THE LEGISLATURE.

The Senate Believes It Has no Authority Over the "Well."

Speech of Lieutenant-Governor Reddick—Economy to be the Watchword—Assembly Doings.

SENATE.

SACRAMENTO, January 12, 1891.

The Senate was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M., President pro tem. Fraser in the Chair. Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Bruner. Roll called, and a quorum present. Journal read and approved.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR REDDICK.

The Chair—Senators, I have the honor, as well as the pleasure, to introduce to you the Hon. J. D. Reddick, Lieutenant-Governor of the State and your permanent presiding officer. [Applause.]

On taking the Chair Mr. Reddick spoke as follows:

Senators: I assume possession of this gavel, the instrument that denotes our relative positions, with no little fear and trembling.

As your presiding officer, I am like one entering upon the exploration of new and unknown lands.

Whether I shall discover ability in myself to worthily discharge my duties as such officer, or you shall discover inefficiency, remains for the fruition of the coming days of this session.

In the outset let me say that I enter upon the discharge of my trust with the utmost good feeling and warmest friendship towards each and all of you.

Though to many of you comparatively a stranger, I trust that the close of the session will find me worthy of your strongest friendships and perfect confidence. In all our relations as officers of the State it will be my aim to court your respect. I shall strive to preside as an impartial President, according to each of you that recognition due your positions as honored members on the floor of this Senate, without reference to your political faiths.

You and I, we are all here, the accredited representatives of the whole people.

Much, very much, grave and important legislation is expected of this present session of the Legislature. There are but few, if any measures which should be treated as purely partisan, and if, perchance, partisan propositions rear themselves, let it be said the rights of the minority were not ignored by the majority.

We are here to legislate for the best interests of the people and of every class and condition thereof, and such should be the predominant thought and sentiment of every member upon this floor.

Local and lesser interests should not be permitted to overshadow legislation looking to the best interest of the whole State. I do not mean to say local interests are not to be subserved, but that such matters should not become detrimental to that general legislation which embraces our State and the people thereof as an entirety.

Never has a Legislature in this State assembled under a closer compact with the people than has this one. The representatives of both the leading parties are pledged to the strictest economy.

So far, the disposition seems to gain that such pledges shall and will be redeemed. But it will require the last day of the session, and its last hour, to demonstrate to our constituents the fact whether such pledges are redeemed.

To return to our homes and meet our several peoples, and to merit the commendation of all—it will be necessary to legislate within the lines of our pledges.

Legislative expenses should be curtailed to such an extent as to meet actual requirements and no more. Employes sufficient to the dispatch of business are all we should look to, and none given place for the sake of place only. Appropriations should be measured by the minimum instead of the maximum standard.

If these matters are carefully looked to the members of this Legislature can return to the people and say we have kept our pledge. The expenses of our State Government are within the 50-cent limit as we promised.

Senators, again I bespeak your patience in my new and untried position, and when errors occur attribute them to lack of judgment and not to purpose. Let extravagance in nothing and economy in all things be the motto of the Senate of 1891.

Again allow me to thank the Senators for their consideration in not importuning me as to committee assignments during my recent illness, and to say that I feel flattered that they have seen fit to leave so much to my own judgment in the arrangement of the committees. For the selection of such I have tried to be just and fair toward each and all of you. [Applause.]

RESOLUTIONS OUT OF ORDER.

By Mr. Sprague—Directing the Superintendent of State Printing to print 1,600 copies of the inaugural address of Governor Markham for distribution in the Senate Chamber. Adopted.

By Mr. Dray—Directing the State Superintendent of Printing to print 360 copies of each bill introduced in the Senate, instead of the usual number, 240. Adopted.

By Mr. Heacock—Directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to provide each accredited member of the press having desks in the Senate with two copies of each bill printed. Adopted.

By Mr. Ostrom—That the remarks of the presiding officer be spread upon the journal of the Senate. Adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

President Reddick announced that he had appointed the following standing committees, and would announce the others at the opening of the session tomorrow:

Agriculture, Viniculture and Viticulture—Fraser (Chairman), Dray, Flint, Ostrom, Ragsdale, Streeter, Langford, Heacock, Berry.

Corporations—Carpenter (Chairman), McGowan, Maher, Heacock, Preston, Flint, Voorhies, Mahoney, Goucher, Mead, Berry.

Claims—Heacock (Chairman), G. J. Campbell, Fraser, Everett, R. H. Campbell, Langford, Mead.

Education and Public Morals—Dennison (Chairman), Carpenter, G. J. Campbell, Ragsdale, G. H. Williams, Seawell, Britt.

Finance—De Long (Chairman), Fraser, Crandall, Dray, Everett, Langford, Hamill.

Hospitals—Simpson (Chairman), R. H. Campbell, Byrnes, Wilson, Harp.

Irrigation and Water Rights—R. H. Campbell (Chairman), McComas, Goucher, Dray, Crandall, Mead, Streeter, Voorhies, Sprague.

Judiciary—Sprague (Chairman), Carpenter, Heacock, McGowan, Crandall, Bailey, Dray, Goucher, Seawell, Broderick, Fraser.

Mines, Drainage and Mining Debris—Voorhies (Chairman), Fraser, Preston, R. H. Campbell, Mead, Dray, Ostrom.

RESPECT TO SENATOR HEARST.

Mr. McGowan said that private telegrams had been received announcing the death of United States Senator Hearst. He therefore moved that when the Senate adjourns it be out of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator. Adopted.

VAULT FOR ARCHIVES.

Mr. Preston offered a resolution providing for the appointment by the Chair of a committee of three to wait on the Secretary of State and consult with him in relation to the construction of a vault, in the basement of the Capitol building, for the custody of the archives of the State. The resolution was adopted, and the Chair appointed as such committee Messrs. Banks, Byrne and E. H. Williams.

ERRORS CORRECTED.

Mr. Preston offered a resolution correcting certain errors in the report of the special Committee on Contingent Expenditures and Mileage. Adopted.

ANOTHER CLERK.

Mr. Wilson offered a resolution naming Miss L. R. Scanlan as Second Assistant Engrossing Clerk, at the same salary as is allowed the Engrossing Clerk. Adopted.

GOVERNMENT LOAN BILL.

[President pro tem. Fraser in the chair.]

Mr. Wilson offered a concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to lend Government funds to farmers at 2 per cent. per annum, taking mortgages on their lands at 60 per cent. of the value thereof.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Wilson offered another concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to erect storage-houses in various portions of the Union, in which farmers may deposit the products of their farms and receive loans from the Government to the amount of 75 per cent. of the value thereof, at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum interest.

This time the author of the resolution promptly moved that it be considered at that time by the Senate.

Mr. Heacock moved the resolution be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Messrs. Ostrom, Langford and other granger Senators objected to the proposed reference, and demanded a roll-call on Mr. Wilson's motion.

Mr. Heacock's motion to refer prevailed by a vote of 23 ayes to 11 noes.

CAMPBELL TO THE FRONT.

Mr. Campbell of Solano offered a resolution providing that the United States Government be resolved into a general pawnbroking establishment and that it be authorized to lend money from the public treasury upon all kinds and varieties of property and collaterals, at 2 per cent. interest, up to 95 per cent. of the value of the securities.

After some discussion this resolution was also referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

NO STATIONERY LEAKS.

Mr. McGowan offered a resolution providing that no demand or requisition on the Secretary of State for stationery, by the clerk of any committee, be allowed unless such requisition be signed by at least three members of the committee. Referred to the Committee on Attaches and Contingent Expenses.

CONCERNING THE "WELL."

Mr. Sprague, from the special committee to which was referred the Assembly resolution relative to the alleged sale of liquor in the Capitol building, submitted the following report:

Your committee appointed to report on the Assembly resolution in reference to the abolition of the restaurant and alleged bar in the basement of the State Capitol, beg leave to submit the following report:

First—That the law, as it now stands, treats the subject of the sale of intoxicating liquor in the State Capitol building, and that the Legislature, by a concurrent resolution, can neither repeal, modify, nor enforce the law.

Second—That the exclusive control of the building is legally in the hands of the Secretary of State, and that he cannot be deprived of such control by resolution.

Third—That your committee has consulted the Secretary of State, and find that he has at no time refused to conduct his business according to law.

Fourth—That your committee can see no reason why the restaurant should be abolished.

Fifth—Your committee are of the opinion that the members of the Senate are not in need of the protection indicated by said concurrent resolution.

Therefore, your committee recommends that the Senate do not concur with the Assembly in such resolution. F. S. SPRAGUE, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A message was received from the Governor informing the Senate that he had appointed M. R. Higgins as his Private Secretary, through whom the Senate might communicate with him on any subject.

MORE RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Simpson—Providing that members introduce their bills in the order in which their names appear on the roll-call. Adopted.

By Mr. Preston—Providing that the President of the Senate appoint a committee of seven to prepare and report to the Senate resolutions expressive of the regret of that body for the death of United States Senator Hearst.

At the suggestion of Mr. Campbell of Solano that the Senate had no official information of the death of Mr. Hearst, Mr. Preston withdrew the resolution.

By Mr. Dray—That Ikey Mooser have the privilege of the floor as private Bill Clerk to Senators, at the expense of those who employ him. Adopted.

THE CODES AGAIN.

Mr. McGowan called up the special order of the day, which was Mr. Crandall's notice of a motion to reconsider the action of the Senate in adopting Senator Sprague's resolution, authorizing the Secretary of State to provide each member of the Senate with copies of the Constitution and the latest edition of the Codes. He offerred an amendment, providing that the cost of the volumes be charged by the Secretary of State against each member receiving them, and that the amount be deducted from such member's constitutional allowance for contingent expenses.

Mr. Sprague held that the amendment was not in order, as the original resolution has not yet been reconsidered.

Mr. Ostrom then moved to reconsider the vote by which the Sprague resolution was adopted. Lost—Ayes 15, noes 23.

Mr. McGowan again moved the adoption of his amendment, which was supported by himself and Mr. Ostrom, and opposed by Messrs. Sprague and Simpson as being out of order.

Mr. Britt renewed the point of order, and was sustained by the chair.

On motion of Mr. Dray, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly met at 12 M., Speaker Coombs in the chair. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sims, the Chaplain being absent. Reading of the journal of Friday dispensed with, and journal approved.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Bruner—To appropriate money to pay the expense of maintaining an exhibit of the products of the State at the World's Columbian Exposition and to provide for Commissioners thereof. Appropriates $300,000.

Mr. Bruner—I ask that the bill be first referred to the Judiciary Committee for the purpose of having its legality inquired into, and afterwards it can go to the appropriate committee. So ordered.

Also, to amend Section 25 of the County Government Act. Same reference for same purpose.

Also, to prevent the sale of cigarettes to minors. Public Morals.

By Mr. McCall—To amend Section 3785 of the Political Code, relating to redemption of property sold for delinquent taxes. Judiciary.

Also, to amend the Act authorizing the incurring of indebtedness by cities, etc. Municipal Corporations.

Also, an amendment to Section 18, Article II, of the Constitution, relative to an increase of indebtedness by any county, city, etc. Judiciary.

By Mr. Hersey—To amend Section 307 of the Civil Code, relative to the election of directors of corporations. Corporations.

By Mr. Doty—To amend Subdivision 4 of Section 25 of the County Government Act. County and Township Governments.

By Mr. Hawley—To prescribe the competency and provide for the protection of witnesses testifying to crimes against the elective franchise. Elections.

By Mr. Culver—To amend Section 497 of the Civil Code, relating to authority to lay railroad tracks through streets. Municipal Corporations.

Also, to amend Act to provide for Police Courts in cities having 30,000 and less than 100,000 inhabitants. Same reference.

Also, to confirm, ratify and make valid ordinances heretofore passed by town, city, or city and county authorities, giving permission to propel cars upon railroad tracks. Same reference.

By Mr. Marion—To provide for the improvement of the reform school for juvenile offenders and making an appropriation for the same. State Charities and Reformatory Institutions.

By Mr. Matlock—To amend Act incorporating Red Bluff. Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. Shanahan—To provide for the reassessment of property where a former assessment is invalid. Judiciary.

Also, to repeal the sections of the Constitution establishing a Railroad Commission. Judiciary.

Also, to repeal Act declaring Klamath River navigable. Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Ames—To provide buildings and improvements for Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum. State Charitable and Reformatory Institutions.

By Mr. Wentworth—To fix the permanent channels of rivers and retain them in their true channels. Judiciary.

Also, to amend Section 1881 of Code of Civil Procedure, relating to witnesses. Judiciary.

Also, to amend Sections 55 and 75 of the Civil Code, relating to marriages. Public Morals.

Also to amend Section 633 of Penal Code relative to the time of taking trout. Fish and Game.

Also to amend Section 632 of Penal Code, relative to the use of explosives in taking trout. Same reference.

By Mr. Dibble, to divide the State into Congressional districts, as follows:

First District—Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, Plumas, Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Butte, Sierra, Sutter, Yuba and Nevada.

Second District—Yolo, Solano, Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, Alpine, Mono, Tuolumne, Mariposa, San Joaquin and Stanislaus.

Third District—Sonoma, Napa, Marin, Contra Costa and Alameda.

Fourth District—Part of San Francisco.

Fifth District—Part of San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara.

Sixth District—Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Merced, Fresno, Inyo, Tulare, Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

Seventh District—San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego.

Referred to the Committee on Apportionment.

Also, to amend Section 1070 of Political Code, relating to the rights of electors. Same reference.

Also to add Section 159½ to Penal Code, making it a misdemeanor to advertise to obtain a divorce, or to aid therein. Public Morals.

Also, to provide for the issuance and sale of State bonds to create a fund for the construction, by the State Harbor Commissioners, of a ferry depot at San Francisco. Commerce and Navigation.

Also, to regulate life, casualty, annuity and endowment insurance on the assessment plan. Corporations.

Also, to amend an Act relative to certain deputies, assistants, clerks, etc. San Francisco delegation.

Also, to amend Sections 47 and 48 of the Civil Code, relating to libel and slander. Judiciary.

By Mr. Roberts—To repeal an Act declaring Klamath River navigable. Commerce and Navigation.

Also, to establish a State weather and crop service. Agriculture.

[Recess postponed for ten minutes.]

By Mr. Young—To provide additional penalties for the commission of certain offenses. Public Morals.

Also, to amend Penal Code with reference to the sale of opium. Same reference.

By Mr. Barnett of Sonoma—To provide for the levy and collection of taxes for the use of municipal corporations. Municipal Corporations.

Also, to provide for the levy and collection of taxes for school districts. Education.

By Mr. Mordecai—To amend Section 530 of Political Code, relative to the office of State Printer. Public Printing.

By Mr. Matthews—To pay deficiency in contingent fund of Adjutant-General. Military Affairs.

Also to amend Section 499 of Civil Code, relative to authority to lay and control railroad tracks through streets. Municipal Corporations.

By Mr. Barnett of San Francisco—To amend Sections 269 and 274 of Code of Civil Procedure, relative to court reporters. (Reduces fees to $5 a day and ten cents a folio.) Judiciary.

Also, to amend Section 2466 of Political Code, relative to pilot rates. Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Lewis—To pay claim of Deputy Commissioner of Immigration [$2,500, salary from August 1, 1883, to August 1, 1885]. Immigration.

Also, to pay claim of State Commissioner of Immigration [$13,722 21, salary from October 10, 1885, to March 16, 1889]. Claims.

Also, to pay for repairs on the quarantine launch. Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Wentworth—To amend Section 4046 of Political Code, relative to the jurisdiction and powers of Boards of Supervisors. County Governments.

By Mr. Hawley—To amend Section 1373 of Code of Civil Procedure, with reference to setting a day for hearing petitions for letters of administration. Judiciary.

By Mr. Coffey—To amend Sections 2464, 2465 and 2466 of Political Code, relating to pilots. Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Hocking—To amend judicial article of Constitution so as to establish district courts of appeal. Judiciary.

By Mr. Lacey—To amend Code of Civil Procedure relative to appeals. Judiciary.

Also, to amend Code of Civil Procedure, relative to trials. Judiciary.

Also, to amend Code of Civil Procedure, relative to Judges of Superior Courts. Judiciary.

Also, to amend Political Code, relative to County Treasurers. County Governments.

By Mr. Clark—To prohibit the employment of any person other than a citizen on any State work. Labor and Capital.

By Mr. Harloe—To amend Section 189 of County Government Act, with relation to counties of the twenty-seventh class. County Government.

By Mr. Phillips—To amend Rural Cemetery Act. Judiciary.

By Mr. Cunningham—To amend Section 3065 of Political Code, relative to the assessment of railroads operating in more than one county. Corporations.

Also, to amend Sections 3664 and 3667 of the Political Code, relative to the assessment of railroads operating in more than one county. Corporations.

By Mr. Bruner—To authorize the Governor to employ a stenographer.

On motion of Mr. Bruner, the bill was sent to the printer at once without reference, by unanimous consent.

[Time of recess extended till 1 P. M.]

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Speaker announced the following standing committees:

Apportionment and Election Laws—Brusie, Matlock, Dibble, Brown, Hocking, Lacey, Hawley, Cram, Young, Shanahan, Stabler, Gould.

Irrigation—Alexander, Smith, Grey, Lynch, Marion, Hocking, Matlock, Young, Jackson, Cunningham, Mordecai, Caple, Rice.

Ways and Means—Dibble, Hocking, Murphy, Hawley, Fowler, Bruner, Galbraith, Phillips, Hall, Renfro, Shanahan, Matthews, Cunningham.

Education—Galbraith.

Viticulture and Horticulture—Smith of Butte County.

Township Governments—Brown of Calaveras.

County and County Boundaries—Barnett of Sonoma, Dennis, Barnett of San Francisco, Lacey, Beecher, Dow, Cunningham, Roberison and Mordecai.

State Prisons—Estey, Barnett of San Francisco, Lynch, Gordon, Doty, Garner, Rice.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Hersey, Dennis, Lacey, Beecher, Barnard, McCall, Dunn, Gould, Marion.

State Charitable and Reformatory Institutions—Marion, Freeman, Sturtevant, Cargill, Weston, Arms, Martin.

Swamp and Overflowed Lands—Clark, Durner, Weston, Jones, Johnson, Bryant, Coffey, Stabler, Cunningham.

Military Affairs—Johnson, Steltz, Winrow, Phillips, Brusie, Estey, Dunn, Matthews and Mordecai.

Education—Galbraith of Santa Cruz, Chairman; Hall, Cargill, Steltz, Freeman, Carter, Hoey, Renfroe and Gould.

Roads and Highways—Matlock of Tehama, Chairman; Barnard, Murphy, Harloe, Sturtevant, Weston, Eakle, Murman and Jackson.

Agriculture and Forestry—Sturtevant of Mendocino, Chairman; Smith of Orange, Glenn, Hunewell, Barrett, Tennis, Rice and Jackson.

Attaches and Employes—Daly of San Francisco, Chairman; Baughman, Hersey, Hayes, Hunewell, Jones and Mordecai.

Claims—Ames of Alameda, Chairman; Young, Lewis, Carter, Bert, Cunningham and Arms.

Corporations—Lowe of Santa Clara, Chairman; Ames, Hocking, Hawley, Brown, Barnard, Wolfskill, Arms and Matthews.

Commerce and Navigation—Phillips of San Francisco, Chairman; Ames, Harloe, Young, Bledsoe, Lewis, Wolfskill, Robertson and Doty.

Chinese Immigration and Immigration, Labor and Capital—Steltz of San Francisco, Chairman; Tennis, Culver, Lewis, Alexander, Dow, Eakle, Renfroe and Stabler.

Mines—Hall of Placer, Chairman; Lux, Hunewell, Freeman, Baughman, Kellogg, Robertson, Martin and Garver.

Rules and Regulations—Culver of San Francisco, Chairman; Murphy, Daly, Glynn, Robertson, Renfroe and Speaker.

State Library—Carter of Contra Costa, Chairman; Gordon, Hoey, Cram, Glynn, Doty and Garver.

Public Morals—Cargill of San Benito, Chairman; Bucher, McCall, Windrow, Hayes, Martin and Rice.

REMARKS BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker—The Committee on Elections I will notify that I have received the papers in the case of Campbell against Eakle. The committee are supposed to take charge of them immediately.

With reference to the further announcement of attaches of the House, I would say that there seems to be some question as to whether the Assembly is not restricted in the appointment of employes to four pages and four porters. I shall withhold then the announcement of any farther, therefore, until the matter is finally decided by the Attorney General.

In the announcement of committees, I desire to say that I think there has never been a time when the Speaker has had so few appointments to make, to be distributed among so many. I simply tried to do what was best and right; but of course no one can undertake such a task without causing some disappointment among members. I will further say, with regard to the House that members have been sacrificing with reference to their own interests. They have been modest. And that has imposed an extra burden upon the Speaker. I believe if members had warred among themselves, or gotten mad, or made the Speaker mad, I could have got this or that one off with a better heart. As it is, I am sorry if disappointments have been occasioned, of course, but it could not possibly be helped.

On motion of Mr. Hawley, the House took a recess till 2:30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

House reassembled; Speaker in the chair. Roll called; quorum present.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Phillips—That the chairman of each committee be authorized to appoint a clerk, and the Judiciary, Ways and Means, and Appropriation committees each an additional clerk, at a per diem of $5. Adopted.

By Mr. McCall—That W. P. Hamilton be appointed Second Assistant Minute Clerk at the same per diem as other assistant clerks. Rules suspended and resolution adopted.

By Mr. Baughman—That James Hart be appointed Bill Clerk for the Sergeant-at-Arms, at a per diem of $5. Rules suspended and resolution adop ed.

By Mr. Lux—That A. E. Foss be appointed File Clerk in the Sergeant-at-Arm's office, at a per diem of $5. Rules suspended and resolution adopted.

By Mr. Bert—That the Speaker be authorized to appoint a messenger to convey bills to the State Printer, at a per diem of $5. Rules suspended and resolution adopted.

STENOGRAPHER FOR THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. Bruner—I ask the attention of the members of the House for a moment. They will find on their desks A. B. 159, which has just been distributed. It is the same bill which I introduced this morning and which has been returned from the printer. I will state that the object of the bill is to empower the Governor to employ a stenographer in his office. There is not a business house in the State, of any magnitude whatever, that does not now employ a stenographer, and it is a necessity in the Executive office. I there ask unanimous consent of the House that the bill be taken up out of order and read a first time, intending to follow that with a motion that it be declared a case of urgency and read a second and third times and passed.

Unanimous consent was granted and the bill read the first time, when it was discovered that a mistake had been made in printing, and it was, on motion of Mr. Bruner, retransmitted to the printer to be printed over.

STATE PRISON INVESTIGATION.

By Mr. Shanahan—That the Governor be requested to furnish the Assembly with an itemized statement of the expenditures and money appropriated in the matter of the investigation of the State Prisons by Governor Waterman; said statement to show the amount expended and to whom paid, and also whether any part of the $10,000 appropriated by the Legislature to make such investigation remains unexpended.

Mr. Shanahan—There was $10,000 appropriated by the last Legislature to carry out that investigation, but there has never been any itemized statmeent made or published as to how it was expended, and I think the people should be informed in the matter. Adopted.

TO ABOLISH COMMISSIONS.

By Mr. Clark—That the Speaker appoint a committee of five, with power to compel the attendance of witnesses, to take testimony and report within thirty days the condition, necessity for and annual cost of the Boards of Agriculture, of Forestry and of Mining, and the Yosemite, Horticultural and Viticultural Commsssions; and whether said boards and commissions may not be abolished or consolidated as the State Department of the Interior. Also, as to the abolition or consolidation of other State boards and commissions.

Mr. Shanahan—I rise to a point of order. The gentleman from Yolo is stealing my thunder, and I object to it.

The Speaker—The resolution will be referred to the Committee on Rules, which has charge of the similar resolution of the gentleman from Shasta.

VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Renfro—Joint resolution with reference to the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. Judiciary.

By Mr. Bledsoe—That the Sergeant-at-Arms furnish each reporter for a daily newspaper a copy of each printed bill, journal, etc. Adopted.

Also, a joint resolution asking Congress to appropriate $2,000,000 for the location of reservoir sites and construction of reservoirs in the State of California. Irrigation.

By Mr. Phillips—Concurrent resolution directing the State Printer to deliver ten copies of every work printed in his office to the State Librarian, and two copies to the Librarian of the State University. Public Printing.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

That Marvin R. Higgins had been appointed Private Secretary.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Alexander—To create a State Association of Irrigation Districts and to provide for the creation of a State Board of Irrigation to manage and conduct the affairs of the same. Irrigation.

By Mr. Brown—To amend Section 3494 of Political Code, providing for the rate of interest on payments for school lands. Education.

By Mr. Sturtevant—To provide for the care of public roads and highways. Roads and Highways.

Also, to amend Section 3337 of Political Code with reference to exemption from jury duty. Judiciary.

By Mr. Bledsoe—To repeal Supreme Court Commissioners Act. Judiciary.

By Mr. Jackson—To provide for the preservation of deer and other game animals. Fish and Game.

By Mr. Rice—To create a lien in favor of owners of stallions, etc. Agriculture.

By Mr. Alexander—To forbid the sale or furnishing of tobacco in certain forms to minors. Public Morals.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Culver—That Ed Short be appointed to take care of the cloak-room at a per diem of $3. Attaches.

Also, that each standing committee be allowed not exceeding $10 worth of supplies. Ways and Means.

By Mr. Johnson—That all requisitions on the Secretary of State for supplies must be signed by the Chairman of the committee using the same. Ways and Means.

ASKED TO REPORT.

Mr. Shanahan—I move that the Committee on Rules, to whom was referred my resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate as to the advisability and practicability of consolidating the various State Boards and Commissions, be required to report the same back to the House forthwith.

Mr. Clark—It is only to-day that the committee has been appointed and I do not think, in justice to it, the motion of the gentleman from Shasta should prevail at this time. The committee have had no opportunity to examine the resolution at all.

Mr. Lowe—When the resolution was introduced and referred, the Committee on Rules had not been appointed; and I ask, on behalf of that committee, with permission of the gentleman from Shasta, until next Friday to report it back.

Mr. Shanahan—I considered at the time the resolution was sent to the Committee on Rules that the reference was somewhat inappropriate. Now, I fancy when it comes back from that committee there will be no recommendation. That committee was not appointed to deal with questions of that nature, and I was pleased to see the Speaker, as good a parliamentarian as in the House, vote against its reference to it. It was wholly out of reason that the resolution should be so referred, and it was because of a supposed partisan necessity that the gentleman from Santa Clara made the motion. We now see a committee, never formed to consider questions of the character, in possession of this resolution, introduced in most absolute good faith, and the committee have held it four or five days without a report. And when they do make a report, whether pro or con, it will depend on the sound judgment of the House whether the resolution is adopted or not. Meantime, my political opponents here, and particularly my friend from Yolo, after voting to inappropriately refer my resolution, are commencing the introduction of resolutions of similar character. I have objected to it as stealing my thunder. As a matter of fact, it is. If I have a resolution worthy the consideration of this body, which I offer in good faith, it should be considered, although offered by a Democrat, as fairly and conscientiously as if offered by a Republican. I think that only fair, and I do not think it fair to side-track a resolution as mine has been.

Mr. Clark—It seems to me that one as familiar with parliamentary usage as the gentleman from Shasta ought to have known when he introduced his resolution that the time was wholly inappropriate, there being no proper committee to which to refer it. And it seems to me that he is attempting to steal the thunder of this Assembly by crowding in before anyone else could get in.

Mr. Dibble—The gentleman from Shasta overlooks the fact that the resolution proposes to raise a committee, and, by parliamentary custom, goes to the Commitee on Rules. In justification of the action of the majority here, I desire to say that it was not a departure from ordinary legislation. The majority are responsible for legislation, and it was entirely proper that the resolution should go to the committee having charge of the rules of the House, that a proper resolution providing for the appointment of such a committee as desired might be formulated. The gentleman from Shasta need not worry himself. The proposition did not originate with him, but with the Executive in his biennial message. In justification of the delay, I need but say that the Committee on Rules was only appointed to-day, the former committee being but a temporary one, which the resolution did not reach and should not have reached. It will now be sent in due course to the permanent committee and reported, and, in my judgment, adopted.

Mr. Lowe—The resolution is not yet properly before the Committee on Rules, which committee was not appointed until to-day. I think the committee will be able to report the resolution back by Friday next, and in view of that I have asked the gentleman from Shasta to withdraw his motion, which he declines. Now, I move, as an amendment to his motion, that the committee be required to report the resolution back on Friday.

Mr. Shanahan—The amendment is dilatory in its nature, and that is what I am trying to obviate. During the course of my entire legislative experience I have known but very few instances where a resolution appointing a special committee was referred at all. I have endeavored to ascertain why there has been no meeting of the Committee on Rules since my resolution was referred to it, and have ascertained from Democratic members of it that they have received no notification of any meeting. I offered the resolution in good faith, and it is my work. I began the fight two years ago, when I started the investigation into the State Prisons; and was defeated by the Republican Executive, from reaching a consummation of it then, and my resolution now is but in line with and a continuation of that.

Mr. Bruner—I do not see any cause for alarm on the part of the gentleman from Shasta. His resolution is of great moment, very important in its nature, and ought to be thoroughly considered. The method by which the special committee shall be appointed and the scope of its investigation should be well considered. There is plenty of time between next Friday, when the report of the Committee on Rules will be made, and the end of the session, to accomplish the purpose sought. It is not to steal anyone's thunder, but to see that that which is best for the people is done. I do not believe any resolution of the importance of this should be hastily considered. I would not be ready to vote on it now, as it stands, although I have read the message of the Governor and listened to the eloquent language of the gentleman from Shasta. I want more time to consider the matter, and want the committee to consider it. I think the amendment should prevail.

The amendment was then agreed to and the motion as amended adopted.

By Mr. Hawley—That 1,000 copies of the rules and the list of committees be printed for the use of the Assembly. Adopted.

By Mr. Hocking—That a special committee of five be appointed by the Speaker to examine into the various State boards and commissions, with a view to consolidation, with power to prepare and present bills to that end, which bills shall be placed on the general file and with authority to send for persons and papers and take testimony. Rules.

Mr. Marion said he had not, nor had several of his colleagues, received the copies of the codes voted by the House. The Speaker said the copies could be obtained by any member at the office of the Secretary of State by signing a receipt.

Mr. Daly, at his request, was excused from serving as Chairman of the Committee on Attaches, and Mr. Lux was appointed in his stead.

Adjourned.

COMMITTEE WORK.

The Judiciary Committee of the Assembly held its first meeting last evening for the consideration of bills. Several were discussed, but action taken on only two.

These will both be reported on favorably. One is Dibble's bill making women eligible to appointment as Notaries Public.

The other was Wentworth's bill providing that contempt of court cannot be committed except in the presence of the court.

OVER THE STORM MARK.

Peculiar Behavior of Signal Service Officer Barwick's Barometer.

The Signal Service temperature at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. yesterday was 34° and 49°, while the highest and lowest was 51° and 32°, with gentle southerly winds and a cloudless sky. The barometrical readings at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. were 30.36 and 30.34 inches.

The highest and lowest temperature one year ago yesterday was 42° and 34°, with .10 of an inch of rain, and one year ago to-day 40° and 30°, with .16 of an inch of precipitation.

There appears to be a moderation in the temperature yesterday morning. It was 4° warmer in Central California, 6° warmer in Oregon, and 2° warmer in Washington than it was on Sunday morning, although the barometer is almost as high as it was ever known to be, reading over 30.50 inches, or one inch higher than when a storm is raging.

A Significant Step Forward.

[Sacramento Sunday Leader, Jan. 11th.]

The RECORD-UNION appeared yesterday in a garb so new and so different from its familiar attire that its old friends hardly knew it. The sheet is now turned off from a new perfecting press from stereotype plates, and is quite abreast of the age in every mechanical appliance. With such facilities the RECORD-UNION ought to have no trouble in attaining distinction among the great newspapers of the coast.

WAR! on scrofula and every form of impure blood is boldly declared by Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great conqueror of all blood disease. When given a fair trial it will prove its merit.

BRADYCROTINE is recommended by sister to sister for headaches from any cause.

General Notices.

MONEY TO LOAN—ON CITY AND country property. MUDDOX & FEE, 606 I street. ja8-tf

SACRAMENTO COUNTY POULTRY Yards; leading varieties for sale; eggs for hatching; for further particulars send for catalogue. GEO. E. DUDEN, proprietor. Box 376, Sacramento. ja3-tf

DRESSMAKING—MRS. MAY STEVENS, formerly with Mrs. Schirmer, has opened first-class dressmaking parlors at 916 Seventh street, back of Cooper's music stores. Ladies', children's and infants' white underwear a specialty; plain sewing solicited. o22-tf

The Red House.

WINTER

CLEARING SALE!

No bargains that we have ever offered before begin to compare with those to be found in our Cloak Department this morning. They not only eclipse all our previous efforts, but leave every so-called mark-down sale so far, so very far behind, that they remind one of a powerful locomotive whistling past an old-time stage coach.

Ladies' Broadcloth Fancy Braided Walking Jackets, reduced from $9 to $6 45.

The $6 Jackets to $3 50.

The $3 Jackets to $1 95.

Newmarkets at a third and a half off.

A STORE FULL OF JUST THE

BLANKETS

THE WEATHER SETS YOU THINKING OF.

Sacramento, Cal., Blankets, 11-4, pure white wool, $10 regular; sale price, $6 95.

One hundred pair Eureka Gray 4-pound Blankets, 89 cents a pair.

The "California King" All-wool, 10 1-2 pounds, 4-point Gray Blankets, manufactured in Woodland. Sale price, $7 25 a pair.

Five, six, seven, eight-pound California Wool Blankets, white and colored, all stripped of profit and a part of the cost price clipped half, and less than half, tells the price story oftener than not.

MEN'S FLANNELETTE OVERSHIRTS, with collars, covered buttons; sizes, 15 to 16½; reduced from 50 cents to 25 cents.

Over a hundred TRIMMED HATS AND BONNETS go down to-day. Belated styles are never meaner than in Millinery. We hustle all out while the season is still young. Better clip prices than begin a season with holdovers.

C. H. GILMAN,

RED HOUSE,

SACRAMENTO, CAL.

Meeting Notices.

REV. J. B. SILCOX WILL SPEAK AT the W. C. T. U. Mission THIS (Tuesday) EVENING. All those who are interested in mission work will come every evening and help us sing. 1t*

REGULAR MEETING OF CALIFORNIA Temple No. 1, Pythian Sisters, THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, at 7:30 o'clock, at Pythian Castle. Installation of officers.
WESSIE KATZENSTEIN, M. E. C.
M. A. FITZGERALD, M. of R. C. 1t*

REGULAR MEETING FAIR OAKS RELIEF Corps, at Granger Hall THIS EVENING at 7 o'clock. By command,
MARY GILMER O'NEAL, President.
MAUDE R. HENRY, Secretary. [B. C.] 1t*

CONFIDENCE LODGE NO. 78, K. of P.—Every member is earnestly requested to attend special meeting THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, at 7 o'clock sharp. Public installation of officers for the ensuing term, by invitation.
1t* N. HOFFELT, C. C.

STATED MEETING OF CONCORD Lodge, No. 117, F. and A. M., THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, January 13th, at 7 o'clock. Visiting brethren cordially invited. A. M. JOHNSON, W. M.
W. H. HEVENER, Secretary. 1t*

REGULAR MEETING OF OCCIDENTAL Encampment No. 42, THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, at 7:30 o'clock. Installation of officers. Pacific Encampment No. 2, and Sacramento Canton No. 1, will pay us a fraternal visit. Visiting Patriarchs are cordially invited to attend.
G. KROMER, C. P.
F. C. HYDE, Scribe. 1t*

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF Pacific Encampment No. 2, I. O. O. F., will meet at their hall THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, January 13th, to pay afraternal visit to Occidental Encampment No. 42.
F. M. JACKSON, Chief Patriarch.
N. W. ROBBINS, Scribe. 1t*

BROTHERS OF RED CLOUD Tribe No. 41, will please meet at the Wigwam TUESDAY EVENING, January 13th, at 7:30 sharp. Installation of officers and Ghost Dance will take place. Members of sister Tribes cordially invited. S. O. HURLBUT, Sachem.
THOS. G. EAMS, C. of R. 1t*

ATTENTION EXEMPTS!—THE The regular election of officers of the Exempt Firemen's Association of Sacramento will be held on SATURDAY, the 24th day of January, 1891, at Fir