying the incorporation of a rail road company, for the extension of a rail road from Madison to Indianapolis, and thence to some convenient point on the contemplated Wabash and Erie canal, which motion of Mr. Seering, was referred to the committee on canals, &c.

On motion of Mr. Pennington.

Resolved. That a committee be appointed to draft a memorial to congress, praying that a copy issue to all persons who did not avail themselves of the last relief laws, whose lands have been forfeited.

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Pennington, Lemon and Dumont, were appointed said committee.

Mr. Herod introduced a resolution instructing the judiciary committee to enquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the 57th section of the crime and punishment act, as makes it penal for tavern keepers to fail for one whole day in keeping up a list of their tavern rates, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Whitcomb.

Resolved. That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the law, as to require but four terms of each probate court, to be held in the months of February, May, August and November, each term to consist of — days, should the business require it.

Mr. Farrington moved for the consideration of the senate, the following resolution:

Resolved. That the judiciary committee be instructed to enquire into the expediency of so amending the act regulating "the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace," approved February 10, 1831, as to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in cases where executors or administrators are plaintiffs, under the same restrictions and limitations as are provided in said act in civil cases, for parties suing or being sued in their own right.

December 12.

Petitions presented by Mr. Long, from Lewis Tresser and others of Hamilton county, praying the location of a certain road therein named; referred to a select committee of Messrs. Long, Clark and Fletcher; by Mr. Morgan of James M. Ross and others for the location of a state road therein named; by Mr. Long, praying the location of a road from Greensburg to Logansport, which was referred to the select committee on the first named petition. On motion, Mr. Hendricks was added to said committee.

Mr. Worth, from the select committee to

which was referred the petition of sundry citizens, praying the formation of a new county,

reported a bill on that subject, which was read and ordered to a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Lomax, from the committee to which

was referred the petition of Hugh Murphy and others, reported a joint resolution for the removal of the pension office, which was ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Mr. Depayne presented the following resolution:

Resolved. That the standing committee on elections be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending the law regulating general elections, so as to require clerks to make out triplicate certificate returns of the votes given in their respective counties, for governor and lieutenant governor, one of which returns to be directed to the secretary of state, one to the speaker of the house of representatives and to the care of said secretary, both to be transmitted to him by mail, the third to be directed to the speaker of the house of representatives, and to be handed to some senator or representative, as now directed by law, which was read and adopted.

Mr. Whitcomb offered for the consideration of the senate, the following resolution:

Resolved. That a special committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of providing by law, for the mode of descent of the real and personal estate of Indians within this state.

Mr. Ewing moved to amend it, by inserting after the word "Indians," the following—"as far as the real estate be legally ascertained to be individual property, acquired by treaty or stipulation," which amendment being adopted, motion of Mr. McCarty the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Herod offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That the judiciary committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the several circuit courts to hold three terms of said courts each year, and to transfer the jurisdiction of probate business to said circuit courts.

Mr. Graham moved to strike out all that part which requires the transfer of the probate business to the circuit courts, which motion being decided in the negative, the resolution was laid on the table.

December 13.

Mr. Pollock presented the petition of Messrs. Hawkes and others, praying the formation of a new county, to be composed of the fraction-

of townships in which the town of Rising Sun is, good citizens of this state as it regards the place, situated, referred to a select committee, composed of Messrs. Pollock, Dumont and McCarty.

Resolved. That the committee of ways and means be instructed to take the same under consideration, and if they find just cause of complaint, report to this house a bill equalizing, as near as can be under the present circumstances, the burthen of the same.

Which, after an unsuccessful motion to lay it on the table, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Cully.

Resolved. That the committee on the judiciary be requested to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill amendatory of the probate laws, and fixing the length of time the courts shall be held in each county.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution, which was not adopted:

Resolved. That the committee on military affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of revising the 34th section of the law original to congress for the relief of persons whose lands have become forfeited, which was read so as to permit the organization of volunteer corps to any extent without any reference to the diminution of the companies from which they are taken.

Mr. Cravens opposed the adoption of this, and he would be opposed to all similar resolutions. He was in favor of the reference of the whole system to the committee on military affairs, but he was opposed to referring it in detached items.

After a few remarks from Mr. Davis in support of the resolution, the question was taken on its adoption and decided in the negative.

Mr. Hite offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved. That the committee on military affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act to organize and regulate the militia of the state of Indiana, as to give it the duty of commandants of companies

to give to each private under his command a place

for men of law his instruments have made. His doves are stock doves, and no notes have

place

In his regard, except the note of base. Lord of the treasury, Master of the Mint, This is our Cupid;—ladies take the hint. In short a money loving god is he, Cal'd by his votaries—*Cupidity*:

THE MODERN CUPID.

He rests on violent banks no longer limb.

The bank of Englang is the bank for him;

But bullion is the golden beast he guides,

He takes no cold by midnight serenades.

For men of law his instruments have made.

His doves are stock doves, and no notes have

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