

MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

LEFT TO THE CITIES

Thompson Telephone Bill in Hands of Urban Delegations.

ANOTHER SHARP DEBATE TO-DAY

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Another battle was waged this morning between Senators Thompson and Baldwin over the Burns-Thompson bill granting companies and private persons the right to use the public highways for telephone and telegraph lines. The engagement was indecisive but each senator retired with the honors of war, the bill being referred to the delegations from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, so that they might frame an amendment exempting them from the provisions of the bill. The uncertainty with which the senators hold aloof from discussing the bill is not only remarkable but amusing. They are content to let Senators Thompson and Baldwin do all the talking.

The Duluth senator went to the bill with all the weapons at his command this morning, when another attempt was made to force its passage. Senator Thompson's argument was that municipalities would be absolutely deprived of exercising any authority in granting franchises or regulating the construction of telephone and telegraph lines if the bill became a law. The companies or any one else could build lines wherever they listed and valuable franchises now in the control of the people would be wasted.

Thompson Replies.

Senator Thompson replied: "I am willing now, as I have always been, to accept any amendment which will not arouse antagonism to my bill. If an amendment something like this: 'It is not intended hereby to repeal any charter right now possessed by any municipality' is offered, or anything of a similar nature, all will be well."

"I do not want to repeal a law which has been in force for over forty years, for the amendments offered by the senator from the zenith city certainly repeal the telegraph law which has been in force for forty-one years, and the general telephone law which was adopted twenty years ago. Come with a reasonable amendment and I will favor it."

Senator Daugherty moved that the question of preparing an amendment to suit the cities be referred to a committee consisting of Senators Wilson, Minneapolis; Baldwin, Duluth, and Thompson. Senator J. D. Jones suggested that the delegations from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth should consider an amendment of such importance. Several members wanted Senator Thompson added, but the chairman from Fillmore county balked at this.

A Substitute Bill.

A substitute bill was suggested by Senator Young. If Senator Thompson was simply interested in farmers and other private individuals and had no intention of curtailing the rights or powers of cities, then he would probably consent to a measure which would apply only to highways and roads outside of cities and villages. There was general objection to opening a long line of talk on a substitute measure and Senator Young was invited to send his ideas to the committee. The whole matter was thereupon sent to a joint committee consisting of the delegations from Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, with instructions to report within a reasonable time. The bill does not lose its place on the calendar.

Almost a Premium on Murder.

Only one bill was passed by the senate. It was H. P. 163 by Hunt, amending chapter 146, laws of 1893, being "an act granting rewards for killing wolves and to punish all persons who shall fraudulently claim or obtain such reward." The bill was on yesterday's calendar and had been tinkered over night by Senators Underdak and Schaller to remove some grammatical errors. The stenographer, while on the paragraph fixing the bounty for killing "a female wolf" left out the word "wolf" with startling results. The omission was discovered in time to prevent the senate from placing a premium on murder. The bill increases the bounty on female wolves during January, Febru-

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ary, March and April, the breeding season, to \$15. Otherwise the bounty remains at \$5.

These Are Favored.

Senator Schaller presided over the senate in committee on the whole and although there were thirty-nine bills on general orders, he could only secure favorable action on the following:

S. F. 158, Thompson—To amend sections 9 and 28 of chapter 352 of the laws of 1893, relating to state high schools. Education.

H. F. 6, Dunn—Limiting the terms of leases which may be created by the act of holding over of tenants of urban real estate after the expiration of a lease therefor.

The following bill was killed by indefinite postponement after a brief debate:

S. F. 20, McGovern—To amend section 6125, chapter 38, general statutes 1894, relating to appeals in civil cases.

For the Torrens System.

A bill for the Torrens system of transferring land titles was introduced by Senator Snyder. This system provides for the transfer of land by means of certificates. Such certificates are issued by the owner to the register of deeds and may be transferred from one party to another like bonds or any other security, the owner of the certificate being accepted by the owner of the land. This plan abolishes the present abstract system, which all those interested in real estate consider as not only expensive, but very unsatisfactory.

Torrens Are Forbidden.

The use of a torch or other artificial light for spearing fish is prohibited in a bill introduced by Senator McGovern. A fine of from \$10 to \$100 may be imposed. Senator McGovern also has a bill increasing the annual appropriation for the state library from \$200 to \$350.

For the Pharmacists.

Senator Gauswitz has introduced a bill appropriating \$4,500 for a building for a college of pharmacy at the state university.

In opposition to the bill prepared by the Taxpayers League of Minneapolis placing the office of coroner on a salary basis, Senator Jepson has a bill retaining the office on a fee system and virtually taking away the coroner's income. "His bill allows a fee of \$5 for each body viewed," and 10 cents a mile for traveling expenses. At present the coroner is allowed only \$5 a day, no matter how many times he may be called. A fee of \$10 is allowed for holding inquests, and \$6 a day is allowed for conducting post mortem examinations.

Licenses for Opticians.

The fitting of spectacles is to be made a licensed profession, if a bill offered by Senator Stockton goes through. Those engaged in examining the eye, prescribing, adjusting or fitting spectacles or lenses, must first obtain licenses from the state board of medical examiners and file their certificates with the clerk of the district court. Jewelers and other dealers may, however, sell spectacles. Any person attempting to examine, prescribe or adjust, without first having obtained a license, is liable to a fine of from \$50 to \$100, or imprisonment from ten to ninety days.

Although overhauling of the state militia is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Shell. The national guard is limited to the commander-in-chief and staff, an adjutant general and a brigade consisting of a brigadier general and staff, three regiments of infantry, one battalion of artillery, consisting of two batteries, and one company of engineers. The new bill makes no provision whatever for the retention of the present Fourth regiment.

The national guardmen of the state, especially those interested in the Fourth, will probably have a strong lobby to defeat the bill. The main feature of the new measure is to make the national guard as like the regular army in character as possible.

New Senate Bills.

S. F. 251, Grindeland—To provide for probating wills in certain cases to determine the descent of real estate in certain cases and to assign the same and make a record thereof. Judiciary.

S. F. 262, McGovern—To prevent the use of torches or other artificial light in spearing fish or catching fish. Game and game laws.

S. F. 263, McGovern—To amend section 572 of the general statutes of 1894, relating to the erection and equipment of a building for the college of pharmacy of the state university. University and university lands.

S. F. 265, Jepson—To amend section 5554, general statutes of 1894, relating to fees of coroners. Towns and counties.

S. F. 266, Snyder—Concerning land titles (Torrens system). Judiciary.

S. F. 267, Stockton—To regulate the practice of prescribing, adjusting or fitting lenses or lenses to the human eye and to license persons engaged therein and to punish persons violating the provisions of this act. Judiciary.

S. F. 268, McCarthy—To amend section 425 of the general statutes of 1894, relating to docketing judgments, assessments and liens on real estate. Judiciary.

S. F. 269, Schaller—To regulate the number and grade of officers and enlisted men in the several organizations of the National Guard to consist of the regular army of the United States, and prescribing the duties of regimental quartermasters. Military affairs.

S. F. 270, Judiciary Committee—Substituting for S. F. 108, relating to motions for a new trial or upon appeal in such cases. To pass that it is presently in committee on the Judiciary Committee—Substituting for S. F. 244, to amend section 29, chapter 132, laws of 1892, relating to control of contagious diseases. To pass.

S. F. 272, Young (by request)—To amend section 14 of chapter 13, laws of '91, relating to farmers' mutual insurance companies. Insurance.

Beltrami Bill Argued.

The senate judiciary committee listened for two hours and a half yesterday to the pro and con arguments of the Beltrami bill. Judge Hicks represented the lumbermen and A. Y. Merrill the county. T. B. Walker also took a hand in the discussion. The bill was adjourned without taking action. The lumbermen insist that before the county's debt is practically cancelled by the bill, the officials should be made to show how it will be paid. The Beltrami county people reply that no specific charge of extravagance is made, and they have, therefore, nothing to say.

P. H. McGarry, of Walker, has written to Cass county people informing them of the change in the certificate being issued by Cass county. This was not understood when resolutions were passed recently against the bill. It will not be possible to hear from Cass county's action until next week.

WILL PASS COMMITTEE

Board of Control Favored by Majority of Members.

The board of control bill will be taken up again by the joint committee Monday evening at 8 o'clock in room 16, on the third floor of the capitol. All persons interested in the bill are invited to appear and be heard. The amendments suggested by Governor Van Sant's visiting commission have been printed, and will be considered. Members of the committee say that it is practically certain to hear from Governor Van Sant's action until next week.

ARE NEW LAWS

Six More Bills Have Been Signed by the Governor.

Governor Van Sant has signed the following bills:

H. F. 11—To repeal chapter 342, general laws of 1895, relating to encouragement of the use of wide-trail wagons and allowing thereof a deduction of road tax.

H. F. 97—Amending section 10, chapter 652, general laws of 1899, so as to change the number of high schools entitled to state aid from four to seven in each county.

H. F. 108—Providing an amendment to section 6, article 8, of the constitution of the state, to permit the permanent school and university fund to be invested in the bonds of any county, school district, city, town or village.

H. F. 101—To amend section 3668 of the general statutes of 1894, relating to the organization of the state.

H. F. 206—To fix the time for holding general terms of court in the twelfth judicial district.

H. F. 181—To authorize the Minnesota Valley Historical society to erect a granite pyramid upon the land owned by the state of Minnesota in Kennebec county, comprising a part of the ground on which was fought the battle of Birch Center.

Goes Back to Its Author.

The house committee on logs and lumber referred the Rich bill placing the surveyor general of logs and lumber on a salary basis back to its author yesterday afternoon. He will probably attempt to allow the surveyor general enough to do business on.

The insurance committee held a joint session yesterday with the Taxpayers League of Minneapolis. The Taxpayers League explained the charges it makes in the present law. No action was taken.

The appropriations committee heard Secretary Randall of the state agricultural association yesterday in regard to the bill granting \$200,000 for improvements.

The joint committee appointed by the judiciary committee to draft amendments to the bill for a revision of the statutes met yesterday with a subcommittee of the state bar association and the bill in shape for introduction.

An Appeal to Deans.

The St. Paul Globe has issued an editorial appeal to deans in the legislature to stand together against the reappointment plan and unite with the representatives of Minneapolis in accomplishing its undoing.

Capitol Notes.

C. S. Benson of St. Cloud called on Governor Van Sant yesterday. Mr. Benson is a candidate for superintendent of the reformatories and is anxious to have Superintendent Randall ousted. The board is now democratic and Mr. Randall remains in office.

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INQUIRY IS SHELVED

Jacobson's St. P. & D. Resolutions Lacked Seven Votes.

WERE THE LINES COMPETITORS?

St. Paul Members Say They Were Not—State's Rights Not Forfeited.

Under a ruling from the chair that as many votes were required to adopt a joint resolution as to pass a bill, a defeat was this morning administered to the plan of Mr. Jacobson for an investigation into the consolidation of the Northern Pacific and the St. Paul & Duluth companies. The vote stood 33 in the affirmative, 40 in the negative, representing being seven short of the required number.

Mr. Jacobson made a vigorous presentation of those points to be urged in favor of the resolution, and then urged to convince a legal majority. The most telling argument in reply was that which quoted the interstate commerce commission as having declared that the railroad in question were not competitors. This was reinforced by the statement that communication with Duluth via Brainerd, the route drawn up and approved by Attorney General Childs, by Attorney General Douglas and the governor. There was a substituting contract between the parties interested.

Mr. Layburn voiced the conviction that if the object of the resolution was to make partizan capital, such an action would prove a boomerang. The rights of the St. Paul and Duluth companies, the state had been secured in every particular and no good would emanate from the passage of the resolution.

Mr. Rich sympathized with Mr. Jacobson, but expressed doubt as to whether the resolution would be effective. Gov. Lind had been anxious to guard the welfare of the state as any other citizen, he said. He moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed, but subsequently withdrew this motion in favor of the original motion by Mr. Jacobson.

Mr. Peterson argued that it was eminently proper to investigate through a joint committee and there was no reason for refusing to enter upon such an inquiry.

The conciliatory attitude of the Northern Pacific at the time the agreement was entered into was referred to by Mr. Layburn as being necessitated by a prospective sale of bonds in the east.

Mr. Jacobson Again.

"Why all this anxiety to let things alone," said Mr. Jacobson, "if nobody is to get hurt? If anybody is hurt it certainly won't be John Lind. He has appealed to this legislature for confirmation; he is anxious that an inquiry be conducted, he is quite as obvious that certain interests are eager to thwart an attempt at inquiry. I have come to the conclusion that there was no decision made in this question. If it was settled, it was settled long ago and it is now being jeopardized. The governor felt that the action taken was not binding and consequently he sought indorsement. Let me ask my friends if it is their opinion that I would introduce such a resolution for boomerang. When the gentleman from Duluth says this resolution is partizan, he goes farther than he ought to."

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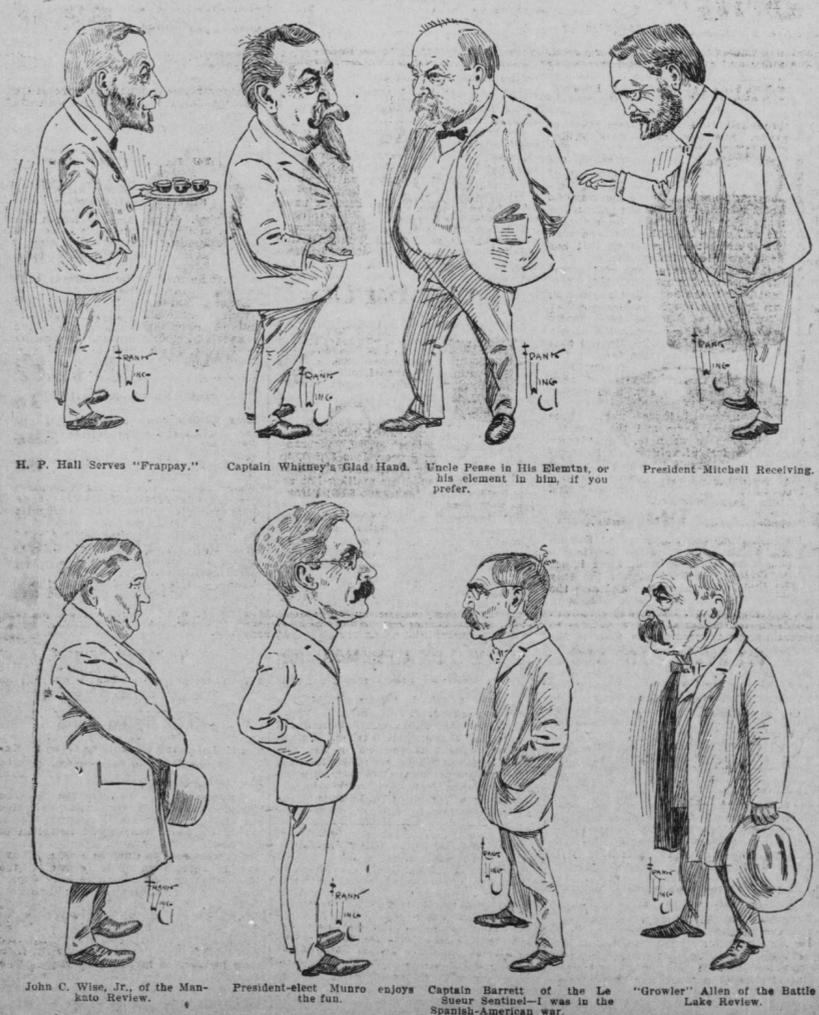
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ter 10, General Statutes of 1894. Corporations other than municipal.

H. F. 338, Underdak—To appropriate money for the erection and equipment of a building for the college of pharmacy of the state university. Public buildings.

H. F. 339, Johnson—To provide for the submission to the legal voters of counties in the state of Minnesota the question whether licenses to sell intoxicating liquors may be granted within such counties, to determine the legal status of such election, and to provide for the sale of such liquor by means of liquor dispensaries in certain counties, as in this act provided. Temperance.

H. F. 341, Gaudrud—To amend section 5522, General Statutes of 1894, relating to the regulation of the practice of pharmacy, the licensing of persons to carry on such practice, and the sale of poisons in the state of Minnesota. Public health, dairy and food products.

H. F. 342, Alford—To provide for greater certainty in the title to real estate where the same has been or shall hereafter be conveyed to a party whose name has been or shall be followed by the term trustee, cashier, executor, administrator, guardian or similar descriptive word or words. Judiciary.

Meeker is Very Sure.

A. F. Foster, county attorney of Meeker county, was at the capitol to-day, interviewing members of the reappointment proposition in his county in opposition to the committee plan. The people of Meeker county are practically cut out from the rest of the next sixth district, and regard it as a democratic issue. They consider the inequality in districts unnecessary and believe the plan was devised in the interest of certain aspirants for congress. "I am sure," said Mr. Foster, "that any man identified with the reappointment scheme could not get a hundred votes in Meeker county from either party if he came before the county as a candidate for office."

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