

LEGISLATURE—29TH SESSION.

The Senate Faintly Declares in Favor of Woman Suffrage.

Lively Debates in the Assembly—The Newspaper Bills Killed—Action on the Ballot Reform Bill.

SENATE.

SACRAMENTO, March 4, 1891.

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

Mr. Carpenter called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate on the preceding day refused to pass the bill creating the county of Pomona, of which Mr. McComas had given notice.

By a vote of 11 yeas to 20 noes, the Senate refused to reconsider its action.

Mr. Goucher then called up Mr. Voorhies' motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill providing for a free wagon road from Mariposa to Yosemite Valley was passed.

Mr. Dray spoke against the bill, holding that the State should not burden itself with public roads that it would have to keep in repair.

Mr. Langford presented a petition from the unemployed people of Stockton asking the passage of the bill for the relief of the unemployed of the State.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the consideration of A. B. 363, to create the county of San Jacinto, was continued for one day at the same hour.

Substitute for S. B. 325 and 400, relating to public schools (known as the omnibus school bill), was read the second time and ordered to pass.

S. B. 502, to create the office of attorney for the State Board of Health and San Francisco Board of Health, was read.

After the roll-call, and before the result was announced, a call of the Senate was demanded, to which there were several objections on points of order.

The Chair held that a call of the Senate was in order at any time, and Mr. Hancock appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken, and Mr. Hancock appealed therefrom.

Mr. Goucher claimed that the Chair had improperly ruled in accordance with the established custom of the Senate.

The decision of the Chair was sustained—yeas 23, noes 4 and 12 noes.

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SPECIAL ASSEMBLY BILL.

A. B. 68, relating to the government of municipal corporations of the fifth class. Passed—yeas 20, noes 0.

A. B. 24, relating to the construction and repairing of fish-ladders and obstructions in running streams. Passed—yeas 20, noes 0.

A. B. 432, providing for assistants to the City and District Attorneys of San Francisco. Passed—yeas 21, noes 7.

A. B. 107, creating a lien in favor of owners of animals used for propagating purposes. Passed—yeas 21, noes 7.

A. B. 110, relating to the incurring of indebtedness by cities of the fifth class. Amended and ordered reprinted.

A. B. 301, relating to life, health, accident and endowment insurance on the assessment plan. Read first time.

A. B. 594, declaring Petaluma River a public way. Read first time.

A. B. 219, relating to judgment and orders in cases of contempt and appeals therefrom. Read first time.

A. B. 606, amending the incorporation Act of San Jose. Read first time.

A. B. 323, to validate certain Acts of municipal corporations since 1883. Read three times and passed.

On motion of Mr. Seawell, substitute for S. B. 322 and 400, relating to public schools, was declared a case of urgency and passed.

RELIEF FOR MRS. KELLY. The bill appropriating \$7,500 out of the San Francisco Harbor Improvement Fund for the relief of Mrs. Emma Kelly, widow of G. H. Kelly, was taken up and passed—yeas 30, noes 0.

A HOME INDUSTRY. S. B. 517, providing that public buildings should be roofed with California slate. Passed—yeas 27, noes 4.

SPECIAL ORDERS. The Senate then took up the special order. A. B. 224, revising and amending the irrigation Act of 1887. Passed—yeas 24, noes 4.

S. B. 234, to establish a standard of weights and measures. Mr. Mahoney, author of the bill, offered an amendment providing that county sealers be appointed (by the Governor) on the request of the Board of Supervisors of any county.

Mr. Goucher offered a resolution declaring S. B. 68 relating to official publications, a case of urgency and placed upon its passage. Adopted.

The bill provides that all newspapers circulating for official advertising notices have been in existence for at least one year.

Mr. Dargie spoke in favor of the bill and Mr. Dray against it. The latter favored making the limit three months, which term, he claimed, generally determined the fate of ephemeral publications.

Mr. Carpenter said it was not a question as to what would be in the interest of the newspapers, but of the people. It was throwing money away to publish legal advertisements in papers without any circulation.

The interests of the people demanded that such publications should be in newspapers long established and of general circulation.

Messrs. Crandall and Berry spoke against the bill.

Mr. Dray moved that three months be substituted for one year. Adopted—Yeas 19, noes 12.

Mr. Maher moved to amend by striking out section 2. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Sprague, S. B. 435 (the Sacramento "revenue" bill) was made the special order for Monday next at 4 P. M.

The conference committee on A. B. 101 failing to agree, a free conference committee was appointed thereon.

At 3:40 P. M. the Senate took a recess till 7:30 o'clock.

Evening Session. The Senate reassembled at 7:30 o'clock P. M. President pro tem. Fraser in the chair.

Mr. DeLong offered a resolution providing that when the Senate adjourned it be until Friday morning, the recess to be taken out of respect to the memory of the late United States Senator Hearst.

REPORT MEASURES. The Speaker believed there might be danger of a contest, and desired to have the proceedings of the House not really begin until the arrival of the Republican members.

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FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Completion of the Organization for Sacramento County.

State Deputy F. P. Cook Explains the Objects of the Alliance.

The work of organizing the Sacramento County Farmers' Alliance was finished yesterday, and the body is now organized as follows: President, W. S. Manlove; Vice-President, Miss C. G. Chapman; Secretary, W. L. Willis; Treasurer, Solomon Kroeger; Grant, near Galt; Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Scott; Elk Grove; Lecturer, A. A. Krull; Enterprise (address Sacramento); Sacramento-at-Arms, E. W. Springstead; Elk Grove-Steward, Mrs. G. S. Williamson; Elk Grove; Doorkeeper, H. D. Scott; Dry Creek, near Galt; Assistant Doorkeeper, Miss Florence Beach; Freeport; County Business Agent, C. D. Brooke; Oak Park.

The election of officers was concluded Tuesday afternoon. The evening session was given to addresses, opening with a Farmers' Alliance song by Mrs. Scott, with the President, Miss Chapman, presiding. John M. Benson, County Lecturer of San Joaquin County, led off in the speaking, contrasting the times as they were when his mother landed with him, a baby in her arms, at Sacramento dock, some forty years ago, with present times. Mother and child were welcomed by the early miners when they arrived, but Mr. Benson said he hadn't been able to hang on to as much of the yellow metal as they had. He had to get out, and he thought it was partly the fault of bad legislation, by which money had been taken out of his pocket, and the pockets of millions of any other man, by means of business methods, and put into the pockets of a few.

State Deputy F. P. Cook, being called upon by the President, Mr. Town of Elliott, County Organizer for Amador County, who responded briefly, and Mr. Cook then read a carefully prepared statement of the objects of the Alliance.

"The earth," said the speaker, "is a great legacy from the Creator to us, his children. Resources, if properly managed, are sufficient for the comfort and noble development of all the inhabitants of the earth forever. The trouble is not in managing these resources, but in a general way, by which we are managing them—the system of division, of personal gain regarding the general welfare—is wrong. It lacks that loving spirit of the Father set forth in the Gospel of Jesus. Gradually there is stealing into the minds of men the feeling of self-interest, waste; that the fruit of the tree means against each other within nations is unwise, and that internal peace is as necessary as external peace for the noblest development of humanity."

"The objects of the Farmers' Alliance are to promote social intercourse and industrial development, thereby helping to relieve the cares and anxieties of the people in every-day business, and intelligent, neighborly, searching investigation of the causes of public affairs to secure better government. The business plan of the Farmers' Alliance tends toward the simplification of mercantile business methods, but not the rural business methods, but not the rural roads caused some changes in methods of doing business. They have superseded the professional man, the professional teamster, and they have cut the little river town to practically disappear."

"Politically, what we want is good government, and we are organized for the result of free and full discussion of public affairs by citizens, loving a common country and determined to put into effect the noblest development of the partnership. Our Alliance meetings enable us to have such discussion, by ourselves, without interference, and our own good sense, which is the only discussion effective. We are free Americans in the Alliance as well as out of it. If we act together politically, it is because we want to save our country, and we do so as pleases. We are simply determined that so far as in us lays the machinery of government shall be used solely for the benefit of the people."

The paper contained much information and suggestion of value to the order, and in closing Mr. Cook said: "There is no doubt that the Farmers' Alliance and the bulk of mercantile people are both interested in ballot reform, transportation reform, etc., and we must work together for them. In conclusion, beware of the man here and there who would lead you to believe that he is a member of the Alliance in Nebraska, and also well received. C. D. Brooke, A. A. Krull and the others were present."

Wednesday morning a constitution for the County Alliance was adopted, and statutory or general laws for the order in the county were formally passed upon, and submitted to the members of the county for adoption or rejection, section by section, by majority vote of the total membership in the county, returns to be made to the County Secretary previous to June 1, 1891.

It was decided that there should be a County Alliance meeting at Elk Grove, April 3rd and 4th. New Alliance members will be entitled to delegates, and present lodges to increased representation.

The members of lodges were appointed, resolutions of thanks for very hospitable entertainment by the Elk Grove Association, and recommending State Deputy Cook's address to the *Free Press* for publication, were adopted, and the secret work again exemplified by the County Alliance, then adjourned, with the best of feelings.

COUNTY BUSINESS. The Supervisors Did Not Do Much of Importance Yesterday.

The Board of Supervisors convened again yesterday with all the members present and Chairman Greer presiding.

It was finance day, and consequently the business outside of the examination and auditing of bills was transacted.

A communication was received from W. A. Johnston, Justice of the Peace of Franklin township, asking the board to furnish him with a set of codes and other law books.

Several other requests of this kind have been received from time to time, and all have been ignored. Johnston's met the same fate, being consigned to the depths of the file.

Upon request of Mr. Greer the rules were suspended to permit him to introduce a resolution. The resolution was to associate with the Legislature of Senators bill 41, allowing county moneys to be placed on deposit in banks.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by the board.

A report was received from George O'Leary, Manager of the Anti-Debris Association, of the work of that body in suppressing hydraulic mining.

At the afternoon session the board convened at 2 o'clock, and the business of the day was the consideration of a bill in favor of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The bill in their original capacity of Supervisors the remainder of the afternoon was consumed in examining bills.

Sacramento County Case Decided. An opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of Grimshaw vs. Belcher, a Sacramento County case, was filed in the Supreme Court Clerk's office yesterday.

The judgment of the lower court, enjoining the defendant from tearing away his levee in such a manner as to subject the plaintiff's land to overflow, is affirmed.

WORLD'S FAIR. General Chairman for Head of the Horticultural Department.

The State Board of Agriculture had a meeting yesterday and authorized President Fred Cox to forward the following dispatch to Director-General Davis, of the World's Fair:

Director-General Davis, Columbian Exposition, Chicago, Ill.: The California State Board of Agriculture respectfully petitions you to give this State the head of the Department of Horticulture, the largest and volume of our horticultural products makes us an important factor in this department, and the completion of our massive exhibit from this State. We earnestly interpose General N. P. Chapman, our President.

Attached to the dispatch was an endorsement of General Chairman from Congressman-elect W. W. Bowers.

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