

learn from any quarter. He (Mr. S.) did not care if it did emanate from the radical party, it was a wise provision. He did not see how gentlemen could argue that the terms of the county commissioners had anything to do with their high taxes.

Mr. McKaig said it was true the commissioners could only levy according to law; but they were authorized to levy for bridges, and roads, and forty other things, and the amount was placed at their own discretion.

Mr. Hayden advocated the amendment.

Mr. Watkins, of Montgomery, offered an amendment to the amendment, "so that as nearly one-half as may be of the said commissioners shall hold their office for two years, and the remaining commissioners for four years," which was accepted by Mr. Syester, and the amendment was then rejected.

Mr. Kilbourn moved to amend by adding after the word "ticket," "of each county," which was agreed to.

No further amendments being offered, section 3 was again taken up.

Mr. McKaig moved to amend by requiring the librarian to give a bond of \$1,000; that a catalogue of all the books in the library shall be made, and the librarian shall give a receipt therefor, and when vacating his office shall take a receipt for the same from his successor.

Several members, although approving of the amendment, thought it was entering too much on legislation.

Mr. Barry offered a substitute, making it the duty of the Legislature to make laws prescribing the mode and manner in which the books shall be kept and accounted for by the librarian, and requiring the librarian to give a bond for the proper discharge of his duties.

Mr. McKaig accepted the substitute, and it was then adopted.

Section 4, relating to the commissioner of the land office was read.

Mr. Austin moved to amend by providing that the commissioner of the land office shall be elected by the people. The amendment was lost by a tie vote.