

—and the bill adopted by a vote of yeas, 24; nays, 7.

The Condition of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. GLASS introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five members to visit the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, and report the condition of the inmates as respects clothing, &c., which were adopted.

Mr. GLASS, of Henderson, said that members of the Legislature who visited the Eastern Lunatic Asylum last week must have noticed that the male inmates of that institution, in particular, were very poorly clad. In reference to the manner in which the female inmates are clothed he had nothing to say, but thought he never saw such miserable forms of raggedness and wretchedness as they saw in the male department of that institution. They presented a very singular and motley appearance, there being no uniformity in their wearing apparel, some being shoeless, others hatless, and others almost breechesless, if he might use the expression.

The clothing of many seemed to consist of the cast-off garments of other persons for the last four or five years. He understood that \$200 per year for each inmate is appropriated by the State for their maintenance in this institution, while in the other State institutions of this kind the amount is but \$150, and but \$140 per year in the Blind Asylum at Louisville. It seems singular that in these institutions the poor inmates are all measurably well clothed, at so much less expense. It may be that the wildness and destructive propensities of persons of this class, cause them to destroy their clothing to a far greater extent than others, but it seemed to him that an appropriation of \$200 is amply sufficient to keep these poor inmates in a condition of comfort.

He thought the resolution is expressive alike of a duty due the dignity of the State and demanded by the humanity of the age, that an investigation should be made into the condition of this unfortunate class, who are under the fostering care of the State. In offering the resolution it was not his purpose to implicate the officers of the institution in any mismanagement. He did not know but that they have been active and true to the interests of the State; it may be the appropriation is insufficient.

If this be so, he thought there is still reason that an investigation be made, and, if necessary, a further appropriation be made for this purpose. He hoped a judicious committee would be appointed to go there next week and make the proper investigations and report the result of that investigation to this body.

Mr. DAVIS, of Bourbon, thought the great difference noticed in the neatness of the wearing apparel of the two sexes, in this institution, was attributable to the natural taste everywhere found among the female class of society to dress well, which did not desert them even after they had lost their reason.

Mr. HOLLAND, of Marshall, said he did not want to draw any unjust comparison, but he had visited the asylum at Lexington on Thursday, and the one at Hopkinsville on Friday, and he must say the inmates of the latter institution were decidedly better dressed. The patients were equally wild, and as likely to destroy their clothing as any he saw in the Eastern Lunatic Asylum.