

UNIVERSITY REGENTS APPOINTED.

Phoebe Hearst and George C. Pardee, Vice Martin and Phelan.

Financial Statements for Assessors—Assembly Votes to Adjourn March 18th—To Welcome the Admiral.

Yesterday in the Senate was very quiet. There were no soaring flights of oratory, no charges, no recriminations—nothing but a killing grind of routine business.

At the morning session a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill making it obligatory upon banks to furnish sworn financial statements to assessors at noon on the first Monday in March, was lost, so far as the upper house is concerned, the bill will become a law.

The county government bill is still on the "unfinished business" file, and regardless of a couple of half-hearted attempts to lift it yesterday, the opinion prevails among the Senators that it will never again see daylight, or, at least, that it will never become a law.

The afternoon session was given over almost exclusively to the second reading file, and the effort to hold an evening session resulted in a miserable failure, owing to the fact that a skirmish ordered by a call of the Senate brought to light sixteen members.

During the day a message was received from the Governor, announcing that he had appointed Mrs. Phoebe Hearst and Dr. George C. Pardee to be Regents of the State University and James D. Phelan, respectively. The Senate immediately confirmed the appointments by a unanimous vote.

READJUSTMENT OF COMMISSIONS. In the Assembly yesterday Radcliff stated his intention of introducing a bill for the consolidation and concentration of the numerous commissions of the State on the lines indicated in the voluminous report of the Committee on Commissions and Expenditures given in to-day's proceedings.

The proposition is the creation of a Department of Public Works, similar to that in operation in the State of New York, which shall consist of five divisions, viz.: (1) Mines and Mining, (2) Drainage and Navigation, (3) Highways, (4) Engineering and Architecture, (5) Irrigation.

The executive officer of the department is to be the Secretary of Public Works, at a compensation of \$8,000 per annum. This officer must be a competent civil engineer. He is to be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, and must give a bond of \$50,000 for the faithful performance of his duties.

The Secretary may appoint a clerk at \$1,500 per annum and a stenographer at \$1,200, but all other necessary assistants must be appointed by the Governor, with the unanimous consent of the Board of Examiners.

A study of the general appropriation bill, and the sums appropriated there for various commissions akin to the divisions proposed in the bill will show the saving which would be made to the State should the plan prove practicable.

The measure, it is believed by its friends and promoters, is the pioneer in a campaign of reform and economy in public expenditures. It presents a wide field for study, comparison and suggestion.

ONE MORE WEEK. Everybody in the Assembly settled yesterday upon the 18th of March as the day to stand by for adjournment. It is believed the Senate will "concur."

HEAVY DAY'S WORK REGARDLESS OF NIGHT ATTENDANCE. In the Senate yesterday, Flint, for the Committee on Contingent Expenses, reported back recommending the adoption of the resolution appropriating \$27,29 for sending telegrams to Congressmen Reed and De Vries at Washington. Adopted.

SENATE CONCURS. Assembly messages were taken up, and the Senate concurred in the Assembly amendments to S. B. 127, to repeal an Act authorizing the allowance, settlement and payment of claims of counties against the State.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT BILL. Bulla moved to take up the county government bill for further consideration, and thereupon the Senate smiled. Smith said it had been generally understood when the bill passed into unfinished business, that it would not be brought up again—unexpectedly. He objected to the taking it up, at least until there was a full attendance.

Bulla was easily convinced, and said he supposed it would be just as well to wait, and then the Senate smiled again, and the county government bill is still at the foot of the unfinished business file.

While Bulla's motion was being disposed of the Senators from Santa Clara, Alameda and San Francisco maintained a decorous silence.

Bulla subsequently said to a "Record-Union" reporter that he was in earnest, and that Los Angeles County desired to reduce the salaries of its officers. It was too late in the session to introduce individual bills to that end, and while he understood that strenuous efforts would be made to keep the bill buried, he proposed to keep hammering away to have it resurrected at the end of the session. He would, he said, renew his motion to take up the bill every morning until the end of the session.

Gilette said the amendment he proposed to introduce was intended to reduce the salaries of the Commissioners from \$5,000 to \$3,000 each. He also proposed to amend an amendment to reduce the appropriation to \$2,000.

On motion of Dickinson, further consideration of the bill was continued until Monday, and it was ordered on file.

THESE BILLS PASSED. A. B. 22, Rickard—To add a new section to the Penal Code, making it a misdemeanor to fill, sell, buy, or otherwise dispose of, or traffic in, any cask, keg, bottle, vessel, siphon, can, case, or other package bearing the duty, trademark or name of another, printed, branded, stamped, engrossed, etched, blank, or otherwise attached or produced thereon; read third time and passed, 24 to 0.

A. B. 441, Meade—To amend Section 7 of an Act to provide for the organization, incorporation and government of municipal corporations; read third time and passed, 23 to 0.

SECOND READING. Inasmuch as a number of Senators of those present were demanding excuses, it was agreed to consider only such bills as were on the second reading file, and that program was continued until the recess, with the following result:

A. B. 306, Meade—Amending the Code of Civil Procedure, making the expense of giving a bond by administrators, executors, trustees, receivers and assignees an expense payable as an expense of administration; read second time.

A. B. 622, Brooke—To amend an Act to appropriate money for the support of orphans, half-orphans and abandoned children; read second time.

A. B. 303, Conroy—Making an appropriation of \$639 to pay mileage to A. E. Fomeroy, Percy R. Lukens from Los Angeles to the cities named in attending the joint meetings of the Normal School Boards held at San Jose June 27, 1897, and at Sacramento December 14, 1898; read second time.

A. B. 211, Crowder—To pay the claim of Abraham W. Rappely against the State of California, in the amount of \$300 therefor; read second time.

A. B. 34, Cargill—For the relief of W. C. Guirey; on motion of Dickinson, was a second reading.

A. B. 272, Valentine—To repeal an Act authorizing the Controller to appoint an additional clerk in his office to be known as Revenue Clerk, to create the office of Expert to the Controller, and prescribing his compensation; read second time.

A. B. 273, Felix—To pay the claim of Major Jose Barro Fico, and making an appropriation of \$8,111; amended and to print.

A. B. 554, Valentine—Requiring the payment into the State Treasury of all moneys belonging to the State received by various State institutions, commissions and officers, and directing the Controller to make an audit of the same; amended and to print.

A. B. 730—To appropriate the sum of \$1,300 to pay the claim of William Henry Murray; read second time.

A. B. 938—Authorizing the Governor to transfer the transfer to the general fund of any moneys that may be in other funds of the State Treasury, and the return thereof of such funds; read second time.

A. B. 392, Brooke—To authorize counties, cities and counties, and towns, to license bicycles, tricycles and similar vehicles, and to issue licenses therefor, for the purpose of devoting the same to the construction of paths for the use of pedestrians, and the wheeling thereon of such vehicles; read second time, and to third reading.

A. B. 200, Dibble—To amend Sections 1 and 2 of an Act to provide for the burial of the dead, and to amend the laws relating to the burial of the dead, and to amend the laws relating to the burial of the dead, and to amend the laws relating to the burial of the dead; read second time.

A. B. 955, White—To amend Section 10 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to holidays; read second time.

A. B. 956, White—To amend Section 7 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to holidays; read second time.

A. B. 957, White—To amend Section 10 of the Political Code, relating to holidays; recommendation of committee, do pass.

A. B. 325, Caminetti—Relating to the heirs of miners and others upon mining claims; amended, and to print.

A. B. 140, Caminetti—To repeal an Act prescribing the manner of locating mining claims upon the public lands of the United States, recording notices of location thereof, amending defective locations, and providing for the deposit of district records with County Records; read second time, and to third reading.

mortgages on personal property; read second time.

A. B. 745, Caminetti—To abolish the office of Quarantine Officer to the Board of Health for the City and County of San Francisco; read second time.

A. B. 850, Belshaw—To amend Section 397 of the Penal Code, relating to the selling of liquor to habitual or common drunkards, minor children, idiots, insane or incompetent persons, and Indians, and relating to minors being allowed to remain in and about saloons and drinking places; read second time, amended and to print.

A. B. 305, Belshaw—To amend Section 628 of the Penal Code, relating to fish; read second time, amended and to print.

A. B. 984—To permit a sexualization of inmates of the State hospitals and the California Home for the Care and Training of Feeble-Minded Children; read second time.

A. B. 574, Johnson—To pay the claim of Talbot H. Wallis, and appropriating \$6,345 therefor; amended and ordered printed.

606—Making an appropriation of \$10,000 to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for repairs to the Capitol building and furniture, etc.; amended, making the money payable January 1, 1900, and to print.

A. B. 604—Making an appropriation of \$1,858 to pay the deficiency for stationery, fuel, light and supplies for the Legislature and State officers for the forty-ninth fiscal year; amended and to print.

A. B. 605—Making an appropriation of \$2,500 to pay the deficiency for stationery, fuel, light and supplies for the Legislature and State officers for the forty-ninth fiscal year; read, amended and to third reading.

A. B. 605—Making an appropriation to pay deficiency in the appropriation for repairs of the Capitol building and furniture for the fiftieth fiscal year; read second time, amended and to print.

A. B. 606—Making an appropriation of \$1,000 to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for the purchase of furniture and carpets in the Capitol building for the fiftieth fiscal year; read, amended and to print.

A. B. 618, Barry—Making an appropriation of \$2,500 to pay the claim of Office Specialty Manufacturing Company for metallic furniture furnished the Clerk of the Supreme Court at Sacramento; read, and to third reading.

RECESS. Everybody except Morehouse wanted to adjourn until 9 o'clock Monday, but Morehouse objecting, was humored, and it was decided to take a recess until 8 p. m.

NO QUORUM. The effort to hold an evening session in the Senate, resulted in a total failure. It was after 9 o'clock when President pro tem. Flint rapped for order, and the roll call developed the fact that only thirteen Senators—an unlucky number—were present.

A call of the house followed, and Sergeant-at-Arms had been found, the members present, and the weary and the doors were thrown open, letting in three tardy members.

Then an examination of the excuse list developed the further fact that each absentee was protected by an excuse, and the Senate stood adjourned.

IN THE ASSEMBLY. Adjournment in One Week—Says the House by Vote. After the regular opening of the Assembly at 9:30 yesterday morning leave of absence was granted to Billing, Stewart and Muenster.

STATE COMMISSIONS. The final report of the Committee on Commissions and Public Expenditures, containing a list of the commissions, and the order of report of standing committees. The full text of this report, which includes the investigations into the various State commissions, made in accordance with the resolution of Johnson, will be found at the close of these proceedings.

EXEMPT FIREMEN'S FUND. Johnson, Chairman, offered the report of the free conference committee, consisting of Senators Leavitt, Luchinsinger and Sims and Assemblyman Johnson, on Johnson's A. B. 4, creating a relief fund for exempt firemen. The report, which recommended the adoption of Senate bill No. 2, providing that the law shall apply only to those cities or counties having a population exceeding 25,000, was adopted. The bill was sent to engrossment and enrollment.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. Two new bills were assigned to the Committee on Introduction of Bills, with instructions to report at the afternoon session, when they were read first time and ordered to printer. These were Belshaw's A. B. 1005, amending the County and Township Government Act, and Radcliff's A. B. 1006, of which the title is as follows:

To create a Department of Public Works, to define the powers and duties thereof and of the Secretary of Public Works, to fix his compensation, to provide for the officers and assistants of said department, and to make an appropriation for its payment of salaries and other expenditures thereof.

NEW ATTACHE. The report of the Committee on Attaches appointing Mrs. Campbell as assistant janitress in place of an attache who is ill, was adopted.

MARCH 18TH. Johnson succeeded in calling up Belshaw's A. C. R. 19, calling for adjournment on Saturday, March 11th. This had been laid on the table some days ago.

Johnson moved to amend by substituting Wednesday, March 15th. Dibble moved to amend the amendment by substituting Saturday, March 18th. Johnson said he did not mind making it the 18th, if they would really make it the 18th, but he supposed it would go to the Senate and they would make it the 25th, and he was down on that.

However, a number agreeing to stand by the 18th, Johnson withdrew his amendment. Dibble changed his to a substitute motion, which was carried and so ordered.

SUBSTITUTED ATTACHE. Atherton offered a resolution stating that Wm. Crane, a gatekeeper, had died, offering the sympathy of the House to his family, and substituting Henry Crane the brother of the deceased, for the vacant position. Adopted.

EXCUSED. The Baron announced that very important business would make it necessary for him to leave Sacramento on the 15th. He, therefore, asked leave of absence on and after that date. He desired to give the House sufficient notice. As Le Baron has voted for Grant for United States Senator, his conferees made some demur, but the desired leave was granted.

FELIX ON A QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE CONCERNING AN ARTICLE IN THE SACRAMENTO "CALL," which had, he claimed, misrepresented him. He read a portion of the article, which was an account of the proceedings in the matter of the dismissal of the charges against M. J. Green. The only words objected to were the following, "but not the man" which referred to a certain Senatorial candidate. Felix wished his brother Assemblymen to know that he was too discreet to have used those words.

FOR THE ADMIRAL. Making it a matter of urgency, the Assembly took Johnson's A. R. 1004 gallantly through the second and third readings to final passage without a dissenting vote. The title tells the story: An Act appropriating \$5,000 for enabling the people of the State of California to suitably entertain Admiral George Dewey and any of his subordinates who may accompany him when he visits this State, and to authorize the Governor to invite Admiral Dewey to visit the State, and to expend such money in such manner as the Governor may deem proper.

BILLS PASSED. A. B. 4, Johnson—To create an exempt fireman's relief fund in the several counties, cities and counties, cities and towns of the State, and relating to the enrollment, formation into fire companies and service as firemen of such exempt firemen.

A. B. 712 (substitute for A. B.'s 18 and 173)—Prescribing the manner of locating mining claims upon the public domain of the United States, recording notices of location thereof, amending defective locations and prescribing the effect to be given to relocations of notices of location.

A. B. 704, Atherton—Making an appropriation for reimbursing the county of Marin for moneys expended by it for the prosecution of crimes committed within the State Prison at San Quentin, and for requests held over the bodies of convicts who have died within said prison.

A. B. 607—Making an appropriation to pay the deficiency for stationery, fuel, light and supplies for the Legislature and State officers for the fiftieth fiscal year.

A. B. 731, Stratton—To amend the Penal Code, relating to elections, by providing for the punishment of offenses at primary elections.

A. B. 442, Morehouse—To amend the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to what cases wherein an appeal stays proceedings.

A. J. R. 25, White—Relative to the payment of volunteers enlisted in the Spanish-American war of 1898. Adopted.

REFUSED PASSAGE. A. B. 628, Millice—To provide for the appointment of a commission to promote prison reform, and to that end to investigate and report upon the feasibility of establishing a reformatory for the confinement and reformation of prison convicts, to select and to secure the site and submit sketch plans and specifications therefor, to investigate and report upon the feasibility of the sale of the property belonging to the State at San Quentin, and of segregating the prisoners into classes looking to the confinement of incorrigibles at the Folsom State Prison, to enlarge said prison for that purpose, and to the confinement of prisoners capable of reformation at such reformatory when established, and to make an appropriation for such purposes.

This bill, which, although the "Southern California" feature has been eliminated, is generally supposed to mean the transportation of San Quentin Prison to the south, was the subject of some discussion.

Dibble, Wade, Lardner and Clough spoke against the proposition, arguing that there was no necessity for the change; that an enormous expense was involved, and that the State would in no way be better off.

Atherton, Works and Melick spoke for the bill, which, on roll call, was refused passage.

Works gave notice of motion to reconsider. S. B. 63, Morehouse—To amend Section 1227 of the Civil Code. This was refused passage, and Johnson gave notice of motion to reconsider.

RECESS. No change in the Senatorial ballot was expected on Saturday, and none occurred. One ballot and then recess until 2 p. m. was the order.

The afternoon was consumed in the consideration of bills on the SENATE SPECIAL FILE. Also A. B. 230, introduced by Mr. Conroy, an Act having for its object a change in the law with regard to sworn statements of assets held and owned by banks on the first Monday of March of each year. This bill was reported favorably by the committee, but was defeated in the Senate. If it had become a law this bill would have secured a large increase in the assessments of cash assets of banks throughout the State.

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Also A. B. 290, by E. D. Sullivan, and A. B. 350, by Mr. Dibble, having for their object the creation of a State Board of Charities and Corrections. Your committee introduced as a substitute for these bills A. B. 690, which has been passed by the Assembly and is now pending in the Senate. This bill is now pending in the Senate. This bill is formulated in some of the Eastern States; and if it shall become a law, will, without large expense to the State, provide valuable checks upon the expenditure of public moneys in connection with public institutions of a charitable nature, which are supported or aided by the State.

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Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Commissions and Public Expenditures herewith submits its final report as follows:

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Of these bills the more important are as follows:

A. B. 106, by Mr. Wade, providing for the manner of publishing proposed amendments to the Constitution, was reported favorably by this committee, and has become a law. It is understood that the passage of this law will save the State large sums of money at each biennial election.

Also A. B. 230, introduced by Mr. Conroy, an Act having for its object a change in the law with regard to sworn statements of assets held and owned by banks on the first Monday of March of each year. This bill was reported favorably by the committee, but was defeated in the Senate. If it had become a law this bill would have secured a large increase in the assessments of cash assets of banks throughout the State.

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