

Now, let me say to those gentlemen who talk of the Bible that they had better look at it a little more, and read again in a new light a little parable, beautiful as it is, that is so often cited on this floor without seeing its point. I mean the parable of the prodigal son. After he had eaten the husks that the swine fed on and came to himself he said, "I will arise and go to my father's house, and will say unto him: Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son;" and he arose and went to his father; but his father saw him afar off, and had compassion. His father never heard him utter the words "I will arise and go to my father, and say unto him: Father I have sinned against Heaven and before thee." His father throw his arms around his neck and kissed him; he ordered the fatted calf to be killed and preparation made for a feast, and never heard one word of penitence out of that boy's mouth. Let them take these lessons home, and let this Senate instead of throwing the words "rebel" and "rebels" backward and forward, and trying to stir up the hostile feelings that were created by the war, unite together as a band of brothers and Christians and try to harmonize the condition of things in the South, and to restore this Union to what it ought to be, and what it shall be if we do our duty to ourselves and to our country. [Manifestations of applause in the galleries.]

The VICE PRESIDENT. The yeas and nays have been ordered on the motion of the Senator from New Jersey.

Mr. PRATT. I desire to state that my colleague (Mr. MORRIS) has not returned from Indianapolis. He went there to attend the State convention of the Republican party, and addressed them on Tuesday evening. That is the reason he is not here to record his vote. If he were here he would vote "no" upon this question.

Mr. STOCKTON. I am requested by the Senator from Ohio, Mr. THURMAN, to state that he was obliged to go to Annapolis this morning. If he were here he would vote in favor of the resolution.

Mr. SPENCER. I will state that my colleague (Mr. WARNER) is to-day out of the city. If he were here he would vote "no" on this resolution.

The question being taken by yeas and nays, resulted—yeas 8, nays 48; as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bayard, Casserly, Davis, Hamilton, McCree, Saulsbury, Stockton, and Vickers—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Drake, Fenton, Ferry, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howe, Howell, Kellogg, Lewis, McDonald, Morrill of Maine, Morrill of Vermont, Nye, Osborn, Patterson, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Sherman, Spencer, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, and Wilson—48.

ABSENT—Messrs. Cattell, Cragin, Edmunds, Howard, Johnston, Morton, Norton, Patterson, Sprague, Thurman, Warner, and Yates—12.

Mr. WILSON. In presenting the credentials of Mr. Revels I ask that they be read, and that the oaths of office be administered to him. I now make the motion that the oaths of office be administered to him.

Mr. POMEROY. On that question of administering the oaths I ask for the yeas and nays.

Mr. TRUMBULL. Is there any necessity for a vote? Are not the oaths administered as a matter of course?

The VICE PRESIDENT. There need not be a vote taken if there should be no objection.

Mr. CONKLING. It is a matter of form unless there is a counter-motion.

Mr. TRUMBULL. We do not want any vote about it.

Mr. SAULSBURY. If an objection will put it to a vote, I object.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from Delaware objects; and that Senator and other Senators gave notice before that they would object at every stage.

Mr. POMEROY. Whenever there is a contest it is customary to take a vote on it.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from Kansas demands the yeas and nays on the motion of the Senator from Massachusetts.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The manifestations of feeling in the galleries the last hour or two have been so evident that the Chair is justified in saying to persons of all shades of opinion in the galleries that they are present under the rules of the Senate and by its courtesy, and whatever may be the result of this vote and the action of the Senate, self-respect, as well as respect to this body, demands that there shall be no expressions of approval or disapproval.

The question being taken by yeas and nays, resulted—yeas 48, nays 8; as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Anthony, Boreman, Brownlow, Buckingham, Cameron, Carpenter, Chandler, Cole, Conkling, Corbett, Drake, Fenton, Ferry, Fowler, Gilbert, Hamlin, Harlan, Harris, Howe, Howell, Kellogg, Lewis, McDonald, Morrill of Maine, Morrill of Vermont, Nye, Osborn, Patterson, Pool, Pratt, Ramsey, Rice, Robertson, Ross, Sawyer, Schurz, Scott, Sherman, Spencer, Stewart, Sumner, Thayer, Tipton, Trumbull, Willey, Williams, and Wilson—48.

NAYS—Messrs. Bayard, Casserly, Davis, Hamilton, McCree, Saulsbury, Stockton, and Vickers—8.

ABSENT—Messrs. Cattell, Cragin, Edmunds, Howard, Johnston, Morton, Norton, Patterson, Sprague, Thurman, Warner, and Yates—12.

So the motion of Mr. Wilson was agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator-elect will present himself at the chair of the Vice President to take the oaths of office.

Mr. REVELS was escorted to the desk by Mr. WILSON, and the oaths prescribed by law having been administered to him, Mr. REVELS took his seat in the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. CLINTON LLOYD, its Chief Clerk, announced that the House had passed the joint resolution (S. R. No. 117) to pass to the credit of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers the funds belonging to it for the relief of sick and wounded soldiers.

The message also announced that the House had passed the following bills, in which it requested the concurrence of the Senate:

A bill (H. R. No. 1338) granting a pension to Martha Davis;

A bill (H. R. No. 1339) for the relief of Maria Lea;

A bill (H. R. No. 1340) granting a pension to Sarah Barry, of Johnson county, Tennessee; and

A bill (H. R. No. 1341) granting an increase of pension to Edmund Johnson.

REMOVAL OF DISABILITIES.

Mr. DRAKE. Mr. President—

The VICE PRESIDENT. The funding bill being the prior special order is now before the Senate; and the Senator from Ohio [Mr. SHERMAN] is entitled to the floor.

Mr. DRAKE. I move that the Senate adjourn.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Does the Senator from Ohio yield to the Senator from Missouri?

Mr. SHERMAN. I yield to a motion to adjourn.

Mr. WILSON. I desire to withdraw the motion I had entered yesterday to reconsider the vote on concurring in the House amendment to the disabilities bill. I withdraw that motion.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senator from Massachusetts may withdraw, if there be no objection, the motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred in the House amendment to the bill (S. No. 436) to relieve certain persons therein named from the legal and political disabilities imposed by the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes. The Chair hears no objection; and the motion is withdrawn. The question is on the motion of

the Senator from Missouri that the Senate adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, February 25, 1870.

The House met at twelve o'clock m. Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. J. G. BUTLER.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

NATIONAL EDUCATION.

Mr. HOAR, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1326) to establish a system of national education; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and ordered to be printed.

AMERICAN-BUILT OCEAN STEAMERS.

Mr. STARKWEATHER, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1327) to encourage the building of first-class iron steamships, to aid in restoring the commerce of the country, and to provide for carrying the mails of the United States in steamships built and owned by citizens of and sailing under the flag of the United States; which was read a first and second time, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

ADJOURNMENT TILL MONDAY.

Mr. WOOD. I move that when the House adjourns to-day it adjourn to meet on Monday next.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. WOOD moved to reconsider the vote just taken; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

ELECTION OF HON. PATRICK HAMILL.

Mr. CESSNA. I am instructed by the Committee of Elections to submit a report, with an accompanying resolution, on which I demand the previous question.

The report, which was read, recites that the House, on the 5th of March, 1869, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That PATRICK HAMILL, member-elect from the fourth district of Maryland, be now sworn in, and that the papers filed in respect to his case be referred to the Committee of Elections who appointed."

The report further states that the papers referred to in the resolution consisted of affidavits charging upon Mr. HAMILL a want of loyalty to the Government of the United States and sympathy with the rebellion; that these papers were *ex parte* affidavits entirely, and all of them had been taken without notice; that the parties making the charges have never followed them by any proof whatever, and there was, therefore, no legal evidence before the committee to disqualify Mr. HAMILL or show that he is not eligible to the seat he now occupies. The committee therefore submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The previous question was seconded and the main question ordered; and under the operation thereof the resolution was adopted.

Mr. CESSNA moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted; and also moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Mr. JENCKES, by unanimous consent, reported from the Committee on Retrenchment, a bill (H. R. No. 1328) to establish a Department of Justice; which was read a first and second time, recommitted to the Committee on Retrenchment, and ordered to be printed.

ELIZABETH ORCHSLIN.

Mr. RANDALL, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill (H. R. No. 1329) granting a