FORTIETH CONGRESS.
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1869.

IN SENATE.

Mr STEWART, from the majority of the Committee on the Pacific Railroad, submitted a report in opposition to the views of the minority of the Committee, published yesterday morning.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to repeal the act fixing the headquarters of the General of the army at Washington, requiring all orders of the Prec dent and Secretary of War to be issued by him; and in case of his inability, by the next in rank; and directing that no officer shall be relieved from command or assigned to duty elsewhere, except at his request, without the approval of the Senate; and that all contrary orders shall be void and void.

Mr ANTHONY, from the Joint Committee on Printing, reported two joint resolutions; the first providing for the reprinting and publication of the Congressional Directory of the Congressional Printer and the second authorizing the committee to contract for their reporting and publication by John T Crosby, in accordance with the proposals submitted by him: *Provided*, That in case the committee are unable to conclude a contract with Mr. Crosby, or he shall fail to fulfil his contract, they may be authorized to take the debates reported and printed under the direction of the Congressional Printer

Mr POMEROY introduced a bill to abolish and forever prohibit slavery in New Mexico

Mr WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill for sale of the Hot Springs reservation in Arkansas.

Mr TRUMBULL, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to amend the judicial system of the United States and establish the Circuit, District, and Criminal Courts of the District of Columbia, to be terms and acts of the Supreme Court of the District.

The amendments consist of additional sections, providing for the appointment of an additional associate judge for said district, fixing the salaries of the judges, that in case of the four of the justices, the court shall be equally divided in opinion, either party in the cause may demand a rehearing before the first Monday in the next ensuing term; that the Orphans' Court shall be exercised by a justice holding a special term of the Supreme Court for that purpose.

Mr POMEROY from the Committee on Public Lands, reported, with amendment, the bill amendatory of the act of July 27, 1868 relating to fractions of agricultural college grants, and reported the bill provided for by the act which shall be received from actual settlers in payment of pre-emption claims, and in the same manner as now authorized by law in cases of military bounty land warrants.

Also, adversely on House bill to declare forfeited to the United States certain lands granted to aid in the construction of railroads in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida.

Mr BAYARD from the Committee on Patents, reported adversely on the bill to repeal the sixteenth section of the act of March 2, 1861, relating to patents for inventions and discoveries previously patented abroad.

Mr OSBORNE, from the same committee reported adversely against the petition of H L Emery, of New York, for a renewal of patent for his improvement in steam-boilers.

Mr TIPTON introduced a bill granting the right of way and lands in aid of the Denver Pacific and Kansas Pacific railroads. Referred to the Committee on Pacific Railroads.

Mr WILSON introduced a bill continuing the Educational and Collection Departments of the Freedmen's Bureau until otherwise provided by Congress; and continuing the Freedmen's hospitals at Washington, Richmond, and other points until next July. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. HOWARD, (who stated that during the short remainder of the session he could not devote the time to act upon them,) the Committee on Pacific Railroads were discharged from the further consideration of the bills in relation to the Pacific railroad authorizing the Southern Pacific of Texas; the Union Pacific, Southern Branch, the Leavenworth, Kansas and Gulfpines, the Lake Superior and Sioux City, the Sioux City and Pacific, the Sioux City and Pacific, and Puget Sound, the International Pacific, (from Cairo to the Rio Grande) the Atlantic and California, (35 parallel line) and the Memphis, El Paso, and Pacific, respectively.

Also, from further consideration of House bills extending the time for the completion of the Dubuque and Sioux City railroad, and the Pacific railroad authorized by the Southern Pacific of Texas; the Union Pacific, Southern Branch, the Leavenworth, Kansas and Gulfpines, the Lake Superior and Sioux City