CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

A Perfect Avalanche of Bills in the Senate.

Legislation Proposed on Almost Every Conceivable Subject—Senator McGowan Out for Woman Suffrage—Appropriation Bills by the Score—Proceedings in Both Houses.

In the Senate yesterday, as soon as the standing committees had been appointed, a perfect avalanche of bills descended upon the Clerk's desk. The number ran up to 209 in the first round. They were upon every conceivable subject, from the granting of the suffrage to women to the appropriation of money to a Sheriff for expenses in capturing a prisoner. They were all promptly referred to appropriate committees, where, it is to be hoped, many of them will slumber for all time.

In the Assembly the rules have not yet been adopted, nor the standing committees appointed, so a very short session was held. One rule was adopted, which, if adhered to, will very materially advance the work of the session. It provided for morning sessions only of the Assembly each day, thus giving the committees a chance to properly consider bills before they come up for discussion in the House. In the past more time has been wasted in fruitless discussion on bills that have had to go back to committee for amendment than in the actual transaction of the legitimate business of the Senate or Assembly. The real work of the Legislature should be done in the committee room, and the Assembly has hit upon the best possible plan for expediting its business.

SENATE.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 A. M. yesterday with President pro tem. Flint in the chair.

Roll-call showed a quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. G. A. Ottmann.

On motion of Senator Biggy the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

RULES ADOPTED.

Senator Ford, Chairman of the temporary Committee on Rules, handed in a report recommending that the printed rules of the last session, with a few unimportant amendments, be received and accepted as the rules of the present session. The reading of the report was dispensed with and the report, which will appear in to-day's journal, was adopted and the committee discharged.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

A resolution by Senator Mahoney was adopted providing that when the time comes for the introduction of bills the roll be called and each Senator be given a chance in his regular order to introduce any bill or bills he may have prepared. The resolution was adopted.

The President pro tem. stated that the rules having been adopted, the Senate was at length ready for the regular order of business.

PUBLIC OPINION BUREAU.

Senator Ford submitted a petition from certain people of San Francisco, asking for the formation of a Department of Public Opinion. The petition provides that each voter shall be compelled to submit his individual opinion to the Legislature on all matters of public importance through the medium of the United States mail, that a test of public sentiment may be thereby secured before any definite action is taken upon important matters. The petition was ordered printed in the journal.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The introduction of bills was declared in order, and Senator Aram sent to the desk Senate Bill No. 1, an Act to amend Section 581 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The President referred the bill to the Judiciary Committee, when such be appointed.

DEMOCRATS MURMUR.

This caused a murmur on the Democratic side of the house, and Senator Seawell said that as no Committee on Judiciary had been appointed a bill could not be properly referred to one.

Senator Arms entered into a confab with Senator Voorheis and stated that it looked as if it was the intention to keep his side of the House (the minority) in darkness as to the contents of any bills introduced.

RECESS.

In order that peace might once more reign Senator Orr moved that a recess be taken until 11 o'clock A. M., in order that the arrangement of committees might be effected by the President pro tem. The recess was accordingly taken.

REASSEMBLED.

At 11 o'clock the Senate reassembled and the President pro tem., having in the meantime arranged his committees, announced them as follows:

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Agriculture, Horticulture, Viniculture and Viticulture—Shippee (Chairman), Hoyt, Franck, Pedlar, Androus, Gesford, McAllister, Langford and Martin.

Attaches, Contingent Expenses and Mileage—Hart (Chairman), Holloway, Flint, Arms and McAllister.

Banks and Banking—Denison (Chairman), McGowan, Gleaves, Aram, Whitehurst, Langford and Fay.

City, City and County Governments—Simpson (Chairman), Seymour, Hart, Bert, Denison, Gesford, Mathews, Whitehurst.

Claims—Franck (Chairman), Hoyt, Androus, Shine, Biggy, Arms and Langford.

Commerce and Navigation—Mahoney (Chairman), McGowan, Simpson, Denison, Fay, Biggy and Mitchell.

Constitutional Amendments—Hart (Chairman), Earl, Orr, Seawell, Burke.

Corporations—Orr (Chairman), Flint, Hart, Shippee, Mahoney, Androus, Linder, Seawell, Arms, Mathews and Henderson.

Counties and County Boundaries—Linder (Chairman), Denison, Smith, Franck, Voorheis, Dunn, Mathews, McAllister and Whitehurst.

Judiciary—McGowan (Chairman), Earl, Ford, Hart, Orr, Simpson, Aram, Bert, Withington, Seawell, Arms, Gesford, McAllister, Burke and Henderson.

Labor and Capital—Holloway (Chairman), Mahoney, McGowan, Shine, Beard, Fay, Mitchell, Arms, Toner.

Mines, Drainage and Mining Debris—Ford (Chairman), Voorheis, Aram, Gleaves, Martin, Toner and Fay.

Military Affairs—Best (Chairman), Pedlar, Withington, Gleaves, Mathews, Henderson and Arms.

Public Buildings, Other Than Prison Buildings—Androus (Chairman), Seymour, Denison, Shippee, Linder, Franck, Biggy, Gesford, Mathews, Mitchell and Seawell.

Public Printing—Ford (Chairman), Mahoney and Henderson.

Public and Swamp and Overflowed Lands—Hoyt (Chairman), Franck, Linder, Langford and Toner.

Roads and Highways—Shine (Chairman), Gleaves, Orr, Hoyt, Burke, Martin and Whitehurst.

State Library and Rules—Earl (Chairman), Flint and Seawell.

State Prisons and Prison Buildings—Flint (Chairman), Mahoney, Shippee, Best, Pedlar, Whitehurst, McAllister, Dunn and Arms.

County Governments and Township Organization—Withington (Chairman), Voorheis, Ford, Smith, Earl, Gesford, Borne and Henderson.

Education and Public Morals—Earl (Chairman), Withington, Androus, Hoyt, McAllister, Seawell, Martin.

Elections—Aram (Chairman), Simpson, Smith, Beard, Arms, McAllister, Burke.

Enrolled and Engrossed Bills—Beard (Chairman), Simpson, Orr, Voorheis, Dunn, Burke, Mitchell.

Finance—Voorheis (Chairman), Bert, Ford, Linder, Langford, Mathews, Henderson.

Forestry, Yosemite Valley, Mariposa Big Tree Grove and Fish and Game—Voorheis (Chairman), Flint, Shine, Dunn, Toner.

Harbors, Rivers and Coast Defenses—Gleaves (Chairman), McGowan, Withington, Dunn, Mitchell.

Hospitals—Pedlar (Chairman), Shine, Holloway, Martin, Toner.

Irrigation and Water Right—Seymour (Chairman), Linder, Simpson, Shippee, Pedlar, Smith, Withington, Martin, Langford, Whitehurst, Gesford.

Then came a perfect deluge of bills, such a downpouring upon the Secretary's desk as is seldom seen. Almost every Senator was loaded with bills and turned them in as their names were called. They numbered 209, and are as follows:

By Aram—To appropriate money to pay the claim of D. H. Wyckoff, Sheriff of Yolo County, for the arrest of John Ruggles, murderer of A. B. Montgomery in Shasta County. Referred to Finance Committee.

To amend Section 1093 of Civil Code, relating to making execution and acknowledgment of conveyance of real property by married women. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Androus—Appropriating $109,753 for payment of newspaper claims for advertising constitutional amendments. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Beard—To amend Section 602 of the Penal Code. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Making an appropriation of $3,000 to pay the deficiencies in the appropriation for costs and expenses of suits in which the State is a party. Referred to the Finance Committee.

To pay the claim of Jerome Deasy for arresting A. P. Clark. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Appropriating $1,200 for the payment of the claims of Francis O'Hara and Richard Walsh, formerly California volunteers in the service of the United States. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Best—Prescribing conditions upon which certain insurance associations may be permitted to transact business in the State. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Prescribing conditions upon which certain foreign insurance corporations be permitted to transact business in the State. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Prescribing the duty of the Attorney-General and Insurance Commissioner regarding the admission of insurance companies to do business in the State. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

To provide for investigation of fires by the insurance department, and to make provisions for the expenses of the same. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Appropriating $250,000 for the erection of buildings for the use of affiliated and other departments of the University of California. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Authorizing the Judges of the Superior Court in all counties and cities having a population of 200,000 to appoint a Secretary. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Appropriating $1,300 to pay the claim of W. H. Murray. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Ford—To appropriate $2,500 for the erection of a monument at Donner Lake. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

To regulate the business of running and conducting sleeping cars over railroads within the State. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

To amend Section 437 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to answers. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Gesford—To amend an Act relative to duties of receivers. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to the right of the pledgee to duplicate the pledged property when sold at public auction. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Ford—To amend Section 1699, Code of Civil Procedure, relating to the settlements of account.

By Gesford—Appropriating $183,662 50 to pay the indebtedness incurred by calling out the National Guard of California into service, by order of the Governor, to enforce the law, in 1893 and 1894. Referred to the Finance Committee.

By Dunn—To prevent evil-disposed persons from coming upon the State Prison grounds. Referred to State Prisons and Prison Buildings Committee.

By Biggy—To repeal an Act fixing a bounty on coyote scalps. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ford—Relating to election contests. Referred to Committee on Elections.

By Gesford—Relating to insane persons. Referred to the Hospital Committee.

By Gesford—To amend Section 527 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Ford—Appropriating $79,000 to pay the claim of D. Jordan for the partial construction of the branch State Prison at Folsom. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to the giving of notice of sale to a pledger. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Dunn—For the protection of patients from extortion by dishonest druggists and physicians. Referred to the Committee on Hospitals.

By Gesford—To amend an Act appropriating money for the support of aged persons in indigent circumstances. Referred to the Committee on Hospitals.

By Earl—Relative to setting apart property from a decedent's estate for the use of the family. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Gesford—To provide for the purchase of seven acres of land additional for the Napa Insane Asylum. Referred to Buildings Other Than Prison Buildings Committee.

By Biggy—Providing for the selection, condemnation and purchase of a suitable site and the erection thereon of a State building in San Francisco for the accommodation of State officers. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings Other Than Prison Buildings.

By Gleaves—Empowering the Board of State Harbor Commissioners to lay out and improve certain property in San Francisco. Referred to the Committee on Harbors.

By Hart—Relating to witnesses. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Earl—To provide for the completion and equipment of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Asylum. Referred to Committee on Public Buildings.

By Fay—To amend an Act authorizing the appointment of an Italian interpreter in criminal courts. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Hart—Appropriating $25,000 for the relief of F. E. Jackson for personal injuries received by him while in the service of the State. Jackson lost a leg while attempting the capture of Sontag and Evans. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Franck—To provide a system of street improvement. Referred to County and Town Government Committee.

By Hart—To amend an Act to establish a Penal Code. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Flint—To amend an Act to establish a Civil Code. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Gesford—Relating to the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Hart—Appropriating $5,000 for the relief of Mrs. Sarah J. Wing, whose husband was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in Sacramento by a member of the State militia. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Gleaves—Relative to granting letters of administration to others than those entitled. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Gesford—To amend an Act of the Legislature for the relief of insolvent debtors. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Biggy—Authorizing the incorporation of mutual associations to transact the business of life accident insurance on the assessment plan. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Gesford—Relative to the establishment of a uniform system of county and township government. Referred to the Committee on County Government.

To amend an Act for the relief of insolvent debtors. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Relative to assignment for benefit of creditors. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Relative to county officers and Judges of Superior Courts. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Hart—To pay the claim of Mary N. Springer amounting to $8,500, for balance of pay upon contract awarded to her husband by the State. Referred to Committee on Claims.

By Gesford—Relative to the effect of transfer of real property. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Denison—Relating to contracts for the sale, lease, etc., of railroad property. Referred to Committee on Corporations.

By Biggy—To provide for the relief of Charles S. Wells and appropriating $5,000 for the same. Referred to Committee on Claims.

By Gleaves—Authorizing the State Harbor Commissioners to grant, exchange or transfer property in San Francisco. Referred to Harbor Committee.

By Earl—Concerning the title of the State to lands within its boundaries. Referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

By Hart—To pay the claim of W. G. Hall, amounting to $5,000, who was disabled while in the employ of the State. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Gesford—Relating to the recording of transfers. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Hart—To amend Section 213 of the Penal Code. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Gesford—To amend an Act authorizing indebtedness by cities and towns. Referred to the Committee on City and County and Town Government.

By Earl—To provide for the organization, incorporation and government of municipal corporations. Referred to Committee on Township and County Government.

By Hart—To authorize the State Agricultural Society to dispose of property held by that institution. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Gleaves—Empowering the Board of State Harbor Commissioners to institute condemnatory proceedings against certain property in San Francisco. Referred to Harbor Committee.

By McGowan—To pay the claim of A. G. Lafferty, amounting to $600. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Relating to the powers and duties of Boards of Supervisors. Referred to the City and County Government Committee.

Relating to and prescribing the qualifications of attorneys and counselors at law. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Determining who shall practice law in the several courts of the State. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to compensation of attorneys. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relative to certain actions where the fees have not been paid. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Authorizing the formation of county mutual insurance companies. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Relating to contempts and appeals. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

To add a new section to the Political Code, to be known as Section 53, relating to women citizens. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

To provide for the incorporation of mutual insurance companies, and to define their powers and duties. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

To prevent undue concentration of wealth in the hands of persons who have not earned it. Referred to the Committee on Labor and Capital.

To prevent deception in the manufacture and sale of butter. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By McGowan—Relating to the authentication of marriages. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

To provide for incorporations and management of corporative associations. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

To insure preference in State appointments of ex-Union soldiers. Referred to Committee on City, Town and County Government.

To enfranchise the women of this State and prescribing their qualifications as electors. Referred to the Committee on Elections.

By McGowan—To define who are electors. Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Relating to the purposes for which private corporations may be formed. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Relating to the establishment of High Schools and to provide for their support. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

To regulate the trial of actions for divorce. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to road poll-tax. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Orr—To repeal an Act to authorize suits against the State and regulating the proceedings therein. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Pedlar—To reduce the number of Judges of the Superior Court of the county of Fresno from three to two. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Orr—To prevent the use of fraudulent marks on merchandise. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Relating to the lien of judgments of Federal Courts. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Concerning persons and corporations engaged in the banking business. Referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking.

To create an attorney for the State Board of Health, and for the Board of Health for the City and County of San Francisco. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

To establish a uniform system of town and township government. Referred to the Committee on County, Town and Township Government.

By Seymour—Relating to the sale of railroad and other franchises. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Seymour—Relating to public schools. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Relating to the time and manner of assessing property. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Shippee—Making an appropriation of $1,200 for the construction of a cement floor at the State Normal School at Chico. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Appropriating $4,000 for the erection of an additional building at the State Normal School at Chico.

Appropriating $6,000 for a fence in front of the State Normal School at Fresno. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

By Seymour—Relating to county officers, their appointments, duties and compensations. Referred to the Committee on County Government.

Fixing the liabilities of hotel-keepers regarding baggage left in their care. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

To provide for the organization and government of irrigation districts. Referred to the Committee on Irrigation.

Appropriating $275,000 for the erection of additional buildings for the Southern California Insane Asylum. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Appropriating $89 to pay the claim of Frank H. Lombard for services rendered the State as reporter. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Simpson—Relating to notice and certified copies of records as evidence. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

To pay the claim of E. J. Card against the State, amounting to $2,500. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

Relating to estrays. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Relating to the form of acknowledgment by married women. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to the recording of conveyances. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Relating to quieting title to real property. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to the power of husband and wife over community property. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to the eligibility of persons to teach in the public schools in the State. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Relative to hearing petitions for order to sell real estate of decedents. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to the collection of property taxes. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Fixing the time allowed for commencing and completing work for a municipal corporation. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relative to the appointment of administrators. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to the execution of a grant of real property by a married woman and making women legal grantees. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Relating to parties to an action to quiet title. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

To prevent damage by overflow of artesian wells. Referred to Committee on Swamp and Overflowed Lands.

Relating to the enforcement of judgment after the lapse of five years from the date of entry. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Providing for the protection of records in several counties and regulating the business of abstracting. Referred to the Committee of City, Town and County Government.

Relating to the right of executors and administrators to sue and be sued. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to authority to sell real property. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Relating to the lien of judgments, their enforcement and revivor. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Relating to liens for services in the keeping of personal property. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Smith—To amend an Act established to secure a uniform system of county and township government. Referred to Committee on City and County Government.

To amend Sections 1,094, 1,095, 1,096, 1,100, 1,101, 1,103, 1,105, 1,113, 1,115, 1,116, and to repeal Sections 1,098, 1,099 and 1,114 of the Political Code. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

To provide for the payment of advertising the constitutional amendments, and appropriating $1,100 for the same to papers in the southern part of the State. Referred to Finance Committee.

To amend an Act to establish a Penal Code, approved February 14, 1872. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Withington—To reduce the number of Judges of the Superior Court of San Diego County to two. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mathews—To regulate the manufacture and sale of commercial fertilizers. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Appropriating $6,500 to pay for a system of heating and ventilating the State Normal School at Los Angeles. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Appropriating $5,000 for the purchase of furniture for the State Normal School at Los Angeles. Referred to Committee on Public Buildings.

By Mitchell—Providing for the relief of John J. Conlin, and appropriating the sum of $61,577 for that purpose. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Simpson—Relating to the execution and acknowledgment of the power of attorney by a married woman. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Relating to the limitation of action to recover real property. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Relating to the limitation of actions. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Relating to a report as to the condition of estates. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By McAllister—To appoint a committee to report to the Legislature on the laws of the State penal institutions. Referred to the Committee on State Prisons.

An appropriation reimbursing Marin County for moneys expended by it for prosecution of crimes committed within the State Prison at San Quentin. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mahoney—Providing for better protection of life and property, and for licensing engineers. Referred to the Committee on Labor and Capital.

By Simpson—Relating to the accounts and termination of letters of administration. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Relating to the acquiring of jurisdiction in actions. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Mathews—Providing that counties within the State may construct and operate railways and create a bonded indebtedness for the same. Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

To amend an Act providing for the organization, corporation and government of municipal corporations. Referred to the Committee on City, County and Town Government.

Concerning the government of irrigation districts. Referred to the Committee on Irrigation and Water Rights.

By Seawell—Defining grand larceny. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

To amend Section 633 and repeal Section 634 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Making appropriation to pay the claim of the Mendocino Insane Asylum for the forty-fifth and forty-sixth fiscal years. Referred to the Finance Committee.

To amend Section 792 of the Political Code. Referred to the Judiciary Committe.

Relating to percentage to be collected by officers. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Providing for paying the claim of W. P. Lampkin, and appropriating $300 for that purpose. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Simpson—Repealing Section 337 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Langford—Provides for the inheriting of community property by a married woman. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Seawell—To amend an Act to establish a branch insane asylum at Ukiah. Referred to the Committe on Hospitals.

By Simpson—To amend Section 1739 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By Smith—Relating to municipal corporations. Referred to Committee on City and County Government.

By Withington—Authorizing municipal corporations to dispose of surplus water. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

To establish a State Normal School at San Diego. Referred to Committee on Public Buildings.

To provide against the adulteration of food and drugs. Referred to the Committee on Hospitals.

To repeal an Act to establish a Penal Code. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

To enable certain cities to abolish their charters. Referred to the Committee on City, County and Town Government.

To provide for depositing State and county funds in banks. Referred to Committee on Banks and Banking.

To amend an Act to Establish a Political Code. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

To regulate the sale of milk. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

To amend Section 738 of the Code of Civil Procedure. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

To create a commission for the promotion of uniformity of legislation. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator McGowan introduced three proposed constitutional amendments. No. 1 provides for the free distribution of school text-books. No. 2 grants the right of suffrage to women. No. 3 exempts all ships and other vessels from taxation.

A joint resolution was presented by Biggy protesting against the passage by Congress of the Reilly funding bill and demanding the foreclosure of the Government mortgages on the Pacific railroads. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

At 2:50 P. M. the Senate adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock this morning.

ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly was called to order by Speaker Lynch at 11 A. M.

Roll called and a quorum found present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. O. Summers.

On motion of Bulla the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

STANDING RULES.

The Speaker announced that the Committee on Rules was ready to make its report. The report recommended standing rules to be adopted for this session.

Pendleton moved that the reading of the report be dispensed with, and the State Printer be instructed to print a sufficient number of the reports to furnish each member of the Assembly with a copy, but on the suggestion of the Speaker that the rules had not yet been adopted, he withdrew his motion.

The rules were then considered section by section.

The first fixes the time for beginning the sessions at 9:30 A. M. until February 1st, adjournment to be taken at 12:30 P. M. After that time a recess to be taken till 1:30 P. M., unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly.

The order of business is the same as last session.

The rule for the introduction of bills is also very similar.

BRUSIE OBJECTS.

When the rule was read recommending that when a bill was substituted for another introduced by a committee, the bill for which it was substituted was considered withdrawn and lost its place on the file, Brusie objected. He considered it an abrogation of the rights of members to have their bills considered by the Assembly and not have them removed from the file.

After considerable discussion he moved to amend by giving the member a right to object to the withdrawal of his bill and to retain it on file.

Pendleton called for the ayes and noes on the amendment, and it was adopted by a vote of 55 ayes to 21 noes.

Pendleton gave notice of motion to reconsider its adoption.

Powers moved to amend by inserting that in case of substitution the numbers of the bills to be displaced to be given by the committee displacing them. The amendment was adopted.

Reid moved to refer the section back to the committee to be reported on again, but his motion was lost.

The section as amended was adopted, Wade giving notice of motion for reconsideration.

The section providing that when a Senate bill identical in language with an Assembly bill should be substituted for the latter was adopted after a little discussion.

MADE A SPECIAL ORDER.

Brusie said that it was evident that members could not know what changes have been made from former rules, and he therefore moved that further consideration of them be made a special order for to-day just after the reading of the journal, and the State Printer be instructed to have them printed and laid on each member's desk.

The motion was carried, 37 ayes to 33 noes.

On motion of Bulla the Assembly adjourned at 11:45 till 11 A. M. to-day.

Senate Caucus.

A caucus of Republican Senators was held last night in Room 16. The only business considered was the appointment of messengers and Sergeants-at-Arms for the several committees. The feeling of reform was, however, predominant, and it was determined to appoint one messenger and one Sergeant-at-Arms for each committee-room instead of each committee. As one room will in some instances be set apart for the use of a number of committees, quite a saving will be made, which will be good for the contingent fund but hard on those who have patiently waited for two weeks to get a job with nothing to do.

After making a number of nominations the caucus adjourned.

San Diego's Predicament.

The Senate Committee on County Governments and Township Organization met last night to consider Senator Withington's bill to provide a classification for San Diego County, under the head of an urgent necessity Act.

When Riverside County was carved out of San Diego the latter was left, by an oversight, without classification. The result was that San Diego County has, since that time, been practically without any organized government. The bill introduced by Senator Withington specifies the necessary county officers and fixes their salaries. It was reported back to the Senate with a recommendation favorable to its passage.

Legislative Notes.

Mr. Dixon of San Francisco will soon introduce a bill relating to trespass, prohibiting cutting or injuring wood or carrying away timber from the land of another, malicious injury to property, digging or carrying away earth from private property, land of a city or its streets, without proper consent; putting up advertisements without consent of owner of property; entering upon another's land and carrying away oysters and shellfish or destroying or removing the marks and boundaries of such lands; entering, without permission, upon the premises of another for the purpose of fishing, hunting, camping or picnicking or destroying notices prohibiting such entry.

Hon. Jacob H. Neff of Placer, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for United States Senator, left for home yesterday. He says that he is not a candidate and is taking no hand in the fight.

While the name of Irving M. Scott is frequently mentioned in the papers in connection with the United States Senatorship, not a single member of the Legislature has yet been found who says he intends to vote for him.

Assemblyman Thomas of Nevada intends to introduce a bill providing for appointment of a mining inspector.

Assemblyman Dodge of Alameda will introduce several bills. One will provide for the nomination of candidates in conventions by secret ballot, on the Australian system, which is intended to obtain a fair expression of the wishes of delegates. Another is intended to make unlawful all combinations for trading of votes in conventions. Another one prohibits all display of foreign flags on public buildings. He will also introduce a bill providing that all officials receiving a lump sum for their services must make a monthly statement of all their receipts and expenditures, thus making a standard by which the proper salaries for such officers may be gauged. He also has a bill appropriating $37,000 for the completion of the Asylum for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Berkeley. The people of Alameda are very indignant at the way which the county has been classified and the salaries of officials fixed, and he may also introduce some amendments to the count government bill in the near future. Alameda is not alone in this respect, and it is probable that a reclassification will take place all along the line of counties.

Assemblyman Wade of Napa will introduce an amendment to the Act providing for advertising the constitutional amendments, for the purpose of cutting down the expense. He will also introduce one to abolish the State's Prison Parole Board; one providing that in case of commitment of an insane female to an asylum a female friend or relative shall accompany her on her journey; one relative to the transfer of property so that a deed executed by a person during life shall transfer title to property after his death. He will also introduce a bill reducing the salary of Railroad Commissioners from $4,000 to $3,000; one to repeal the Weights and Measures Act and a constitutional amendment for the classification of counties, providing that there shall not be more than twelve classes.

Colonel Trumbull, who is said to be slated as Republican nominee for Senator from Utah, is in the city gathering points on the Senatorial fight which may be of benefit to him when his own turn comes.

Harper's War History.

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VOICE OF THE PRESS.

What Some of the Newspapers of the Interior Say on Current Topics.

[Dixon Tribune.]

The present Legislature has it in its power to give the people much wise and economical legislation that is sorely needed. Will they do it? That is the question that the taxpayers are asking, and no one as yet has had the courage to answer.

THE GREAT DAM.

[Oakland Enquirer.]

Warden Aull of Folsom Prison complains that the people of the State are slow to realize the magnitude of the work which has been done in developing the water-power at that place. He says 700,000 days' labor has been performed on State account in constructing the canal and dam.

REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARIES.

[Oakland Enquirer.]

All parties being agreed that primary election reform is necessary, the important question is, What are the essentials of a satisfactory law directed to that object? The first and greatest evils in primary elections being their control by unauthorized voters—either by Democrats voting at Republican primaries, and vice versa, or by persons who properly have no politics and vote indifferently at the primaries of both parties—the new law must endeavor to change that condition of affairs as the first step toward reform. This will only be doing for primaries what was done long ago for regular elections; the latter could not be conducted honestly without a registration of voters, showing who are entitled to vote and where; without the county great register a fair expression of the public will at the polls would be impossible in any large community.

CHEAPER BREAD.

[Los Angeles Times.]

The agitation for cheaper bread goes on in the East and is sure to win in the end. The price of wheat is so low that it pays the farmer better to feed it to hogs than to sell it for human consumption, and it is estimated that 100,000,000 bushels will be used to fatten hogs in the United States during the present year. Somewhere between the wheat-grower and the consumer there is a wide margin of extortion. This is as true in the West as in the East. Bread is one of the most important articles of diet, and ought to be sold for not more than one-half of the prevailing prices. Let us have reform in California in this matter. Here in Los Angeles, as we are informed, where flour is selling at from $3 25 to $3 85 per barrel, as much as $12 to $14 worth of bread is made out of a single barrel. This is an inordinate profit. Why should not the size of the loaf be regulated by ordinance, and the price of the loaf cut in two?

NEVER THOUGHT IT.

[Colusa Sun.]

Of course from beginning to end the furor about Governor Budd's election was all a sham. They, who got up the idea of a contest, knew when they did it that it was all bosh, but for the sake of a little excitement and a sneaking hope that it might annoy the Democrats they cried out for a recount. Of course that did not in the least annoy the thinking Democracy of California, for it would be too big a scheme for their enemies to undertake with any hope of success. Budd, being duly elected for the term, will of course be the chief magistrate during the ensuing four years. Some of the press seemed a little scared and the disputants, taking courage, raised a war cry that only amounted to a noise. The *Sun* has never for a moment thought the great commonwealth of California would permit her choice for chief magistrate to be ruthlessly set aside.

ELEMENTARY TREATMENT.

[Santa Cruz Sentinel.]

When Sacramentans told the tramps to break rock or leave the city, they proclaimed an elementary law of the universe. And when "General" Kelly, speaking for the tramps, declared that they would not work unless they could make their own terms, he was defying that elementary law. "Work or starve" is the command and penalty announced for the government of man. We may not like the sound of this edict, but we cannot get away from it; it is written in the constitution of things. It applies alike to savages and civilized people. Man takes his life encumbered with the condition of labor. If he wishes to live he must work. He must himself pay for the food he eats. The universal law takes hold of every man as soon as he enters the world, and never loosens its grip, so that when labor is offered to a man and he is told to "work or starve," he has no right to complain of those who make the conditional offer; if he has a grievance founded on that injunction it lies against the Creator and not against his fellow.

A SOUND POLICY.

[Stockton Independent.]

Governor Markham's recommendation concerning roads is that the general highways, or "trunk lines," as he calls them, should be made at the general cost of the county, leaving to the road districts the "feeder lines." The argument in support of this policy is sound. It is that the whole county is interested in the highways and should be taxed for making them and keeping them in repair, leaving the byways to be bad or good, as the people directly interested chose. Such a system would insure good roads in all important directions, and would inspire the residents and property-owners along the lanes and less important roads to put them in equally good condition.

OUR WINTER.

[Los Angeles Times.]

California is having her full share of rain this year. Especially is the northern part of the State being deluged, with the accompanying result of overflowing streams and numerous washouts. Already in the Sacramento region fifteen inches of rain have fallen, and in the vicinity of Napa twenty-two inches are thus early reported for the season. This, of course, means abundant later crops and plenteous harvests of all kinds, for, tickled by abundant rain, the prolific soil of California will yield harvests that burden the earth with their fullness. It will not be long before the great grain fields of the State will resemble vast billowy seas of emerald, and the snows of our lowlands will be found in the white bloom of our great orchards.

AN INJECTION SUGGESTED.

[Bakersfield Californian.]

"General" Kelly, the capable printer, who easily earned $20 per week, but who prefers to head a misnamed "Industrial Army," has, with his crowd of followers, been evicted from the army's headquarters in Sacramento. Now if he could be put to work breaking rock on a diet of bread and water some little common sense might be injected into the head of him.

ECONOMY.

[Chico Chronicle-Record.]

There should be a prompt, a sudden stop put to the wild, extravagant unnecessary expenditure of the public funds. A burdened community furnishes the fund to meet this extravagance. Governor Budd has generally and specially called the attention of the Legislature to these matters, and it rests with that body to enact laws to curtail them.

THE COURT WAS RIGHT.

[Los Angeles Times.]

The disbarment of Lawyer Philbrook of San Francisco for a period of three years is a severe punishment; but it is none too severe a punishment for the wanton and uncalled-for attack which he made upon the Supreme Court of the State. The Supreme Court has performed a duty which it owed to itself and to the State, whose dignity it represents, in thus punishing the man who insulted both the court and the State.

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