

FADING, STILL FADING.

Window's Boom Shows Unmistakable Signs of a Decline.

HIS VOTE REDUCED TO FIFTY.

The Opposition Scattered as Usual, but Determined to be in at the Death.

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Judge Wilson's Anti-Bonus Bill Recommended to Pass.

THE USURY BILL IN THE HOUSE.

After a Long Discussion Its Passage is Recommended.

JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was attended with only one feature of special interest. The attendance was about the same as on the preceding days, and largely composed of the same persons. Only one ballot was taken and that showed no change in the vote for Window, while the few changes made in the opposition vote was without significance. The feature of special interest was the following call read to the convention by the clerk at the request of Mr. Grimsbaw just prior to the adjournment.

All Republican members of the legislature who believe the election of Senator Window undesirable, are requested to meet at the Metropolitan this evening for the purpose of concerting a plan of action in the event of the Republican party during the present senatorial contest.

WM. H. GRIMSBAW.
EVEN SAMSON.
H. A. FINCH.
G. G. HARTLEY.
J. VAN DYKE.
W. P. SARGENT.
T. PAULSON.

In presenting the call Mr. Grimsbaw said each signature represented a different faction of the Republican opposition to Senator Window. The call was evidently unexpected by a large portion of the opposition, some of whom denounced it as premature and in bad faith. How it was received by the great body of the opponents of Window, is best told by the report of the caucus given elsewhere. Following is the detailed vote of the joint convention:

	Senate.	House.	Total.
Window	18	32	50
Wilson	9	24	33
Cole	5	12	17
Hubbard	2	7	9
Dunnell	4	6	10
Kindred	1	5	6
Davis	1	6	7
Start	1	3	4
Farmer	1	3	4
Wakefield	1	1	2
Gilman	1	1	2
Strait	1	1	2
Berry	1	1	2
Castle	1	1	2

Total 44 99 143
Those who voted for William Window were:

SENATORS.
Billson, Gilliland, J. B. Rice,
Chandler, Greenleaf, Shaalen,
Compton, Houlton, Steenerson,
Comstock, Langdon, Truxax,
Fletcher, McLaughlin, Waite,
Gilliland, C. D., Pillsbury, Wheat—18.

REPRESENTATIVES.
Anderson, W. Ende, Smith, J.
Baker, Hedges, Snow,
Barker, Holmes, Spaulding,
Bathelder, Johnson, Strong,
Becker, Johnson, M. Swenson,
Boardman, Lydard, Thayer,
Bohler, Miller, Thompson,
Bohland, Peterson, J. A. Torgerson,
Child, J. E. Peterson, Ole Turroli,
Collins, Johnson, Mr. Speaker—32.
Crawford, Porter.

Those who voted for Thomas Wilson were:

SENATORS.
Castle, Dornan, Sackett,
Christensen, Griggs, Vollmer,
Craig, Peck, Welch—9.

REPRESENTATIVES.
Baumgarten, Loug, Lee,
Becker, Culver, McNamara,
Borah, Emory, Patterson,
Brown, Farrar, Rahilly,
Buck, Frank, Randall,
Child, E. A., Gregory, J. J. Jr.,
Chisholm, Hill, Stegeman—24.
Hill, White.

Those who voted for Gordon E. Cole were:

SENATORS.
Ackerman, Clark, Knudson,
Blake, Clement, Van Hoesen—6.

REPRESENTATIVES.
Cornish, Morrison, Peterson, John,
Dilley, Morris, Seymour,
Gutzman, Morse, Way,
Gray, Mortenson, Wells—12.

Those who voted for L. F. Hubbard were:

SENATORS.
Johnson, Peterson—2.

REPRESENTATIVES.
Doyle, Paulson, H. Sampson,
Groesbeck, Paulson, T. Siderer—7.
Halebak.

Those who voted for Mark H. Dennell were:

SENATORS.
Crosby, Hollister, Ward,
Hickman—4.

REPRESENTATIVES.
Bell, Carson, Johnson, W. H.
Blackman, Finch, Potter—6.

Those who voted for C. F. Kindred were:

SENATOR.
Backman—1.

REPRESENTATIVES.
Hartley, Parker, Sadley—4.
Moore.

Those who voted for C. K. Davis were:

SENATOR.
O'Brien—1.

REPRESENTATIVES.
Grimsbaw, McKusick, Peterson, O.—3
Dann, Dyer, Frahm—3.

Those who voted for J. Q. Farmer were:

SENATOR.
Sergeant—1.

REPRESENTATIVES.
Baarnas, Greer—2.

Those who voted for J. B. Wakefield were:

SENATOR.
Goodrich—1.

REPRESENTATIVE.
Burnes—1.

Senator Wilson voted for J. N. Castle.

Mr. Anderson, H. voted for H. B. Strait.

Mr. Cole voted for John M. Berry.

Mr. Van Dyke voted for C. A. Gilman.

Senator Knudson moved that the joint convention proceed to take another ballot.

Senator C. D. Gilliland moved that the joint convention adjourn. Carried.

SENATE.

The chaplain provoked the smiles of the

senators yesterday during the devotional exercises by an allusion to the "mish-mish" of those of the same name, and the further prayer that God would "take them under his divine protection and care as far as practical." Just how far that is does not appear, but the gentlemen alluded to tried to look grave and devout a moment, and then their faces gave way to expressions of merriment which they did not suppress in fully controlling until the prayer was brought to a close.

The constitutional amendment proposed by Judge Wilson was discussed at great length and with some acrimony, or at least with a good deal of vigor, and was finally recommended to pass after having been amended so as to prohibit bonuses being given to railroads unless they are voted by two-thirds of the electors voting.

A caucus of the Democratic members of the legislature was held at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, to agree upon their course in the senatorial contest, and it was resolved to adhere to their original resolution to support Judge Wilson.

ROUTINE REPORT.

Senate met at 10:15 and was called to order by the president.

Devotional exercises by the chaplain. Roll called and journal read and approved.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Senator Knudson—Relating to mutilated, destroyed or lost bonds, orders or warrants. Provides for the issuing of duplicates when proper proofs of loss and serials are forthcoming.

By Senator Rice—To appropriate \$2,500 to build a bridge across Shakopee creek, Kandiyohi county.

By Senator O'Brien—To amend section 3, chapter 55 of the general laws of 1873, relating to elections.

By Senator Ackerman—To amend section 1, chapter 108, special laws of 1874, relating to a school district in Carver county.

By Senator Clark—To encourage timber culture and to provide compensation therefor. Gives a bounty of \$3 per acre for trees planted, and \$2 per mile for trees planted along the public highways.

By Senator Goodrich—To amend section 1 of chapter 66 of the general laws of 1873 relating to civil actions.

By Senator J. B. Gilliland—Relating to the admission of attorneys to the practice of law in the courts of this state.

By Senator Castle—To amend section 11 of chapter 61 general statutes of 1873, relating to the record of marriage certificates.

By Senator Castle—To provide for the union or consolidation of two or more counties.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Several bills relating to chattel mortgages were reported back to the senate with the recommendation that they be indefinitely postponed, which was subsequently modified by being referred to the committee of the whole.

Senator Peterson's bill, proposing to aid in the establishing of a flouring mill in Brown county, was referred to committee of the whole at his request.

Senator J. B. Gilliland, from the judiciary committee, reported back the bill relating to the penalty for murder in the first degree, with an amendment restoring the death penalty, except in cases where there were extenuating circumstances.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

To prevent the injury or destruction of baggage.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Senator Rice offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on public printing be instructed to procure 1,000 copies of the governor's message printed in German, 1,000 copies in Norwegian, 1,000 copies in Swedish, 1,000 copies in Bohemian and 500 copies in French.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The senate then went into committee of the whole and took under consideration Senator Wilson's joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution forbidding aid to railroads, and debated the same until 12 o'clock, when a recess was taken to meet the house in joint session to vote for United States senators.

BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

When business was resumed in the senate, Senator Clark, by unanimous consent, introduced the following bill:

To provide for the regulation of railroads, and for the creation of a board of railroad commissioners.

REVISION OF THE STANDING RULES.

Senator Van Hoesen offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three to revise the permanent rules, which was adopted, and Senators Van Hoesen, Truxax and Castle were appointed such committee.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Senator Rice in the chair. Consideration was resumed of Senator Wilson's anti-bonus constitutional amendment. The resolution was debated at length and the same ground gone over as heretofore by Senators Wilson, O'Brien, Steenerson, Billson, Waite, J. B. Gilliland and Comstock, and it had been amended so as to permit aid to railroads by a two-thirds vote of the electors voting upon such proposition.

Adjourned.

THE HOUSE.

This body held a forenoon and afternoon session, most of the time being passed in committee of the whole in the discussion of Mr. Rahilly's usury bill, the result being that the motion to indefinitely postpone was defeated by two votes and the bill was then recommended to pass.

The points advanced in the discussion are given in the routine report below.

ROUTINE REPORT.

Prayer by the chaplain, Rev. Dr. Dana, roll call and reading of journal.

NEW BILLS.

By Mr. Thompson, Fillmore—Amending statutes of 1873, relating to expunging obnoxious words.

By Mr. McKusick of Pine—To incorporate the village of Franconia. Passed under suspension of rules.

By Mr. Plummer of Fillmore—To amend section 50, chapter 44 of the statutes of 1873, relating to rape. Provides the death penalty for such an offense upon a child under ten years of age.

By Mr. Gregory, of Washington—To incorporate the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America.

By Mr. Thayer, of Fillmore—Amending the act incorporating the village of Wykoff. Passed under suspension of rules.

By Mr. J. Smith, Jr., of Ramsey—To amend chapter 42, of general statutes of 1873, relating to usury.

By Mr. J. Smith, Jr., of Ramsey—To amend section 8, chapter 135, general laws of 1873, relating to tax sales.

By Mr. Hicks, of Hennepin—Relating to the organization of companies to do a general fire insurance business either upon the mutual or stock plan.

By Mr. Cornish, of Ramsey—Limiting the time in which actions may

be commenced to re-open judgments affecting real estate.

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in the interst of both the borrower and the lender, in that it would conduce to the general prosperity of the people, and thus increase their ability to pay.

Mr. Buck, in his usual vigorous style, in reply to Mr. Boardman, reiterated his former statement that the laboring masses of the country were in servitude to the money power of the land. Money controlled the political conventions and legislation of the land. Money colored and shaped the news that was flashed abroad from the money centers from which people were obliged to form their opinions. Money regulated the commerce of the land, sent the products of the country up or down as demanded by the market.

The price of labor, short wages, and the price of the internal workings of the country, the bone and sinew, the producers being simply tools in their hands to swell the store of wealth of the money kings.

Mr. McKusick offered an amendment to insert four where seven occurred and five where eight occurred in the bill, and apply only to the farmers.

Mr. Rahilly said he supposed he was among gentlemen, but if the gentleman from Pine wanted to make an exhibition of himself he would advise him to go out in the air stand on his head and dangle his feet in the air by which he would expose his most intellectual part.

The chair rapped Mr. Rahilly to order and he sat down.

Mr. McKusick said he would control his temper, notwithstanding the coarse thing said by Mr. Boardman, and he would not allow himself to be provoked by the arguments of the gentleman favoring the bill, made as he believed for mere bombast, until he had tired of them. He represented a farming community, and he knew they were well satisfied with the present law, and at this time of uncertainty as to the future, it was, to say the least, unwise to make any change.

Mr. Cornish was glad the amendment of Mr. McKusick had been offered, because it brought out the absurdity of the bill itself in its true light.

It was useless to discuss what money is. It is something we must have, or banks, manufacturers, and everything of that kind must be abandoned, and all must reduce themselves to tillers of the soil. Money is absolutely necessary in our every day life, and to secure it we must be willing to pay for the use of it what our neighbors are willing and do pay for it. One objection to the bill was its inflexibility. Our banks were taxed about 4 per cent.

Under this bill they were placed upon the same footing with the foreign money lender, who escaped all taxation. It was a fact, also, he said, that there was not money enough in the state to do the business offering, and the proposed reduction of interest would drive capital now here away.

Mr. McKusick's amendment was voted down.

A vote was then taken upon the motion of Mr. Collins, to indefinitely postpone the bill, and the motion was lost—forty to thirty-eight. The bill was then recommended to pass.

The committee then rose and the report of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Grimsbaw gave notice that Prof. Porter, of the State university, desired the use of the chamber for Wednesday evening next for a lecture, add upon motion of Mr. Child, of Jackson, the use of the chamber was granted.

The house then adjourned.

A FATAL RESULT.

Death of W. R. Noble Yesterday, from the Effects of a Pistol Shot Wound Inflicted by Himself.

The proverb states that it is appointed unto all men once to die, and experience has conclusively demonstrated the truth of the axiom. If, under the primal decree, there may arise exigencies when death, or the flight of the spirit from its mortal tabernacle, may be considered a boon, such a blessing, in view of the previous circumstances, may be declared the death of Mr. Wm. R. Noble, who expired at his family residence on St. Peter street, a quarter to 12 yesterday morning.

The sad attempt at suicide, while laboring under a fit of temporary aberration caused by softening of the brain, at the Merchants hotel barber shop last Tuesday, is still fresh in the mind of the public, and it is unnecessary to recapitulate the sorrowful details.

After lingering until yesterday morning death gratefully came to the relief of the sufferer and terminated his sufferings. The deceased was fifty-two years of age and leaves a wife and two children. He has resided in St. Paul for twenty years, being a native of Ohio and previous to coming to St. Paul, he resided at Ravenna.

For a period of fourteen years he was head bookkeeper in the establishment of P. H. Kelly & Co., the duties of the position being discharged with fidelity, earnestness and the most unswerving integrity.

After years of faithful service, Mr. Noble left the above firm about two years ago to become cashier at Culbertson's bank. Here his conduct was marked by the same faithfulness, sobriety and honesty.

In June, 1867, the deceased was elected secretary of the Landmark lodge of Masons, a position which he kept for three years. He was also a member of the Masonic Relief association and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

The father of the deceased was the original founder of the last named order in St. Paul, Noble lodge being named after him as a mark of appreciation and esteem.

He was insured in the Northwestern Life for \$1,000 or \$1,500, and this, with his insurance in the Masonic Relief association and the Workmen lodge, will approximate \$7,500.

An inquest on the remains will be held at