

WEDNESDAY, February 2d, 1876.

Senate met at 12 M.

Prayer by Rev. Father Freitag.

Present at roll-call the following Senators :

Messrs. President, Aydelotte, Bannon, Brewer, Duke, Dennis, Freeman, Ford, Getty, Gorman, Hepbron, Humphreys, Knight, Lee, Lawrence, Lloyd, McCulloh, Mudd, Newcomer, Phelps, Stevens, Steiner, Suit, Walsh—24.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The President submitted certain evidence in the contested election case of Wilson vs. Duke.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Lloyd presented the memorial of Samuel Hambleton and 21 others, citizens of Talbot county, praying the passage of an Act prohibiting the running at large of all kinds of stock.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Also,

A similar memorial of Thos. Hughlett and others of said county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Dennis submitted the following :

Ordered, That the Committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries, be directed to inquire and report to the Senate as soon as practicable, into the expediency of repealing chapter 181, of the Acts of 1874, entitled an Act to repeal Article 71, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Oysters," as amended and re-enacted by chapter 364, of the Acts of 1870, and also chapter 167, of the Acts of 1872, and to report a bill upon the same subject, re-enacting the said act, with the following alterations :

1st. To strike out all after the words "Wade's Point," in the tenth line of Section 2, in the Act of 1874, chapter 181, down to the word "State" inclusive, in the top line of page 284.

2d. To reduce the charge for license, as stated in Section 4, from three dollars per ton to one dollar per ton.