

INSIDE THE FLAG.

The Two Houses Neck and Neck in the Finish.

Senate Deposits the Fee Bill on the Table.

Jeter Casts the Deciding Vote For the Coyote Scalp Bounty Bill.

A Farcic at the Bar of the House and a Free But Bloodless Fight Indulged In.

It was a steady rush all through yesterday's session of the Senate. There were no flaring bursts of oratory, and the Senate lost none of its dignity, but there was an even steady pressure all day and night.

The coyote scalp bounty appropriation bill was one of the principal features, and became more conspicuous because the Senate was evenly divided on the question, and it took the vote of the Lieutenant-Governor to settle the matter and pass the bill.

The fee bill was not so fortunate as the scalps bill, and Seawell taking the initiative, it was gently placed on the table where it lies dormant, and over its form the Senate has pronounced the feeling words, "rest in peace."

Then again the bill providing that railroad companies shall construct depots, build switches, side tracks, etc., at every cross-roads, met with disaster on reconsideration, after its friends had imagined it safe in port. It died hard, but it died.

While the Legislature is billed to adjourn at noon to-day, the probability is that when the sun drops behind the Coast Range they will be still in session. It is thought a special manipulator will be stationed at the clock, and that the hands will be twisted back with persistent regularity.

At a caucus held by the Republican members of the Senate yesterday afternoon, it was decided to refuse to confirm the appointment by the Governor of John T. Bohan for Harbor Commissioner for the bay of San Francisco, and continue in the position John Haskell, the present incumbent who was appointed by Governor Budd, and whose official term, four years, has not yet expired.

It was further decided to refuse to confirm the nomination of Abbott Kinney for Trustees of the Whittier State School, vice Trustee Patterson, and it is believed that the position will be filled either by H. W. Patton or Assemblyman Meade.

It is believed that the committee appointed to investigate the charges of bribery preferred against the Senate by the "Examiner" will this morning be continued after the session, with limited powers to act.

LAST LEGISLATIVE DAY. In the Assembly the nervous strain and the wear and tear of three sessions a day for several weeks have told on the tempers of the members as well as on their physiques.

Yesterday was signalized by some hot encounters of a wordy nature and petty battles were frequent. Nevertheless there was good generalship and a pretty steady push of file work from 10 a. m. till the hours had "a. m." tacked to them again. The "small and early" hours had arrived before the well worn gavel was laid down.

To-day the raveled ends will be gathered up, good byes said and grip sacks packed, and to-morrow the thirty-second session of the Legislature will be ancient, instead of current history.

SENATE WORKS HARD. Important Bills Rushed Through at Yesterday's Session.

In the Senate yesterday morning a resolution offered by Gillette was adopted, providing that the Secretary of State be instructed to furnish each Senator with a copy of constitutional debates.

SPECIAL URGENCY FILE. The special urgency file being in order, A. B. 897, by Power, to authorize the Governor to employ an agent to collect certain claims due the State by the United States, and to provide com-

penation for such services, was read the second and third times and passed, 31 to 0—title approved.

A. B. 213, by Guy, appropriating \$1,233 80 to pay the claim of Clement Bennett for reporting in the case of the Southern Pacific Company vs. the Board of Railroad Commissioners, passed, 26 to 0—title approved.

BATTLE OF RULES. A. B. 327, by Wright, relating to the location of and to compel the construction of depots, stations, sidetracks, switches, turnouts, and spurs, by transportation companies, and fixing a penalty for failure to comply therewith, was passed, 21 to 13. Morehouse changed his vote and gave notice of a reconsideration.

Seawell raised the point, which was sustained, that no motion to reconsider on a future day might, under the rules, be given on the day preceding final adjournment.

Morehouse inquired who knew that to-day would be the last one of the session. True, he said, a joint rule had been adopted to that effect, but rules had been adopted and rescinded ever since the first day of the session. Joint rules did not count.

The Lieutenant-Governor sustained the rule, whereupon Morehouse moved an immediate reconsideration. Bulla moved that further consideration of the motion be made a special order for 12 o'clock m.

Braunhart moved that the motion lie on the table. POINTS OF ORDER GALORE. Seawell raised the point that the vote had been announced, and as on the day previous to final adjournment there could be no motion to reconsider, everything was out of order.

Simpson contended that in the very nature of things, notwithstanding rules, any member had a right to move to reconsider. Flint said there was no question that a member had a right to move a reconsideration immediately, but that it could not be put over until the last day of the session.

Braunhart's motion to lay Bulla's motion on the table was lost by a viva voce vote. Bulla's motion to postpone until 12 o'clock m. was carried by a viva voce vote.

BILL FOR REPORTING. A. B. 340, by Guy, appropriating \$840 to pay the claim of Clement Bennett for reporting in the case of the Southern Pacific Company vs. the Railroad Commissioners, was passed, 22 to 0—title approved.

ANOTHER POINT OF ORDER. A. B. 277, by Aldridge, to amend Section 3766 of the Political Code, relating to the publication of the delinquent tax lists, was read the second time. Prisk submitted that the bill was in direct conflict with the provisions of the County Government Act, and moved that it be denied a third reading. There was a division, and the bill was read the third time.

Prisk's point, however, appeared to have been well taken, for the bill was refused passage by a vote of 3 to 23. A. B. 251, by Guy, appropriating \$300 to pay the claim of W. N. Hendricks for the arrest of John Keener for attempted highway robbery, passed, 24 to 0—title approved.

PASSED AGAIN. A. B. 796, by Boone, to provide for the issue, sale or exchange of funding bonds of irrigation districts, etc., which had been passed at Thursday's session and recalled for correction, was taken up and passed, 30 to 0.

RELATIVE TO SCALPS. A. B. 410, by Guy, appropriating \$287,615 to pay the bounty on coyote scalps, was taken up and read the second and third times.

For a moment it seemed as though no wind was to be expended on the measure, but Bulla opened the ball by stating that he should vote against the bill because he believed a considerable portion of the claims were fraudulent, and for the further reason that it was not in his opinion, within the power of the Board of Examiners to determine which claims were, and which were not fraudulent.

Withington took for the bill. THE STORM BURSTS. Simpson said it would not redound to the credit of the State to repudiate its contract with those persons who had given their time toward clearing the various districts from the coyote pests. He had no doubt but what some of the claims were fraudulent, but was satisfied that a large majority were genuine, and he hoped the bill would pass.

Pedar said there had been before the Legislature no measure of more general interest than the coyote scalp claims bill. In his section of the State (Fresno) there were a great many claims, held mostly by farmers of the community, who had acted in good faith in ridding the State of the pests, and they ought to be paid.

Jones said while he had proposed to oppose the bill, he had reconsidered his intention, should vote for it, and allow the State a great chance, as he believed most of the claims were just.

Langford said he had been one of the committee appointed to investigate the so-called coyote scalp scandal, but the investigation had failed to show that the claims were not just, and he would vote for the bill.

Boyce opposed the bill, and in the course of his remarks spoke sarcastically of the waste-basket scandal of six years ago. He thought there was no waste-basket this time, for the reason that there was nothing to waste.

SMITH TO THE RESCUE. Stratton opposed the bill and Smith followed it, contending that a vast majority of the claims form Kern County were held by individuals, most of them poor people, the amounts ranging from \$5 to \$15. He believed that there were in the State, no more care-

ful or painstaking individuals than those composing the Board of Examiners, and he felt satisfied that the claims had been carefully considered by that body. He hoped the bill would pass.

CALL OF THE SENATE. The roll call proving indecisive, a call of the Senate was ordered and the doors were closed. The vote, when the call was ordered, stood 20 ayes, 15 noes.

It was understood that Wolfe's vote was the one relied upon by the proponents of the measure, but it was a long half hour before he was brought in. Bulla moved he be scalped, but as there was no adept scalper present, the motion was ruled out of order.

THE BILL LOST. Even then nothing was accomplished. Feeney, Hall, Henderson, Toner and Wolfe sat in their seats and sturdily refrained from voting.

Withington changed his vote from aye to no, and the bill was declared lost by a vote of 19 to 16.

NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION. Withington gave notice that at 2 o'clock p. m., he would move to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was refused passage.

So, for a brief space the noted coyote scalp bill was relegated to a back seat, the clouds which had gathered rolled away, and the sun shone.

DEPOTS, SWITCHES, ETC. Then Wright's bill, 327, providing that railroad companies shall be compelled to construct depots, sidetracks, switches, turnouts, etc., at every cross road, was taken up and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby it was passed, carried by a vote of 25 to 8.

REFUSED PASSAGE. Bulla once more protested against the passage of the bill and it was defeated by a vote of 14 to 20. That was all. It was a severe defeat, but the proponents of the bill took their medicine without murmuring.

LICENSING DETECTIVES. A. B. 842, by the Committee on Judiciary, to regulate the licensing and powers of detectives within the boundaries of the State, was passed, 25 to 2—title approved.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT BILL. A message was received from the Assembly announcing that the report of the Free Conference Committee on S. B. 136, commonly known as the county government bill, had been concurred in and the bill passed. The Senate breathed easier when the tall, good-natured Lieutenant-Governor ordered the bill to enrollment.

CERTIFICATES OF RESTITUTION. A. B. 729, by Ennis, relating to the repayment of purchase price of land sold, which is not the property of the State, and providing for a certificate of restitution, to issue when the certificate of purchase to such land has been annulled for non-payment of interest, was passed, 24 to 4—title approved.

A LONG STAMBLE. A long squabble followed a motion to make up another special urgency file, and the noon recess was sadly interfered with. Seawell and Voorhees attempted to get bills upon the special urgency file, and a half hour was consumed before they were denied that privilege. Seawell took the matter to heart and intimated that as he had nothing on the file which he could care to pass, he would make warm work for those who had opposed him.

At 12:45 a recess was taken until 2 o'clock. Afternoon Session. No time was lost in getting back to the coyote scalp claims bills. Withington took the floor and said the provisions of the bill were intended to throw every safeguard around the investigation of the claims. He said, he had taken every precaution, and he hoped the vote would be reconsidered.

CALL OF THE SENATE. The roll call resulted in another call of the Senate. Aram and Beard were absent, and the Senators smoked and spun yarns while the forces of the Sergeant-at-Arms were scouring the city for the truants.

DECIDE TO RECONSIDER. At the end of fifteen minutes Aram was brought in, and explained that he had been keeping an appointment with the Governor. He was excused, and a few minutes later Beard was brought in and was also excused, whereupon further proceedings under the call were dispensed with and the motion to reconsider carried by a vote of 23 to 17.

WOLFE OPPOSES THE BILL. The question being on the final passage of the bill, Wolfe spoke against it, taking the ground that he thought the claims were in excess of what they properly ought to be.

JETER EMPHATIC. Lieutenant-Governor Jeter stated that the record must stand to show his action, but that he did not propose to pass upon its validity—some other tribunal would be obliged to do that. He should shirk no responsibility that rested upon his shoulders, nor assume any which properly rested elsewhere.

THE END OF IT. Simpson said he presumed that the Lieutenant-Governor submitted a ruling a point would have been raised to withhold the bill from the Governor.

No objection to such transmittal was made, and the bill was declared passed by a vote of 21 to 20, the Lieutenant-Governor having cast the decisive vote.

So ends the struggle over the coyote scalp claim bill so far as the thirty-second California Legislature is concerned, but as to the ultimate final-Quien sabe?

FEE BILL. Scarcely had the coyote bill disappeared when another hard one was put on the boards. It was North's 872, commonly known as the "fee bill."

A few amendments were sent in and adopted, but it was plain there was a strong opposition to the bill in its entirety. The opponents of the measure had evidently not caucused, and did not realize their strength until it came up.

SEAWELL'S MOTION. They were not long, however, in coming to a conclusion, and Seawell, taking the floor, denounced the bill in no unoffensive terms. His contention was that it was a scheme to increase the fees of officers and rob the people.

THE BILL TABLED. "I move, Mr. President," he said, "that the bill lie on the table." There was a strong effort to stem the tide of approval of the motion, but it was ineffectual, and the "fee bill" was tabled by a vote of 19 to 14. There it will lie until the Legislature adjourns, and fees for officers will remain during the next two years as they are at present.

LEGISLATIVE PRINTING. A. B. 989, by Leavitt, appropriating \$7,500 to pay the printing expenses of the thirty-second session of the Legislature, was passed, 28 to 0—title approved.

DEFICIENCY BILLS. The following deficiency bills were taken up and acted upon: 208, by Guy, appropriating \$700 to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for the support of the Southern California Hospital for the Insane, was passed, 25 to 0—title approved.

216, by Guy, appropriating \$8 74 to pay the deficiency for postage and contingent expenses of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, passed, 26 to 0.

221, by Guy, appropriating \$900 to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for the arrest and conviction of highway robbers, passed, 24 to 0.

222, by Guy, appropriating \$300 to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for the arrest and conviction of highway robbers, passed, 25 to 0.

239, by Guy, appropriating \$1,221 to pay expenses incurred by the Commission for the Revision and Reform of the Law, passed, 30 to 1.

WEINSTOCK, LUBIN & CO. For To-day, March 20th, MILLINERY RIBBONS. LOT 1—On Saturday morning we shall place on sale about 2,500 yards of rich Satin Ribbon, 4 1/2 inches wide, in all the new shades, as follows: Sky blue, absinthe, maize, mouse, orange, corn, cream, black, navy blue, brown, cardinal, purple, heliotrope, scarlet and coral pink. Also, a good assortment of new green shades. This Ribbon is specially adapted for millinery purposes, neckwear, sashes, and for trimming organdies and all cotton wash goods. Sale Price, 15c Yard. LOT 2—In addition to the above we shall place on sale a complete line of colors in our new Satin and Gros Grain Ribbon, about 3 inches wide. Sale Price, 12c Yard. LOT 3—Roses in bunches of six, in all colors. Price, 25c. Trimmed Hats. We are constantly adding to our large stock of Trimmed Hats. Every new feature is being introduced. The newest colors and latest ideas are shown in all the latest Spring shapes. We have a splendid assortment to select from, at \$2 50 to \$10 each. Special value in our line of Trimmed Hats, in all colors, at \$4 95. Gold and Silver Cloth for vest fronts and dress trimming. Entirely new; \$2 yard. There will be a Concert in our stores Saturday evening, by Forrester Band, George C. Holbrook, director. March, "Baltimore Letter-Carriers".....E. Packard Overture, "Landscape".....E. Kessler Waltz, "Artist's Life".....Strauss "Reminiscences of Bellini".....Godfrey "Dance of Hogan Alley Hobos".....Meyers Overture, "Zampa".....Herold Medley, "A Good Thing".....F. Beyer Spanish waltz, "Los Angeles".....Godfrey Selection, "The Beggar Student".....Meyreles March, "La Fiesta".....Roncovieri

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