

**CONNECTICUT LEGISLATURE.**  
**MAY SESSION, 1847.**

*Saturday Morning, May 22d.*

Resolution allowing the Norwich and Worcester R.R. Co. further time to file the location of road, referred.

Divorce com. reported favorably on petition of Lucy Shelton for change of name. Passed.

An act to confirm deeds and bonds executed without seal, passed.

The Judiciary com. reported adversely on the bill providing that oyster kegs shall be branded. Negatived.

Judiciary com. reported a bill increasing the recording fees of town clerks, in cases of lengthy deeds &c. The bill came from the Senate negatived, but the House passed it—132 to 35.

Petition of Derby Turnpike Co. for discontinuance of a part of their road; of N. Haven and Milford Turnpike Co. do.; of James Cowles and others, relative to peddlers; two petitions for alteration of common school laws; of town of Farmington in favor of repeal of bridge clause.

The com. on incorporations other than banks reported favorably on the petition of Wm. H. Imlay and others, of Hartford, for a charter for a mutual fire insurance company; and a bill chartering the same was read. Laid on the table and 250 copies ordered printed.

Resol. confirming certain doings of East Windsor school society, passed.

Bill from judiciary com., providing for the government and care of lunatics, idiots, and spendthrifts—read twice and ordered printed.

Remonstrance of Z. St. John and others against the distribution of their mother's estate, referred.

Report No. 1. com. on military returns, approving of certain commissions—read and laid on table. No. 2 ditto.

Com. on inco. other than banks reported favorably on petition of 1st Baptist church of Middletown; laid on table.

Same com. on petition of Chelsea Manufacturing Co. of Norwich, for increase of capital, favorably. Resolution authorizing an increase not exceeding \$200,000 passed.

Same com. on petition of Humphreysville Manufacturing Co. of Derby, for increase of capital, and privilege of holding more land, favorably. Resol. authorizing an increase of \$100,000, and giving liberty to holding more land, passed.

Resolution approving of the plan of Asa Whitney, Esq. for constructing a Railroad from Lake Michigan to the Pacific Ocean, and declaring that a portion of the public lands should be set apart in aid of this project—and instructing the Senators in Congress and requesting the Representatives from this State to vote for this object, and to appropriate said lands accordingly—came from the Senate referred to a committee of one from a county. House concurred. (Committee not yet announced.)

Com. on Sale of Lands reported favorably on the petition of Edward Hooker, of Farmington, for liberty to sell lands. Resolution accordingly passed.

Resolution authorizing an increase of Firemen in Norwich, passed.

Mr. Welles, of Glastenbury, moved that the word 60 in the resolution be stricken out, and 40 inserted—this exempting only 40 members of each company from military duty; carried, 91 to 66. The resolution as amended was then passed.

Resol. authorizing Timothy R. Stanley to sell certain lands belonging to minors—passed.

Gov. Cleveland moved to take up the bill exempting two swine owned by any individual, from attachment. He then moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out, and a bill which he held in his hand substituted. His substitute excepted 500 lbs. of pork, 500 lbs. of beef, 10 sheep and the wool cut from the same, and their young till one year old, a cow, and her young till one year old, and butter and cheese made from said cow, or 100 lbs. of cheese and 50 lbs. of butter; 50 bu. charcoal, 4 tons hay, 50 bu. potatoes, 20 bu. each of corn, buckwheat, and oats, a proportionate amount of flax, and cloth made from same, 50 yds. cottons, groceries not exceeding \$50, a sufficient number of stoves to warm his house, farming utensils, &c.—250 copies of the substitute were ordered printed.

Petition on patent medicines; of John C. Palmer and others, of E. Haddam, for a Normal School; from New-Haven relative to bowling; of John Reed and others relative to burial grounds, all referred.

Communication from the Principal of the American Asylum, proposing to give an exhibition of the Scholars of that Institution before the members, read. The Speaker was authorized to assign the use of the Hall on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon next, for this object.

The committee on Contested Elections reported upon the Stafford contested seat case, setting forth the facts as laid before the committee, touching the mistake in not counting the 70 votes in question; the adjournment, and election next day. The committee reported that the error was apparent, and that it was unintentional; and that the moderator properly corrected it; that after the correction, which the moderator had a right to make at any time before the adjournment of the meeting, there

was no choice of Representatives; that the meeting was consequently properly adjourned to the next day in accordance with the law. They reported therefore, that as Miner Fenton and Elisha K. Bradley received a majority of the votes cast on the second day, they were justly entitled to their seats. Report accepted.

Resolution, that 250 copies of the Grand List of 1846, be printed for use of the members of the House and the town clerks throughout the State, read, when on motion.

House adjourned to 10 A. M., Monday.