

LEGISLATURE—27TH SESSION.

Sacramento Founding Home Bill Passes the Senate.

Senator McComas Executes a Flank Movement on the Sargent-at-Arms—An Uneventful Day.

SACRAMENTO, February 28, 1891. The Senate met at 10 o'clock A. M., Lieutenant-Governor Redick in the chair. Roll called and quorum present. Prayer by the Chaplain. Reading of the journal dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Maher, A. B. 741, appropriating \$2,075 to pay the claim of Jonathan D. Stevenson, was declared a case of urgency and passed, there being no dissenting votes.

Mr. Dray moved, on behalf of Mr. Hancock, that a resolution relating to the passage by Congress of the Conger land bill, now before that body, be taken up. So ordered, and the resolution was adopted.

SACRAMENTO FOUNDING HOME. The first bill to come up on the urgency file was S. B. 624, appropriating \$5,000 for the establishment and maintenance of a Home for Foundlings in Sacramento.

Mr. Mead offered a substitute appropriating \$2,500 and providing that the money be disbursed under the direction of the State Board of Examiners.

Mr. Carpenter moved to amend by limiting the appropriation to \$1,000. Lost.

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Mr. DeLong defended the measure, holding that it provided for ample security against loss to heirs or their estates.

The motion to reconsider was lost—ayes 6, noes 20.

S. B. 265, permitting the establishment of mutual insurance companies. There being no objection, the bill was taken up, read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. McCull, his substitute for A. B. 28, relating to the duties of Assessors, was taken up, read the third time and passed.

A. B. 622, relating to a system of street work, was, on motion of General McCull, taken up, read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dibble the Senate Congressional apportionment bill was taken up, read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Garver, A. B. 634, relating to land sold to the State for taxes, was taken up, read the second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Gould the agricultural district bill was taken from its place on the urgency file, read the third time and passed.

Several bills were given first and second readings, and the House adjourned at 2:15 until Monday.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES. Following is an amendment to the bill to amend the misrepresentation by newspapers of their circulation. The amendment will be prepared by Mr. Clark of Yolo, and will be offered by him on second reading.

After the word "patronage," in line 5, add the following: "And every doctor or lawyer who willfully misrepresents his skill or ability to the public, or who obtains patients or clients, and every merchant or business man who willfully misrepresents his business or calling with intent to procure additional business, and every candidate for any office who hereafter willfully misrepresents his opinion for such office, or who shall make promises inconsistent with reasonable probability of their fulfillment, or any person, whether such person be male or female, who willfully or deliberately lies for the purpose of personal gain or glory, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor."

THE LAW. How Judge Cravens Teaches Offenders to Respect It. Arthur Linn, the young man who created a clamor in the city and streets Friday afternoon, paid dearly for his conduct yesterday, when he came before Judge Cravens in the Police Court.

He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 days in the County Jail.

Dan Cummings was adjudged guilty of the charge of drunkenness, and ordered to jail for ten days.

Miss Johnston, a woman who makes her headquarters in Chinatown, was found guilty of vagrancy. She will serve thirty days in the County Jail.

William Burke was found guilty of misdemeanor, in breaking some fire alarm wires. He will be sentenced on Monday.

Bill Leonard was convicted of petit larceny, and Ah Charley of vagrancy. They will receive judgment to-morrow.

J. B. Smith, who had appealed before the court for contempt, in not producing a pair of diamond earrings, as evidence in the grand larceny case of Moore, was unable to find them. He was given further time to search for the missing property.

WOULD-NOT WORK. One of the "Hokey-Pokey" Men Tries the Habeas Corpus Act. George Blanchard, proprietor of the "hokey-pokey" game at which J. W. Moore was robbed several weeks ago, (and for which robbery Jack Tucker, the dealer, was sent to San Quentin) endeavored to get his release from the custody of the Sheriff by the habeas corpus route yesterday.

The reason set forth by Blanchard's attorney, Frank Estabrook, was that his client had been held to answer by Police Judge Cravens on insufficient evidence.

The testimony, however, showed that while the game was operated and received the spoils from Tucker as it was taken from Moore, the victim. It also appeared that Blanchard gave a man who proposed to stop the game \$5 to keep quiet.

Judge Catlin denied Blanchard's appeal and remanded him to the custody of the Sheriff.

Frank Dolan Again. The familiar countenance of Frank Dolan was seen in the Police Court yesterday. He was arraigned on a charge of abduction, preferred by the guardians of Katie Sheridan, whom Dolan ran away with several weeks ago. He married her in San Francisco and was tried there for perjury, in swearing that the girl was eighteen years of age. He was acquitted. He will now be required to explain the circumstances connected with the sudden departure of himself and the girl from the city. The examination was set for March 15th.

School Examinations. The County Board of Education held a meeting yesterday and considered the questions prepared for the country school examinations. The Superintendent was instructed to notify the teachers of the county that the second-grade examination in arithmetic would only extend as far as percentages.

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WHY SALMON ARE SCARCE.

Dr. Harkness Says It is Due to the Canneries.

Somewhat That Should Have a Bearing on Bills Now Before the Legislature.

The following letter from Dr. H. W. Harkness, President of the California Academy of Sciences, will be found of interest in this connection:

"Upon re-examining the subject, with the view of determining the cause for the scarcity of salmon in our rivers, we find that the principal agent engaged in their destruction is man. He accomplishes this in various ways—by the fouling of the rivers by manufactures, by dams and other obstructions, and chiefly by seine fishing.

"If modern appliances are so perfect, and the pursuit of fish so active and persistent, that we are convinced that should the fishermen comply with the law in every particular, even the salmon would disappear altogether from our waters; but when we take into consideration the fact that all unfair means are resorted to for the purpose of increasing the catch, we are no longer at a loss to account for their scarcity.

"If our fishermen would but pay a decent respect to the laws, and furthermore would capture only a sufficiency for the supply of the market with fresh salmon, a river would be found in the State in the way of restocking at intervals, might still continue to be productive for an indefinite period.

"There is one