

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE.

No Sensations in Either House Yesterday.

Report of the Committee on Public Buildings on Their Trip to the Southern Counties—Only Routine Business in the Senate—Another Flood of New Bills in the Assembly—The Senate Judiciary Committee Works Too Hard.

Yesterday's session of the Senate was uninteresting. Only the routine business was taken up, and there was no effort at oratory. Two bills were passed, and notice was given to reconsider the vote on one of them.

The sub-committee on Public Buildings other than Prison Buildings, recently returned from a tour of inspection in the southern part of the State, handed in a report.

The usual number of bills were introduced, several of which carried appropriations.

In the Assembly the session was mostly taken up by the reception of committee reports and the introduction of bills. The committees are all working hard and doing all they can through committee work to economize the time of the House, The Judiciary Committee, of which Bulla is Chairman, takes the palm in this respect, meeting every day and reporting back a large number of bills. Nor is it at all mealy-mouthed in reporting adversely on objectionable bills, many of which have been practically killed in the committee.

Assembly Bill 701 was introduced yesterday, and it looked from the deluge of bills that poured down upon Clerk Duckworth's desk as if the members were trying to reach the thousand-bill limit, but he was equal to the occasion and stood firm, even after they had fired joint resolutions and constitutional amendments at him.

Laird introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 to pay for rabbit scalp at 5 cents per head, but it is not likely to get beyond the Retrenchment Committee.

Laugenour raised a couple of little zephyrs of excitement, first by asking that the apportionment bill, which was introduced during his absence from the committee, be referred back to the Committee on Retrenchment, in order that he might have something to say in it, and the second time by calling up his resolution that Chairmen report the number of days the clerks of their committees have worked.

SENATE.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the Senate met pursuant to adjournment, with President pro tem, Flint in the chair. The roll called showed a quorum present. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. G. A. Ottmann.

On motion of Senator Bert, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Senator Orr asked that the special order, to appoint a special Committee on Election Frauds, be made the special order for to-day, and immediately after the reading of the journal. It was so ordered.

Senator Earl, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, moved that the committee be granted permission to confer with the similar committee of the Assembly for the purpose of formulating joint rules for the two houses of the Legislature. The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

The report of the Sub-Committee on Public Buildings Other Than Prison Buildings, which recently returned from a tour of inspection of State institutions in the southern part of the State, was handed in.

The committee, on their arrival in Los Angeles, visited the State Normal School at that place. There are nearly 500 pupils in attendance in the normal department and 40 in the manual school. The estimated attendance for the coming year is 1,000.

The committee found the new building completed. They recommend that \$0,000 be appropriated for furnishing the new building; that \$4,000 be appropriated for heating and ventilating purposes; that \$8,000 be allowed for further additions to the library, and that \$80,000 be allowed for the maintenance of the school for the next two years.

The committee visited the asylum at Highlands. It recommends that \$10,000 be allowed for the new ward, that \$65,000 be allowed for another ward building; that \$15,000 be allowed for the erection of a dormitory and \$5,000 for furnishing it; that \$1,000 be allowed for the erection of a new building for the insane; that \$10,000 be allowed for the erection and furnishing of a house for the Superintendent.

From Highlands the committee proceeded to San Diego, and there viewed two sites offered to the State for the erection of a Normal School, one the Children's Home, the other the High School. The location of both is good, but the buildings are small for the purpose proposed. Pacific Beach was also visited. If it is the wish of the Legislature to establish a Normal School at San Diego, they recommend its location at Pacific Beach, where a fair site was offered for the purpose, worth \$50,000.

From a careful examination of the institutions visited the committee believes that a reduction from the last appropriation may be made of \$255,000 without impairing the efficiency of either of them.

TOO MUCH WORK.

Senator Smith offered a resolution providing that the Judiciary Committee hereafter meet on but three evenings in each week. He said that so much time was demanded by the Judiciary Committee of its members that they had no time to attend sessions of other committees of which they were members.

Senator McGowan said this was the first time in the history of the State that a committee had been accused of doing too much work. He stated that the rule was that only a very few members were present at the meetings of the Judiciary Committee, and he could very easily prove an alibi for all Senators except Senators Aram, Simpson, Earl and himself.

Senator Gefford arrived in the chamber at this time and said he had heard only the last words of the Senator from Humboldt, and that his name had not been mentioned. He wished to say that he had attended every session of the Judiciary Committee, except when absent from the city on other committee duty.

Senator Smith said Senators Aram, Earl and Simpson were the very members aimed to reach by his resolution, and they were absent from many important committees of which they were members while attending sessions of the Judiciary Committee.

The roll was called and the resolution adopted by a vote of 18 to 8.

Senator Earl presented a petition from the San Francisco Monday Club, protesting against the passage of the uniform license bill. The petition was ordered printed in the journal.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Bills were introduced and referred to committees as follows:

By Whitehurst—To provide for the various counties of the State for improvement and rectification of the channels of innavigable streams for the prevention of overflow therefrom.—County Government and Township Organization.

By Smith—To promote the practical study of the sciences in the high schools of the State.—Education and Public Morals.

By Smith—Relating to the duties of depositors.—Agriculture.

To determine what lands in the State are swamp and overflow.—Judiciary.

By Mathews—Fixing the time of holding municipal elections in cities of the second class.—Judiciary.

By Smith—Relating to the drainage of water from inland lakes.—Swamp and Overflowed Lands.

By Frank—To regulate the hours of labor and the employment of minors.—Labor and Capital.

Relative to public health in cities of the State.—Hospital.

By Hall—To regulate and provide for a day of rest in certain cases.—Judiciary.

By Hart—To pay the claim of August Zimmermann, and appropriating \$10,000 therefor.—Claims.

Appropriating \$3,000 to pay the claim of State Agricultural Society.—Claims.

By Gleaves—Placing a bounty of three cents on rabbit scalp, and making an appropriation therefor.—Agriculture.

To provide for the organization of County Agricultural Associations, and for the management of the same by the State.—Agriculture.

Relative to the maintenance of civil actions by executors and administrators.—Judiciary.

By Ford—Appropriating \$500 to pay the salary of the Secretary of the Debris Commission.—Finance.

Appropriating \$1,200 to pay the salary of the Debris Commissioner.—Finance.

By Gleaves—Relating to the powers and duties of highway officers.—Roads and Highways.

Relative to the salaries of counties of the twenty-fifth class.—County Government and Township Organization.

By Huntington—Relative to vagrants.—Judiciary.

Up to this time the total number of bills introduced in the Senate was 651.

[Senator Orr in the chair.] The special file was taken up and the following bills were read the first time and ordered placed on file for the second reading.

S. B. 129, to appropriate \$150,250 for the erection of an administration building for the use and occupancy of the officers, employees and patients of the Mendocino Asylum.

S. B. 130, to appropriate money for the erection and equipment of additional buildings for the Preston School of Industry at Jone.

S. B. 131, to appropriate money for the construction of a settling and distributing tower at the Preston School of Industry at Jone.

S. B. 132, making an appropriation to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for support of the Mendocino Asylum.

S. B. 133, appropriating the sum of \$6,000 for the first floor of the State Capitol.

S. B. 325, to provide for the appointment and salary of an elevator attendant, and make an appropriation therefor.

[Senator Flint in the chair.] THIRD READING. S. B. 81, by McGowan, relating to and prescribing the qualifications of attorneys and counselors-at-law, was read the third time, passed and ordered to engrossment.

SECOND READING OF BILLS. The following bills were read the second time and ordered to engrossment for the third reading:

S. B. 94, relating to the purposes for which private corporations may be formed.

S. B. 95, relating to the effect of recording transfers and conveyances of real property, or the want thereof.

S. B. 96, relating to the effect of transfers of real property.

and second times, passed and ordered sent to the Assembly.

Bills were introduced out of order and referred to committees as follows:

By Langford—To provide for the inheriting of community property by the wife upon the death of the husband.—Judiciary.

By Earl—To pay the claim of D. Dayton, and appropriating \$5,000 for the purpose.—Claims.

By Gleaves—To provide for the licensing of public accountants.—Judiciary.

The file was again taken up and the following bills were read the second time:

S. B. 13, providing for investigation of fires by the Insurance Department, and to make provision for the expenses of the same.

S. B. 44, to amend an Act to provide for the organization, incorporation and government of municipal corporations.

S. B. 42, to amend an Act to provide a system of street improvement bonds, and represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities.

By Senator Orr in the chair.] S. B. 133, to prohibit officers or employees of savings banks from holding any office in any national, commercial, or State bank, or to prohibit the location of any savings bank, or its continuance in business in any building in which the business of a national, State or commercial bank is conducted.

S. B. 352, relating to road poll-taxes.

S. B. 353, relating to leases of agricultural lands.

S. B. 469, regulating publications by State officers and Commissioners, County Councils, Boards of Trustees or Supervisors, cities, cities and counties or towns.

From 77 to 82 inclusive the bills were passed on file.

S. B. 72, to amend an Act to provide for the organization, incorporation and government of municipal corporations.

At 3:40 P. M. the Senate adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock this morning.

ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly was called to order at 9:30. Speaker Lynch in the chair. Roll-call showed a quorum present.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. O. Summers.

On motion of Davis, the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

[Delshaw in the chair.] Laugenour moved that A. B. 417 (the appropriation bill) be a special order, be referred back to the Ways and Means Committee. His reason for so doing was that while he and Mr. Llewellyn were absent on a committee visit they had arranged to see the bill, but he had not time to do so.

Brusie said he did not know why the absence of a Democratic member of the committee on a "junketing trip" should be a reason for referring the bill. If there were any amendments to be made, they could be made when it comes up. The committee expected to make some amendments.

Delshaw said that his absence, which was alluded to by the gentleman as a "junketing trip," was on business he had been sent to attend to by the Assembly.

There were some amendments he wanted to propose. One was to amend the appropriation of \$40,000 for the State Agricultural Society, which everyone knew was a Sacramento institution, while other important things were cut down.

Brusie denied that the gentleman's amendments the gentleman wished to offer could be done on reading.

Delshaw, Spencer and Bachman said the bill was on their desks only this morning and they had not had time to examine it.

Reid moved that it be made a special order for Friday at 11 o'clock, and the motion was carried.

Brusie moved that a statement which had been made for the convenience of the Committee on Ways and Means be printed and distributed to each member. He argued that the motion was as soon as possible. He changed his motion to a resolution, and it was adopted.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE. Spencer said that as there was some uncertainty about the present status of the woman suffrage bill, he would suggest that it be considered on next Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Swisher moved that the constitutional amendment be considered at the same time.

Bachman said he was opposed to the bill, but favored the constitutional amendment, and thought every other member would vote for it. He objected to the bill being considered at the same time as the woman suffrage bill. They should be kept separate so that they could be fairly and freely discussed.

Bachman's objection prevailed and the discussion of the bill was fixed for Monday evening.

[Lynch in the chair.] SENATE MESSAGES. Senate messages were taken up, and Bledsoe asked that S. C. R. 6, relating to the charter of the city of Eureka, be considered. The resolution was read and adopted.

ordered; favorably on A. B. 83, relating to fraudulent transfers; A. B. 377, relating to the decision of the court on questions of fact; A. B. 378, relating to transfers; A. B. 379, relating to transfers; A. B. 453, relating to separate trials of defendants; that A. B. 82, relating to the effect of transfers of real property, and A. B. 373, relating to changing place of trial, be referred to the committee on the assessment roll.—Judiciary.

By Llewellyn—Relating to Justices' Courts.—Judiciary.

By Huber—Amending Sections 307, 312 and 314 of the Civil Code.—Corporations.

By Kelsey—To pay deficiency for heating and ventilation in San Jose Normal School.—Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Yagmire—Relating to errors on the assessment roll.—Judiciary.

By Peniston—To create a State Board of Charities and Corrections.—Public Morals.

By Brusie—Appropriating money to pay claim of State Agricultural Society.—Ways and Means.

By Coleman—Appointing the Surveyor-General locating agent in the United States Land Office.—Public Parks.

By Dinkelspiel—To pay claim of Philip Bauer.—Claims.

By Lynch—Authorizing the Treasurer of any county or city and county to receive and disburse certain moneys.—County and Township Government.

Amending Section 1225 of the Code of Civil Procedure.—Corporations.

The erection and management of a State Hospital for the Insane in Southern California.—State Hospitals and Asylums.

To legalize certain acknowledgments.—Judiciary.

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JOINT RESOLUTIONS. Joint resolutions were offered and disposed of as follows:

By Merrill—Relative to the employment of the prisoners at Folsom State Prison. Referred to Committee on State Prisons.

By Dinkelspiel—Requesting our Representative and instructing our Senators to use their united efforts to secure the laying of the Pacific cable between the United States and the Republic of Hawaii by the Government. Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. Constitutional amendments were offered and disposed of as follows:

By Cutter—To amend Section 1 of Article XI. Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Dinkelspiel—To amend Section 1 of Article IV, relative to legislation. Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

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Reid objected.

Spencer said that they be allowed the use of the chamber.

The yeas and noes were called for, and Dixon's motion was carried by a vote of 32 yeas to 9 noes.

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The resolution raised a breeze immediately. A number of Chairmen stated that their committees had met more times than the list had stated, and Cutter asked how many times the Democratic minority, which had been allowed a clerk, had met.

Laugenour said that had at least twenty times, and as a murrum of incredulity ran round the room, he said that the clerk of the committee could certify to the fact.

Cutter, persisting in his cross-examination, asked where the minority met, and Laugenour answered, "On the curb-side of the street."

Dixon, in the course of his remarks, spoke of the minority meeting in the "well," and Laugenour asked that his words be taken down.

Dinkelspiel moved that the matter be indefinitely postponed, and the motion was carried.

Relating to manner of commencing civil actions.—Judiciary.

By Powers (by request)—Providing for clerks and copyists to County Clerk in cities of over 100,000 inhabitants.—San Francisco Delegation.

By Belshaw—To regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and wines.—Public Morals.

By Llewellyn—Relating to Justices' Courts.—Judiciary.

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present from all parts of the State, and made statements in support of their claims. After hearing all those who desired to be heard, the committee adjourned without action on the bill.

Swamp Land Owners Will Meet. George A. Moore, President of the Swamp Land Owners' Association, has issued a circular inviting all the swamp land owners in the State to meet in Sacramento on Wednesday afternoon, February 13th, to provide for an organized opposition to Senator Hart's bill for forming the Sacramento Valley Drainage District. They will meet at the Golden Eagle Hotel, and go before the committee at night.

Legislative Notes. The report of the Senate Sub-Committee on Prisons and Prison Buildings shows that the amount asked by the Directors for the support of the Whittier State School to be \$492,150. In lieu thereof the committee submitted a report recommending that the sum be cut down to \$313,150.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS. Those of 1896 to be secured for California, if possible.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the California Press Association, held at the Capitol building, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the California Press Association, through its Executive Committee, favors the holding of the national political conventions in California in 1896, and suggest to the press and the people of the State an agitation looking to that end.

Articles of Incorporation. The following articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State:

The Cienega Lime Company, Principal place of business, San Jose, Capital stock, \$100,000, with A. King, O. M. Tupper, H. Hart and J. Q. A. Ballau of San Jose as directors.

Van Auken & Company, Principal place of business, Los Angeles. Capital stock, \$2,500, to conduct a retail grocery business, with B. E. Van Auken, Lillian M. Van Auken, A. LaRue, H. A. Barter and A. C. Hinckley as directors.

The Union Manufacturing Company, Principal place of business, Ventura. Capital stock, \$10,000, with M. C. Cox, H. L. Ackerman, G. Kuhlman, L. E. Sowie and J. O. Cell of Ventura as directors.

The Monarch Consolidated Gold Mining Company, Principal place of business, Oakland. Capital stock, \$200,000, with P. C. Gayety, J. W. Woodward, E. C. Watson, A. M. Benham and W. R. Thomas of Oakland as directors.



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