

ON THE FILES.

Work Done by Both Houses Yesterday.

Senate Declines a Junket to San Luis Obispo.

New Bills Multiply the Printing Muddle by Four.

Another Commission on the Tapis—This Time It is for Balloting Machines.

The breeze that passed across the placid body of the Senate yesterday scarcely raised a ripple, and while Braunhart read a long petition from the San Francisco Board of Health protesting against the abolition of the office of Quarantine Officer of the Port of San Francisco, nobody seemed to pay any attention to it, and serenely voted for Dickinson's amendment striking the section relating to the appointment from the bill.

ARAM MADE AN UP-HILL FIGHT to have his bill providing for the appointment of an auditing board for the Commissioner of Public Works retain its file, and a battle as to the definition of the rules followed. The bill, it seems, carried an appropriation, and one of the rules provides that such bills must be passed on by the Finance Committee. After having been returned from the Committee on Swamp and Overflowed Lands with a recommendation favoring its passage, the bill, instead of being referred to the Finance Committee, was in the absence of the author, placed on the second reading file. Aram requested that the bill be referred to the committee to retain its place on the file, and the point was raised and sustained by the Lieutenant-Governor that the bill, having never been referred to the committee, properly had no place on the file. So it happened that Aram saw his bill referred to the Finance Committee with the prospect upon its return of being placed at the foot of the file.

SMITH'S BLUFF. Smith made a bluff, which was promptly called by Bulla, to have subcommittees from the Committees on Finance and Public Buildings other than Prison Buildings visit San Luis Obispo and report upon the feasibility of establishing at that point a school of mechanical training. Bulla grew sarcastic and handled the question without gloves. He thought the Senate might draw its conclusions concerning the illiteracy of San Luis Obispo without sending down a delegation. The Senate thought so too, and the delegation will not junket.

IN THE COMMITTEES. The Judiciary Committees of the two houses met in joint session yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering the bills drafted by the Code Commissioners and the Bar Association, which had not heretofore been disposed of. But the joint committee was not satisfied with the manner in which the bills had been presented, and it was finally agreed that they ought to be lunched and embodied in one general bill covering all the points in question.

After the forementioned agreement had been made, it was decided that each committee should wrestle with the bills in question, in the attempt to evolve one general bill out of the whole, and with this understanding and at the request of the visiting Justices, the committee arose to meet next Tuesday night.

THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering the bills making appropriations for the use of the State University, and that commonly known as the "dredger bill." There was, however, only a slim attendance, and owing to the further fact that ex-Commissioner of Public Works Rose, who recently protested against the passage of the "dredger bill," and who desired to be heard in defense of his statement, was not in the city, the consideration went over until Monday. A similar course was adopted in regard to the university bills.

A bill introduced last week in the Senate by Prisk, in the assembly by Robinson, is deserving of notice inasmuch as it was drafted by the Miners' Unions of Grass Valley. It provides for the appointment of a Mining Inspector for each of the Congressional Districts of the State, who shall be a practical miner and shall receive \$4 a day for his services. The duties of such Inspector shall be to see that present laws governing the working of mines shall be enforced, and to report recommending any other changes that may be deemed necessary.

One of the principal complaints made by the miners is that the statute providing that for each mine there shall be at least two shafts for egress, had, in a number of instances, been entirely ignored by mine-owners, and that many of the drifts are ill-ventilated. It is believed, that coming from the Miners' Union, there will be but little opposition to the measure from sources outside of the Legislature.

THE PRINTING SITUATION. This vexed question assumes a new phase daily, but nothing suggestive of

a solution of the situation seems yet on the boards. The daily squabble in the Assembly occurs with unflagging and unpleasing regularity and was promptly on hand yesterday morning. The reconsideration of the vote by which the Governor's veto was sustained was declared out of order by the Speaker, which disposes finally of that element of disagreement.

Dibble prevailed with the caucus on Friday evening to sanction his plan for two bills which together should aggregate the \$75,000, and introduced them yesterday morning, though it went against the grain with a good many of the majority. They were read first time and made a special order for Tuesday.

Then Shanahan followed Dibble's lead, introducing a \$40,000 appropriation for printing, and tried to get the courtesy of a suspension of rules accorded him, but failed.

Once more he tried, offering a resolution to make his bill a matter of urgency and a special order for Monday, which would have given it precedence over Dibble's bills. But his motion was laid on the table, and his bill will take its course.

THIS MAKES FOUR BILLS. Next Sanford tried to get his ten-day-old \$30,000 printing bill out of the Ways and Means hospital, but only succeeded in getting it ordered to ten days' further treatment by Guy, M. D. However, as it now stands, the House has a plethora of printing bills—no less than four—enough to tie up the rest of the session.

MEANTIME CAMINETTI instituted an inquiry, by means of a resolution, into the reported discharge of twenty-four men and four women from the State Printing Office, who, it is said, were appointees of Democratic members.

VOTING MACHINES SIDETRACKED. The Senate and House Committees on Election Laws are disposed to sidetrack the several bills for voting or balloting machines, and will probably recommend as a substitute the appointing of a commission of three, one by the Senate, one by the House and one by the Governor, to exist for two years, during which time they shall examine into the merits of all machines offered and report to the thirty-third session of the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES. Canavan, of the Committee on State Prisons, reported unfavorably yesterday on the bill to consolidate the San Quentin and Folsom State Prisons. A legislative trip will be taken to-day to the Preston Industrial School at Lone.

TOLAND VOTED RIGHT. By an inadvertence in the sketch of the debate on the resolution to charter a vessel for carrying donations to famine-stricken India, given in yesterday morning's "Record-Union," the name of Assemblyman Toland was substituted in this column for that of Assemblyman Cross as one who voted against the resolution, although the vote was given correctly in the account of the regular proceedings. This did an injustice to Mr. Toland, though an unintentional one, as he voted right and spoke right on that question.

THE COMING WEEK. The House decided yesterday, that from Tuesday of this week evening sessions will be held.

THE FILES AND THE COMMITTEES are full and will require the earnest attention of the Assembly if work is to be completed in the coming three weeks.

YESTERDAY IN THE SENATE. A Short Session, But Much Work Done in the Upper House. The Senate settled down to work yesterday morning as soon as the Chaplain had concluded his remarks and stuck faithfully to the text until the hour of recess arrived, when an adjournment was taken to Monday.

Withington, having given due notice during Friday's proceedings, moved to reconsider the vote whereby S. B. 443, by Denison, relating to the organization, incorporation and government of municipal corporations, was refused passage. The vote on the bill at the session named had been 20 to 9, and it would undoubtedly have carried had there been a full house. The motion to reconsider was carried by a vote of 26 to 3, and the bill passed by a vote of 20 to 3.

RECALLED AND REFERRED. On motion of Simpson constitutional amendments Nos. 21, 26 and 37, were recalled from the Committee on Constitutional Amendments and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

ASSEMBLY MESSAGES. Assembly messages were taken up, showing that A. B.'s 14, 8, 128, 89, 23 and S. B.'s 133, 36, 35, 37, had been passed by that body. The Assembly bills were referred to the proper committees and Senate bills ordered enrolled.

On motion of Wolfe S. B. 498 was withdrawn from the file and re-referred to the Committee on Corporations.

THESE WITHDRAWN. Stratton withdrew S. B. 148, and Dickinson did the same with S. B.'s 287, 617 and 408, all of which had been adversely reported upon by committees.

On motion of Hall S. B. 507 was referred to the San Francisco delegation.

drainage, etc., was called up and Aram moved that, owing to the fact that it carried an appropriation, it be referred to the Finance Committee.

Withington raised the point that as the bill had never been before the committee, it properly had no place on the file.

Aram explained that he had been sick at the time the bill came up, and only asked that the common courtesy extended to other members be also allowed him. He stated that if the courtesy were denied he would see that the rule was enforced against all bills.

The Lieutenant-Governor ruled Withington's point well taken, and the bill was referred to the Finance Committee and ordered to the foot of the file.

Smith asked and received permission to withdraw S. B. 139, relative to the State Board of Education, and substituted S. B. 405, relating to the powers and duties of Bank Commissioners. The latter bill being still in the hands of the committee it was passed on the file to retain its place before Aram had time to put in his objection.

QUARANTINE OFFICER. S. B. 265, by Dickinson, to amend Section 4099 of the Political Code, relating to the appointment of officers and employes by the San Francisco Board of Health, was read the second time. Dickinson's pending amendment, to strike out that section providing for the appointment of a quarantine officer, brought Braunhart to his feet with a vigorous protest. His contention was along the lines marked out when the bill first came up, and in addition he read a long protesting paper from the members of the San Francisco Board of Health, indorsed by the United States quarantine surgeon of the port, Mayor Phelan and others.

[President pro tem. Flint in the chair.] Pedlar, Stratton and Wolfe also spoke to the amendment, the latter announcing his determination to take the view offered by Mayor Phelan, and oppose the amendment.

Dickinson closed for his amendment, intimating that as the Quarantine Officer was furnished with a launch and crew and had nothing to do but take pleasure trips, the position was a pleasant one. He read a circular issued by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce recommending the abolition of the office.

The amendment was adopted by a vote of 19 to 14, and the section providing for the appointment of a Quarantine Officer was ordered stricken out. As amended the bill was ordered to engrossment.

S. B. 412, by Boyce, was on motion of the author, withdrawn, and A. B. 372, being identical, was substituted and placed on the special file of Assembly bills.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY. Assembly messages were taken up, showing that A. B.'s 451, 102, 11 had been returned to the Senate and that A. B.'s 461, 462, 463, 255, 372, 234, 478, 195, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460 and A. J. R. 4, had been passed by that body. The bills were referred to the proper committees.

NEW BILLS. Bills were introduced, read the first time and referred to committees as follows: By Dickinson—Amending Section 369 of the Civil Code—Judiciary. By Dickinson—To amend Section 1276 of the Code of Civil Procedure—Judiciary.

By Denison—To amend Section 224 of the Civil Code, relating to the adoption of children—Judiciary. By Beard—Relating to the powers of Boards of Trustees in certain cities—City, City and County and Town Government.

Morehouse moved that when the Senate take a recess at 12:30 o'clock, it adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock Monday. Carried.

FILE WORK. S. B. 490, by Pedlar, to repeal an Act to create the office of attorney for the State Board of Health, and the Board of Health of San Francisco, was read the second time and ordered engrossed and to the third reading.

S. B. 512, by Stratton, relating to county, city, and city and county Boards of Election Commissioners, was read the second time, amended by the author and ordered to engrossment.

S. B. 551, by Morehouse, to amend Section 1196 of the Political Code, relating to elections, was read the third time and ordered engrossed.

S. B. 29, by Braunhart, to provide for the election of members of the governing committee of bodies of the respective kind, to promote the purity of said elections by regulating the conduct thereof, and to prohibit certain acts and practices in relation to the privilege of free suffrage, and to provide for the punishment thereof, was read, amended and ordered engrossed and to the third reading.

Committee substitute for Braunhart's bill, 169, providing that cars on street railways shall be provided with fenders, was read, adopted and ordered engrossed.

JUNKETING RESOLUTION KILLED. Smith offered a resolution providing that three members each of the Finance and Public Buildings Committees be appointed by the Chairmen of their respective committees to visit San Luis Obispo and report the feasibility of establishing at that place an educational institution, and that the junketing allowances their actual traveling expenses only.

Bulla objected, stating that there was no reason why the Senate might not determine the illiteracy or degree of intelligence of the people of San Luis Obispo without sending down a delegation to investigate. The resolution was lost by a vote of 18 to 15. Smith changed his vote and gave notice of a motion to reconsider.

At 12:40 o'clock the Senate, on motion of Wolfe, adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Monday.

IN THE ASSEMBLY. The Printing Matter Assumes a New Phase.

Leave of absence was granted to Cross, Henry and McGrath yesterday after the calling of the roll.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. The Committee on Mines and Mining interests reported favorably on the following bills: 628, relating to liens upon mining claims; 700, protecting the claims of material men and laborers in mines, as amended; 626, defining what a miner's inch of water is; 708, amending an Act of the Civil Code relating to the recording of mining instruments and the validating of records heretofore made; 828, providing for the appointment of a mining inspector to each Congressional district in the State.

The Committee on Crimes and Penalties reported favorably on Shanahan's bill, 766, adding a new section to the Penal Code, relating to communicating with persons in jail.

The San Francisco delegation, Mulcrevy Chairman, had been busy and reported the following: Jones' 63, amending the Act to create and administer a

public school teachers' annuity and retirement fund, favorably; Tracy's 135, providing for a public building for San Francisco, gave place to S. B. 63, identical with it; Jones' 485, conferring further powers upon the San Francisco Supervisors regarding the public pound.

The Committee on Rules and Regulations recommended the adoption of Coombs' amendment to rule one, which provides that after Tuesday, February 16th, there shall be evening sessions.

Municipal Corporations reported that Houghton's 529, providing for the letting of contracts for lighting of public streets, do pass as amended, and the same of Hill's 694, authorizing municipal corporations to own or lease gravel beds and quarries. S. B. 2 was approved and sent to the Senate special file.

CONTESTED ELECTION EXPENSES. The Committee on Contested Elections offered a resolution providing for the adoption of the committee's report of the expenses in the cases of the contests of Hoy vs. Power and Bennett vs. Toland, which was found in full in the journal of Friday. Members found the report confusing as printed and, on motion of Valentine, it was recommitted for reorganization.

The report shows that the claims in the case of Hoy vs. Power amounted to \$4,030 90, of which the committee had allowed but \$970 50. In the case of Bennett vs. Toland the claims made amounted to \$1,200, of which the committee allowed but \$300. It was, however, not to impossible to get out the actual result from the mass of detail with which the report was burdened, and the House probably acted wisely in recommitting.

The committee reported favorably on Chandler's 730, appropriating money for repairs on the State Printing Office buildings in Yosemite Valley and for improvements in the valley, and the bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Guy, by consent of the House, withdrew A. B. 215, providing for the claims of C. E. Cunningham and W. E. Rodgers as elevator attendants in the Capitol building.

Lindenberg's 343, providing for the protection of public highways from damage by storm waters, was reported favorably by the Committee on Roads and Highways.

LEAVITT'S MOTION KILLED. The Speaker addressing the House, called the attention of members to the motion made by Leavitt to reconsider the vote by which the House had sustained the Governor's veto of the special order bill. This had been made a special order for Tuesday next. At the time Leavitt gave notice of his motion Coombs had expressed a doubt of the possibility of such a reconsideration. He now explained that he had carefully considered the matter and now ruled that it would be improper. This disposed of the veto proposition finally.

NEW PRINTING BILLS. Dibble introduced two bills, 863 appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of the State Printing Office, and to pay deficiency for the current fiscal year, and \$64 appropriating \$35,000 for the support of the State Printing Office for the remainder of the forty-eighth fiscal year. Notwithstanding objections by Caminetti and Shanahan, Dibble got the rules suspended; the bills read the first time and made a special order for Tuesday.

Shanahan then at once offered a bill, 865, appropriating \$40,000 for legislative printing for the thirty-second session of the Assembly. He moved that the rules be suspended and the bill read the first time, but Dibble moved to indefinitely postpone the bill. He was ruled out of order. Dibble then moved that Shanahan's motion be laid on the table, on which Shanahan spoke. He said that he was astonished that the minority was not to be allowed a record even of its wishes. He claimed that the Senate Printing Office was a venerable institution, and that the venerable people in a blue frock-coat with buttons. The bridegroom arrived in a regulation swallow-tail coat, white cravat and satin waistcoat. Both dogs are said to have behaved with becoming decorum during the ceremony, after which the canine party proceeded to a banquet on all fours.

Premature Thanks. During the rebellion the Nineteenth Maine acquired a reputation for foraging the country so thoroughly that they were said to have starved the Confederacy out. One day they were sweeping along, dining on the fat of the land as usual. Another troop was ahead, and between them and the Nineteenth rode General Hancock. As the General was passing one plantation, the proprietor came out and hailed his party.

"General," said he, "I want some sort of safeguard. The troops that have just gone by stole my pigs, lifted my hen-roosts, and trampled my rye." "I am very sorry," said Hancock. "Yes," continued the old man, "they stole everything but my hope of immortality. Thank God, none of them can steal that."

"Don't be too sure of that," retorted the General; "the Nineteenth Maine is coming next!"—Argonaut.

Trying to Comfort Herself. The widowed Princess Henry of Battenberg tries to comfort herself with music, which is indeed soothing. Her latest photograph shows her sitting in a cosy apartment, half music, half writing-room, near a piano. Her mother is in a low chair opposite, and the two women look human and comfortable with their books, work and papers scattered about in friendly disorder. This glimpse encourages the thought that perhaps royalty may have odd moments of life worth living.

The Queen in this picture looks very short—shorter, indeed, than the four feet nine inches that the "Almanack de Gotha" and family friends ascribe to her.

A Machine to Magnify Odors. A machine which will magnify odors. Just as a microphone does sound, is said to have been invented by a Birmingham, N. Y., genius. The story is rather Munchausenish; but if it be true, the inventor has evidently made a mistake. What the general public wants is a machine that will seize an able-bodied smell, like that of Limburger cheese, and instantly reduce it to zero. Perhaps the Birmingham man's device will do this already if it be run backward. Why not try the experiment?

A Safe Rule. Bad Boy—What ye talkin' 'bout me rolin' in the bad place for? Our preacher says there is one, but Johnny Stagg's preacher an' lots of other preachers says there ain't. Guess they know 'bout it is well as our preacher does. His Mother (wies decision)—My son, whenever a preacher says anything that bad boys like to hear, you can just make up your mind it ain't true.—New York Weekly.

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