

THE LEGISLATURE—29TH SESSION.

Governor Markham Slaughters His Predecessor's Appointees.

His Action Interpreted to Mean a Change of Administration at the San Quentin Prison.

SENATE.

SACRAMENTO, January 19, 1891. The Senate met at 2 o'clock p. m., Lieutenant Governor Redick in the chair. Roll called, and quorum present.

By Mr. Prater, with reference to the Journal of Friday read and approved. When the Senate was prepared for business, Mr. Ostrom rose and said that reference having been made in the Journal to a resolution offered by Mr. Seawell, and as the latter had been offered in a vein of pleasantry, he moved that thereon by Mr. Heacock be expunged from the Journal.

Mr. Heacock seconded the motion with the understanding that all there was on the subject should be expunged. Mr. Carpenter and others objected and demanded a call of the roll.

Mr. Seawell said it was his impression that no grave responsibility rested on either side. His resolution was, as had been said, offered in a spirit of pleasantry, and he believed the report made thereon was in the same spirit. It was, however, a matter that did not affect the dignity of the Senate, and he withdrew the motion. Mr. Ostrom then withdrew his motion.

EXECUTIVE WITHDRAWALS.

A message was received from the Governor withdrawing from the consideration of the Senate the following appointments made by Governor Waterman: Joseph D. Redding, Ramon E. Wilson and Joseph Morizio, to be Fish Commissioners; Dr. J. R. Laine, as member of the State Board of Health; Alexander Backlin, as Port Warden of the San Francisco Harbor; E. W. Travers and Oliver Eldridge, as Pilot Commissioners; Obed Harvey, as Director of the Stockton Insane Asylum; Warren Olney, as Director of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum; George W. Gibbs and A. B. Overton, as Trustees of the Home for Feeble-minded Children; Louis Sloss, Jr., as a member of the State Board of Prison Directors; J. C. Campbell, as State Prison Director.

NEW APPOINTMENTS. A message was also received from the Governor announcing the following appointments: Joseph D. Redding, Ramon E. Wilson and Joseph Morizio, to be Fish Commissioners; Samuel K. Thornton, to be Port Warden of San Francisco Harbor; Captain J. H. Bruce, to be Pilot Commissioner; George W. Gibbs, to be Trustee of the Home for the Feeble-minded Children; Dr. C. A. Rowell, to be a member of the State Board of Prison Directors; Erwin D. Sturdy, to be a member of the State Board of Prison Directors; Mr. Sprague moved that the consideration of the message be made the special order for Thursday, the 22d inst., at 2 o'clock p. m. Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. DeLong, from the Committee on Finance, reported back S. B. 32, amending the Political Code, relating to the duties of the Treasurer of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum, recommending it passed as amended. Also, S. B. 34, relating to the collection of property taxes, recommending its passage as amended.

By Mr. W. H. Williams—Amending Sections 501 and 508 of the Civil Code, relating to street railways. By Mr. Campbell of Siskiyou—Amending Section 124 of the Civil Code, relating to the cost of appeals in criminal cases. By Mr. Stowell—Amending Section 163 of the Political Code, relating to the course of instruction in the public schools. Also, fixing the rates of tare and hops in bales. Also, amending Sections 297 and 293 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to the time for calling a jury. By Mr. Hamill—Relating to the assessment of property, and providing a penalty for Assessors failing to do their duty. By Mr. Berry—Amending Section 2014, relating to county governments. By Mr. Ragsdale—Repealing Section 124 of the Civil Code, relating to lands sold by the State for the nonpayment of taxes. By Mr. McManis—Prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within a mile of any reform institution in which children are inmates. Also, providing for the organization of irrigation and water districts. By Mr. Heacock—Relating to agricultural districts, their formation, etc., and providing for the assessment of lands. By Mr. Brit—To provide for the payment of wages of mechanics and laborers. By Mr. Flint—Providing for the appointment of a Board of Public Trustees; for the acquisition of the Sutter Fort property by the State, and making an appropriation for its improvement. By Mr. Mead—Constituting an amendment, relating to the duties of Lieutenant Governor. By Mr. Everett—Amending Sections 1915 and 1917 of the Civil Code, relating to the rates of interest. By Mr. DeLong—Amending Section 1248 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to corporations acting as executors. By Mr. Broderick—Providing for the rate of railroad and other franchises by municipalities. By Mr. Maher—Authorizing municipal authorities to fix the rate for gas and electric lighting. By Mr. Sprague—Amending Section 92 of the Civil Code, relating to divorces. By Mr. McGowan—Amending Section 1248 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to what are deemed conclusive presumptions.

SECOND READING OF BILLS. S. B. 10, relative to the claims by third persons of property acquired under writs of execution and attachment. S. B. 11, relating to the appointment of receivers, and the care and disposition of the property of insolvent debtors during the pendency of insolvency proceedings and before the election of an assignee. S. B. 13, relating to the crime of obtaining money or property by false pretenses. S. B. 14, relating to the fraudulent presentation of claims to public officers. Substitute for S. B. 18 and 25, relating to the power of the court when the evidence is insufficient to justify a conviction, and in cases wherein an appeal may be taken by the people. S. B. 29, in relation to the adoption of children.

FIRST READING OF BILLS. S. B. 32, by the Finance Committee, shortly before, were read the first time and ordered on file. Adjourned till Tuesday at 10 o'clock a. m.

ASSEMBLY.

The House met at 12 o'clock, Speaker Coombs in the chair. Roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Renfro rose to a question of privilege, with reference to the report published by the Record-Union of his remarks upon the bill providing for the continuation of administration upon estates, which erroneously, it was claimed, attributed the reporter's falling to hear him, attributed to him this language: "Might not the administration of an estate be made perfect by the bill?" What he did say was: "Might not the administration of an estate be perpetuated by the bill?"

SENATE MESSAGE.

Senate Concurrent Resolution requesting the Committee on Rules of the two houses to prepare and report a bill to prevent the printing and passage of duplicate bills. Lost.

MR. PHELPS IN THE CHAIR.

By Mr. Phelps in the chair. Mr. Phelps introduced a bill to pay claim of Max Gumpel for services as expert on trial of John S. Gray. Claims.

By Mr. Gould—With reference to de-frauding of existing restaurant proprietors and repealing Section 337 of Penal Code, Judiciary.

Also, with reference to bounties for killing wolves, coyotes, bears and California lions, Agriculture.

By Mr. Beecher—With reference to preservation of game, Fish and Game.

By Mr. Baughman—To authorize the Governor to appoint a custodian of the Marshall monument, Public Buildings.

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By Mr. Clark—To regulate the business of insurance companies with reference to deposits, Corporations.

By Mr. Lacy—To amend Section 540 of the Political Code, with reference to the supervision and working of public roads, Roads and Highways.

By Mr. West—To amend Section 1246 of the Penal Code, relative to costs of appeal in criminal cases, Judiciary.

By Mr. Rice—To amend Section 1915 of the County Government Act, County Governments. Referred.

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