

WEEKLY ERA.

LEGISLATIVE.

SENATE.

MONDAY, Dec. 22, 1873.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, Lieut. Gov. Brogden in the chair. On motion of Mr. Dunham, the rules were suspended and the bill to incorporate the Ladies' Memorial Association of Washington, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Reports from Standing Committees were submitted by Messrs. Dunham, from Engrossed bills, and Avera, from Enrolled bills.

Introductions of Resolutions.

By Mr. Avera:

WHEREAS, our worthy President is now upon the threshold of three score years and ten, and whereas delays are dangerous; therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that our bachelor President should leave some representative to perpetuate his name, and after listening so attentively to the able lecture of Dr. Edwards on the subject of a wife, he should not remain longer in a state of single blessedness.

Resolved further, That our President should select a wife possessing in addition to other charms plenty of poetical genius.

The President ruled the resolution out of order, as being decidedly personal in its nature.

Mr. Seymour was of the opinion that the resolution was eminently proper inasmuch as the Senate journal of 1868 reported the President as voting alone against a bill to form "a limited copartnership," etc., etc.

There being no other business before the Senate, Mr. Seymour moved that the Senate now adjourn till the 12th of January.

Lt. Governor Brogden, after putting the vote, said:—

SENATORS:—As we are now about to separate as a legislative body until after the Christmas holidays, it only remains for me to wish you the enjoyment of good health and a happy Christmas at home with your families and friends. Christmas is said to be the day of the nativity of our Saviour, and therefore its annual return is singularly welcomed as a day of unusual joy and happiness. It is a day hallowed by our traditions on account of that most glorious and wonderful event when the morning stars sang together and the children of God shouted for joy.

In the temperate and delightful climate, in Bethlehem of Judaea, about 1873 years ago, according to our computation of time, while the shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks by night, the angel of the Lord shone round about them, and said unto them, "fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people;" and suddenly there appeared a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "On earth peace, good will toward men."

It seems to be peculiarly appropriate at this eventful season, when the fruits and products of the earth have been garnered, to cultivate and cherish a spirit of friendship, good will and charity for all.

Let us forgive and forget the unworthy bickerings of the past, and indulge and cherish patriotic and laudable hopes and aspirations for the common good of our common country.

Your legislative acts, Senators, may be somewhat likened to the parable of the sower, who went out to sow seed; and some fell by the way side, and were devoured by the fowls of the air; some fell on stony ground, and were scorched by the sun, and withered away; some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them, and they yielded no fruit. But the seed which fell on good ground, sprang up and increased and brought forth abundantly. So may it be with your legislation.

Senators, I again wish you a safe return to your respective homes.

This Senate stands adjourned until 12 o'clock on the 12th day of January next.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House was called to order at 11 o'clock, a. m., Mr. Speaker Robinson in the Chair.

The reading of the Journal of Saturday was, on motion of Mr. Jones of Caldwell, postponed until the 12th of January, 1874.

Mr. Gilbert, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted a report.

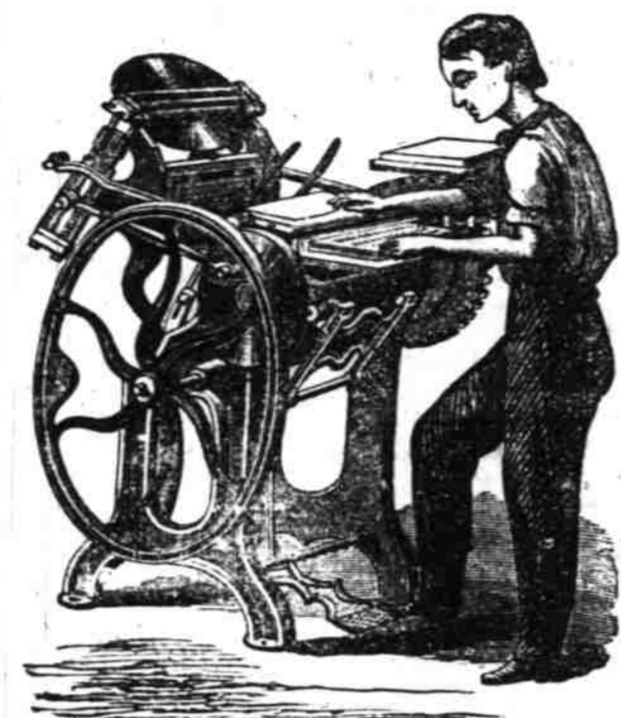
A message was received from the Senate announcing the concurrence of that body in the House amendments to the bill to amend chapter 19, laws of 1872-'73.

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:—The hour for our temporary separation has arrived. I desire to express my appreciation of the kindness you have again shown me as your presiding officer, and the aid afforded me in the dispatch of public business. I hope, gentlemen, you may have a safe trip to your respective homes where you will find comfort and happiness during the approaching holidays, and to find you promptly in your places in this House on the 12th of January next.

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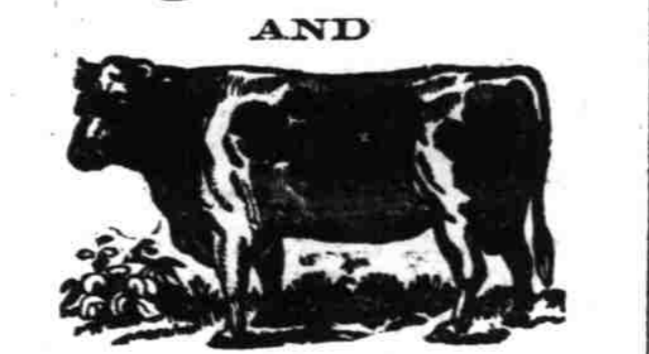
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