THE LEGISLATURE—29TH SESSION.

San Jose Still Has Her Weather Eye on the State Capital.

Favorable Reports on a Number of Bills—Proposed Relief of General Vallejo's Widow.

SENATE.

SACRAMENTO, January 20, 1891.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock A. M., Lieutenant-Governor Reddick in the chair. Roll called and quorum present.

The Chair announced that the Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Bruner, was ill, and remarked that the Senators would have to do their own "communing."

After the usual routine of reading the journal, Mr. Heacock presented a petition asking for the passage of a bill to promote the formation of mutual insurance companies.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Crandall—Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the removal of the State Capital from Sacramento to San Jose.

Also, providing additional buildings for the Normal School at San Jose?

By Mr. Ragsdale—For the relief of the widow of the late General Mariano G. Vallejo.

Also, relating to defrauding the keepers of livery stables.

Also, for the relief of John J. Conlan.

By Mr. Goucher—Providing for the purchase of a portrait of ex-Governor Waterman.

By Mr. Langford—Repealing the Act creating the State Board of Forestry.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Sprague, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported a number of bills, which were recommended for passage, including a bill relating to eminent domain.

Also, relating to proof of acknowledgment of instruments.

Also, making it a felony for any person to aid or encourage another to commit suicide.

Also, selling cattle, horses or other animals known to be afflicted with contagious diseases.

Also, prohibiting the adulteration of candy.

Also, relating to the conditions under which chattle mortgages can be made.

Also, concerning the organization and government of levee districts, and to prevent injury to lands by overflowing streams.

Mr. Maher, from the Committee on Labor and Capital, reported back favorably S. B. 82 and 83, relating to the wages of employes on public work, and to the hours of labor per day.

The committee recommended favorably on the World's Fair bill, except as to the sum to be appropriated, which it recommended should be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Banks, from the Committee of Public Buildings, reported back favorably S. B. 7, providing for the completion of all unfinished public buildings.

Also, S. B. 148, providing for a new kitchen and dining-room at the Napa Insane Asylum.

Also, S. B. 196 and 197, providing for a chain fence about Capitol Park and for the completion of the stone steps theiren.

Also, Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, relating to the Government gun factory at Benicia.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Langford offered a joint resolution relating to the abolishment of the duty on grain bags and grain-bag material.

Mr. McGowan presented a joint resolution requesting Congress to enact a law prohibiting or restricting foreign immigration.

MORE BILLS.

By Mr. Hamill—Relating to the powers and duties of Public Administrators.

By Mr. Campbell of Solano—Amending the code relating to homesteads.

By Mr. McComas—Revising the law relating to mortgages on personal property.

By Mr. Maher—Amending the Political Code relating to Pilots, Pilot Commissioners and pilot regulations.

By Mr. De Long—Appropriating $75,000 to meet a deficiency in the State Printing appropriation.

SECOND READING OF BILLS.

The following bills were read the second time and ordered engrossed:

S. B. 32, relating to the office of Treasurer of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum.

S. B. 30, amending various sections of the Political Code, relating to the collection of property tax.

FIRST READING OF BILLS.

On motion of Mr. De Long, all the bills which had been reported favorably by committees that morning were taken up and read the first time.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Carpenter moved that the appointments made by Governor Waterman during the interim of the Senate be referred to the Judiciary Committee, to determine whether or not some of the appointments do not require to be confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Sprague said that up to two years ago it was unquestionably the law that all executive appointments should be confirmed by the Senate; but two new public institutions had been created by special enactment, and there appeared to be some question as to whether or not the officers appointed thereunder require to be confirmed by the Senate.

Mr. Carpenter's motion was carried.

Mr. Goucher moved that the Judiciary Committee also inquire into the matter as to whether or not the Executive may constitutionally withdraw the names of appointees made by his predecessor, before action had been taken thereon by the Senate.

After a short debate between Messrs. Goucher and Sprague, the motion prevailed.

At 12 o'clock M. the Senate adjourned till Wednesday at 10 o'clock A. M.

ASSEMBLY.

House met at 11 A. M., Speaker Coombs in the chair. Roll called; quorum present. Journal of yesterday approved.

SPECIAL ORDER.

S. B. 207, specifying the regular attaches of the two houses, and fixing their compensation, read second time, and made special order for to-morrow, after the reading of the journal.

PETITION.

By Mr. Gould—From residents of Mariposa County asking bounty on coyotes. Agriculture.

SUFFICIENT ATTACHES.

The Speaker—I wish to announce the withdrawal of the name of Wm. Hall as porter, and the substitution of that of James Hines. I would also say, as the House has empowered me to appoint all additional attaches necessary for the transaction of business, that I have investigated the matter, and it is my opinion that no further employes are needed; consequently none will be appointed, except in the event that the accumulation of business should render it an imperative necessity. [Applause.] In this connection, that we may know exactly how we stand, I think it would be well for the Clerk to make out a list of the present attaches and have it printed in the journal. We can then tell just who is employed, what he is doing and whether performing his duties. If there is no objection, an order will be made directing the Clerk to prepare such a list and have it printed in the journal of to-morrow or next day.

REPORTS.

By Mr. Bert—From Committee on Rules, recommending passage of resolution adding Cram and Murnan to Committee on Education. Adopted.

By Mr. Estey—From Committee on State Prisons, asking further time for consideration of A. B. 6, providing for improvements and repairs at Folsom State Prison. Granted.

[A number of other reports were made, but as in each instance the bills reported were referred to by number simply, without adding the title, which would afford the public no information whatever, and the reporter cannot spend all his time hunting up the titles, they are omitted.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Fowler—To amend Section 862 of Political Code, relative to municipal corporations. Municipal Corporations.

Also, to amend Section 400 of Penal Code, relative to the supervision and prevention of glanders and farcy. Agriculture.

Also, to amend Section 626 of Penal Code, with reference to protection and preservation of fish and game birds. Fish and Game.

By Mr. Wolfskill—To abolish the commissions to County Assessors, Auditors and Treasurers collecting and disbursing State revenue. County Governments.

By Mr. Young—To create the County of San Jacinto. County Boundaries.

Also, to amend Section 216 of Political Code, relative to duties of officers and employes of the Legislature. Judiciary.

Also, relative to the conduct of the business of insurance companies. Corporations.

By Mr. Mordecai—To amend Section 3 of Article 13 of Act to promote drainage. Irrigation.

By Mr. Alexander—To amend Political Code, relative to payment of taxes. Judiciary.

By Mr. Hersey—To amend Section 1348 of Code of Civil Procedure, authorizing certain corporations to act as executors in certain capacities. Corporations.

By Mr. Lacy—To amend Penal Code relating to new trials. To amend Code of Civil Procedure relative to appeals from Justices' and Police Courts. To amend Code of Civil Procedure. Judiciary.

To prohibit the acquiring by individuals or private corporations of large tracts of land. Agriculture.

To compensate attorneys for services rendered in defense of impecunious defendants. [Not to exceed $50 where appointed by the court.] Judiciary.

By Mr. Marion—Making appropriation for Historical Society of Southern California. Ways and Means.

By Mr. Smith of Orange—Providing for additional supplies of water in irrigation districts. Irrigation.

By Mr. Dow—Making appropriation of $50,000 for erection of additional building for San Jose State Normal School. Public Buildings.

For construction and furnishing of kitchen and dining-room for Napa Insane Asylum. State Institutions.

By Mr. Phillips—To control the business of benevolent organizations. To regulate the business of building and loan associations. Corporations.

By Mr. Culver—Authorizing municipal school districts to furnish pupils with free use of school text books. Education.

By Mr. Hocking—To amend County Government Act. County Government.

By Mr. Barnett of San Francisco—To amend Sections 2436 and 2443 of Political Code relative to Pilots and Pilot Commissioners. Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Ames—To pay deficiency in State Printing Office.

By Mr. Lowe—To amend Section 3446 of the Political Code, with reference to the collection of property taxes. Judiciary.

To amend Section 2981 of the Political Code, with reference to the preservation of the public health. Public Morals.

By Mr. Bruner—To add new section to Civil Code, relative to trial of divorce actions. Judiciary.

GENERAL FILE.

A. B. 45, adding Section 3453 to Civil Code, relating to assignments for benefit of creditors. Withdrawn by the author.

A. B. 22 (Wentworth), amending Section 1209 of Code of Civil Procedure, relative to power of courts to punish contempts.

Mr. Gould moved it be recommitted to a special committee of one, with instructions to strike out "and" and substitute "or" in the last paragraph of Section 1, making it read: "But no speech, statement or publication, reflecting upon, or concerning any court, or officer thereof, shall be treated or punished as a contempt of such court, unless made in the immediate presence of such court while in session, or in such a manner as to actually interfere with its proceedings." Lost.

Bill passed—Ayes 69, noes 5. Mr. Shanahan gave notice of motion to reconsider A. B. 25 (Clark), to amend Section 1465 of Code of Civil Procedure. Recommitted because of errors in printing.

A. B. 60 (Dibble), adding Sections 1702 and 1703 to Code of Civil Procedure, relative to declination of testamentary trustees and filling the vacancy. Passed.

A recess.

Afternoon Session.

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

GENERAL FILE RESUMED.

A. B. 58 (Dibble).—Amending Section 1205 of Penal Code, relating to fines and imprisonment. Passed.

A. B. 101 (Kellogg).—Amending Sections 3780 and 3785 of Political Code, relating to redemption of land sold at tax sale.

Read third time.

Mr. Dibble moved that the bill be recommitted to a special committee of one with instructions to insert an enacting clause.

Mr. Bruner moved to amend the motion by further instructing the special committee to strike out the proviso on page 2, and insert in lieu thereof, "Provided, however, that if redemption is made within eleven months of the date of sale, the purchaser shall not be entitled to the $3 fee."

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Dibble, and the motion as amended agreed to. The Chair appointed Mr. Dibble as such committee, who reported that he had performed the duty assigned. The bill was then transmitted to the State Printer to be reprinted and delivered to the Committee on Engrossment.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Dibble: That the Committee on Elections and Privileges be directed to inquire and report to the House by what authority the State Printer changes the language of A. B. 101. Agreed to.

A. B. 68, amending Municipal Corporations Act. Read second time and ordered engrossed.

A. B. 142, amending Section 499 of Civil Code, relative to authority to construct and operate street railways and to allow different lines to use part of the same streets and tracks. Same action.

A. B. 114, amending Section 497 of Civil Code relative to authority to lay street railway tracks. Same action.

A. B. 66, authorizing cities to acquire water rights. Same.

A. B. 116, confirming electric street-railway franchises. Same.

A. B. 121, repealing Act declaring Klamath River navigable. Same.

Mr. Robertson asked leave to withdraw a similar bill which had been introduced by himself. Granted.

A. B. 129, adding Section 159½ to Penal Code, making it a misdemeanor to advertise to obtain a divorce or to aid therein. Same.

A. B. 139, providing for the levy and collection of taxes by and for school districts, except in municipal corporations of the first class.

A. B. 50, amending municipal corporations Waterworks Act. Read first time.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Brusie—To authorize the State Prison Directors to pay for certain skilled labor used in the construction of the dam and canals at Folsom Prison, and making an appropriation therefore. State Prison.

By Mr. Brown—To regulate the fees of Justices of the Peace in counties of the twenty-eighth class. County Governments.

By Mr. Galbraith—To repeal Sections 2642 and 2644 of the Political Code with reference to the powers and duties of highway officers. To amend Section 2643 of same code on same subject. To amend Section 2641 of Political Code, relative to duties of highway officers. To add Section 2647 to same code, with reference to roads. To amend Section 2644 with reference to taxation to maintain roads. Roads and Highways.

COMMITTEE TRIPS.

Mr. Marion moved that the Committee on State Charitable and Reformatory Institutions be granted three days' leave for the purpose of visiting and investigating into the condition of the State Institutions in Southern California.

Mr. Phillips moved as a substitute that the Chairman of the committee be permitted to select three members thereof to make the visit and investigation.

After a lengthy debate on the necessity of such visits and their expense, Galbraith, Phillips, Clark, Bruner, Brusie, Hail and Barnett of San Francisco speaking in opposition to, and Marion, Freeman, Lacey, Martin and Dennis in favor of the proposition, the previous question was ordered, on motion of Mr. Young, and the substitute defeated by the following vote:

Ayes—Barnett of San Francisco, Baughman, Bert, Bledsoe, Bruner, Brusie, Clark, Coffey, Dow, Estey, Galbraith, Garver, Gordon, Harloe, Hersey, Hocking, Hunewill, Kellogg, Lewis, Lux, Murphy, Phillips, Smith of Orange, Wentworth, Mr. Speaker—25.

Noes—Alexander, Ames, Arms, Barnard, Barnett of Sonoma, Beecher, Brown, Bryant, Cargill, Carter, Cram, Culver, Cunningham, Daly, Dennis, Dunn, Durner, Eakle, Fowler, Freeman, Glynn, Gould, Hail, Hayes, Hoey, Johnson, Jackson, Jones, Lacey, Lynch, Marion, Martin, Matlock, Mathews, McCall, Mordecai, Murnan, Renfro, Rice, Robertson, Shanahan, Smith of Butte, Stabler, Steltz, Sturtevant, Tennis, Tully, Weston, Windrow, Wolfskill, Young—51.

The original motion was then lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Barnard, Bledsoe, Brown, Carter, Culver, Dennis, Dunn, Durner, Estey, Fowler, Freeman, Glynn, Hoey, Johnson, Lacey, Lynch, Marion, Martin, Mathews, McCall, Steltz, Weston—22.

Noes—Ames, Barnett of Sonoma, Baughman, Beecher, Bert, Bruner, Brusie, Bryant, Clark, Coffey, Cram, Cunningham, Daly, Dow, Eakle, Galbraith, Garver, Gordon, Gould, Hail, Harloe, Hawley, Hayes, Hersey, Hocking, Hunewill, Jackson, Jones, Kellogg, Lewis, Lux, Matlock, Mordecai, Murnan, Murphy, Phillips, Renfro, Rice, Robertson, Shanahan, Smith of Butte, Smith of Orange, Stabler, Sturtevant, Tennis, Tully, Wentworth, Windrow, Wolfskill, Young, Mr. Speaker—51.

On motion of Mr. Shanahan A. B. 25, amending Section 1465 of Code of Civil Procedure, was taken up and recommitted to a special committee of one with instructions to amend it to conform to the bill as ordered engrossed. The Speaker appointed Mr. Shanahan such committee, who reported the duty performed, and the bill was ordered reprinted.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Bruner—To provide for the payment of the wages of mechanics and laborers employed by corporations. Labor and Capital.

By Mr. Arms—To amend Act for completion of unfinished county buildings. Public Buildings.

By Mr. Weston—To amend State School Text Books Act. Education.

By Mr. Hayes—To provide for refunding money held as security for gas meters. To fix price of gas. To compel manufacturers of gas to make connections for persons desiring to use the same. To amend Act fixing street railway fares. Corporations.

By Mr. Jones—For relief of George Nightingale and other claims.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Bruner—That Charles Henderson be allowed $8 for two days' services as porter. Adopted.

By Mr. Wentworth—That two members be added to the Committee on Municipal Corporations. Rules.

By Mr. Barnett of San Francisco—That the Committee on Elections be allowed a stenographer if deemed necessary. Lost.

Adjourned.

COLONIZATION OF RUSSIAN JEWS.

Doubts Expressed as to the Wisdom of the Scheme.

EDS. RECORD-UNION: I learn from the SUNDAY UNION that articles of incorporation have been filed by the "International Society for the Colonization of Russian Jews," and I asked myself whether the gentlemen who have organized this society and subscribed a million dollars to its capital stock, have fully considered in all its bearings the question of inviting a colony of an almost unlimited number of foreigners to settle in our midst. If these gentlemen are actuated in this undertaking by motives of utility, what advantage do they hope to reap for the people of this country as a result of their immigration scheme? Do they think that the population which has increased nearly 14,000,000 in the last decade is not growing rapidly enough? Do they believe that with the millions of people now out of employment and suffering for the necessities of life the vast army of laborers in America needs a further addition with which to divide the scanty opportunities of earning a livelihood and share the doubtful benefits of decreased wages? Are these gentlemen not aware that without any invitation or special effort on the part of our citizens 500,000 emigrants from Europe are landing in this country every year, filling all avenues of employment, and, by the sharp competition of necessity, crowding the laboring people of the country and reducing the rate of wages to a point where bare existence is a struggle?

Certainly we are not in need of any more laborers in this country; and these people are not capitalists, or even in easy circumstances, else why a subscription of a million dollars? If it is intended to settle the unoccupied lands of this and other Western States, there are thousands of people already here, just as honest, industrious and deserving, and more entitled to the occupancy of the land, who, with the same financial assistance that it is proposed to give these foreigners, will make better and more intelligent citizens, and whose sentiments will accord more harmoniously with our republican institutions.

If these gentlemen are impelled by feelings of humanity why stop with rendering assistance to the Russian Jews? The benighted and starving hordes of China, the down-trodden and evicted tenants of Ireland, the enslaved and much-abused tribes of Africa, the burden-bearing and brutal peons of South America, and millions upon millions of wronged and oppressed people cry out to humanity for relief from their oppressors. Surely the distresses of these unfortunates should appeal to the sentiments of charity with a force equal to the sufferings of the natives of Russia.

Furthermore, have these charitable gentlemen ascertained whether the grafting of this unlimited colony into the body politic will be acceptable to their neighbors and countrymen?

The sentiment of the age is rather towards the restriction of immigration than otherwise, and it might be well to take this into consideration before embarking extensively in the colonization business.

These few suggestions I have thrown out not with any spirit of malice or prejudice, but for the purpose of having the question viewed from all sides and ascertaining whether the accomplishment of this scheme will result in the "greatest good to the greatest number."

YANKEE.

NEW CITIZENS.

Judge Van Fleet Adds Two More Voters to the Roll.

Jacob Lingenfelder, a native of Germany, appeared before Superior Judge Van Fleet yesterday and renounced his allegiance to Emperor William, in order that he might become a subject of Uncle Sam. George and Peter Newman testified that, in their judgment, Lingenfelder would make a good citizen and voter, and the applicant was sworn in.

Louis Robitschek, a native of Austria, was also admitted to citizenship on the testimony of Isaac Joseph and Marx Levy.

Rebekahs Installed.

The officers of Rising Star Rebekah Lodge No. 8, I. O. O. F., were installed an evening or two ago by Mrs. Duffy, D. D. G. M. Those installed were: H. G., Mrs. Carrie Aiken; V. G., Mrs. Emma Tilton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Georgia Guthrie; Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Warendorph; Warden, Miss Lucy Gett; Conductor, Mrs. Vesta Mannix; R. S. N. G., Mrs. Albert Hart; L. S. N. G., Miss Ida Greenlaw; R. S. S., Mrs. Lizzie Holmes; L. S. S., Mrs. Nixon Kendall; R. S. V. G., Miss Della Krull; L. S. V. G., Mrs. Janet Grimes; Chaplain, Mrs. Annie Wright, and Organist Mrs. Wessie Katzenstein. After the installation all repaired to the banquet hall where a fine collation was spread.

MOUNTAIN APPLES.

Development of an Important Industry in Siskiyou.

A Mountain Section Where the Finest Apples in the Market Are Raised.

In the search for homes in California few persons have had their attention attracted to the extreme northern counties of the State. The orange groves and orchards of the valleys and of the thermal foothill belts usually arouse the admiration of home-seekers from the far East, and there they generally strike their camps and establish their homes.

But there are resources of the northernmost counties that are capable of profitable development, and which but await the touch of the hand of the husbandman to yield good returns. This fact is fully demonstrated by the arrival in this city yesterday of a carload of apples from the far-off Klamath River in Siskiyou County. The fruit was consigned to a wholesale firm, and was disposed of to the retail trade in a very few hours and at good figures.

The enterprising gentleman who brought this fruit to market is Colonel B. B. Jackson, whose home and orchard are located at Buckeye Bar on the Klamath River.

A RECORD-UNION reporter met Colonel Jackson at the Capital Hotel last evening, where he has on exhibition some samples of his apples. The gentleman was quite enthusiastic over the capabilities of his county as an apple-producing section, and from him the reporter learned some facts that may be of interest to those who prefer the mountains to the warm valleys in which to establish homes.

Colonel Jackson (who is one of the Supervisors of Siskiyou county) stated, in response to inquiries, that his apples are grown at an elevation of from 2,700 to 3,000 feet. He has but a small orchard of ten acres as yet, but has this season shipped therefrom some 3,000 boxes, beside great quantities that were allowed to go to waste. He has with him samples of Golden Pippins, Typhocen, White Pearmain, Lady Apple, Eusophus Spitzbergen, Wine Sap, Smith's Cider, Romanitte and other varieties.

The apples are all of fine size and superb flavor, and clearly demonstrate the fact that Siskiyou county is capable of supplying not only the home market but other portions of the Union with this desirable fruit.

Aside from their size, beauty and fine flavor, these Siskiyou apples possess the valuable quality of keeping well. Colonel Jackson assured the reporter—and his assurances were indorsed by Assemblyman Robertson of that county—that some varieties of these apples have been known to keep in good condition for a year and a half. Indeed, they will, it is claimed, preserve their good qualities for even a longer period. Colonel Jackson has now some American pippins that were picked a year ago last fall, and he doesn't know how much longer they may keep.

The apple-growing section, the reporter was informed, is now chiefly confined to Big Shasta Valley, Little Shasta Valley, Scott Valley, and along the Klamath River. Land suitable for the cultivation of this fruit can now be had at from $5 to $20 per acre, although wild land—much of which is quite as good for the purpose—has practically no present value; it can be had at anywhere from $1 50 per acre.

There is any quantity of both Government and railroad land in that section that can be had at a low figure. The growing of apples should become a profitable industry there in the near future. Sacramento fruit dealers assure Colonel Jackson that they can find a market, at good prices, for all the apples they can get from there. Those brought here by Colonel Jackson retailed readily at $2 50 per box of sixty pounds.

It can be seen from these figures a ten or twenty-acre orchard would yield the owner a handsome income.

"Up to a few years ago," remarked Mr. Robertson, "fruit-growing was profitless in our part of the State; but now that the California and Oregon Railroad has penetrated the mountains and valleys of that section, horticulture has become not only possible, but profitable, by having a market opened up for the products thereof. By hauling their fruit a few miles to the railroad stations the orchardists can readily market their fruits at a good profit."

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