so to equalize the rates between the different routes across the State, and so to modify the taxes imposed, as to remove the embarrassment under which the commerce between the eastern and western parts of the State now labors.

Messrs. Anderson, Bowne, Wildrick and Taylor presented similar memorials.

Mr. Hays presented the following petition, signed by about one hundred persons, residents of the city of Newark and vicinity:

To the Honorable, the Senate and the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

The undersigned, citizens of the city of Newark and its vicinity, respectfully represent that, at the last session of the Legislature, a law was passed entitled "An act in relation to the inspection of steam boilers, and for the better protection of life and property against accidents by steam boiler explosions."

We believe that the law was passed without due consideration, the members of the Legislature being imposed upon by its specious and hypocritical title, and the representation of speculators from other States, who expected to reap a golden harvest from its enactment, while, on the other hand, not a single citizen of our own State, so far as we can learn, asked for its passage.

The law is worse than unnecessary. It was not originated in the public interest, nor by a public demand, but merely by private individuals, who intended thus to make a compulsory market for their patented contrivances, to their own pecuniary advantage, to the amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars. We aver, and challenge proof to the contrary, that compliance with this law, which will involve an expense to the State, counties and individuals, of not less than half a million of dollars, will not lessen the danger from the use of steam in the least, but, on the contrary, will actually increase the danger by creating a false sense of security on the part of owners and attendants of boilers, by inducing them to depend on automatic instruments constantly liable to derangements—the worthlessness of which has been so demonstrated by experience, that its use has nearly stopped—and now the proprietors of these boilers seek to compel their use by legislative enactment.

The results of experiments ever since the application of steam engines for safety, are the simple gauge cocks and safety valve in common use. Your petitioners believe that the safety of the lives and property of those using steam, is a sufficient and the most powerful inducement to exercise care as to the condition and management of boilers, and they would point to statistics to show that a few larger percentage of boilers having certificates of inspection from United States officers explode, that those used by our manufacturers.

We trust that your Honorable bodies will speedily relieve the most important interests of this manufacturing State from the onerous and unnecessary requirements of this law, passed as we believe without sufficient consideration, at the covert instigation of parties from abroad, who have since boasted of their smartness and the money they expected to make by the operation.

We therefore respectfully ask that the law may be repealed.

Mr. Nixon presented the following petition, signed by about seventeen persons:

To the Honorable, the Senate and the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

We, the undersigned, citizens of the State of New Jersey, earnestly, but respectfully, request your Honorable body to provide for an amendment to our State Constitution, so that the exercises of the rights of suffrage shall be restored and extended to women.

Mr. Woolerton presented a memorial of Jacob H. Walters, of the city of Trenton, in reference to a certain contract with Peter P. Robinson, late Prison Keeper.

Which was laid upon the table.

Mr. Wildrick, of the Committee on Agriculture, reported Senate bill, No. 110, entitled

An act to regulate fishing in Cohansey Creek, in the county of Cumberland, and for other purposes,

Without amendment.

Mr. Bowne, of the Committee on State Prison, reported Senate bill No. 115, entitled

An act for the government and regulation of the State Prison.