

They have been very busy, only they have been fighting behind the scenes, orphans and poor farmers. You men who opposed the tax code were not honest in your fight and you know it and your vote on this new bill will prove it. There are no widows, orphans or small farmers for you to get behind. You've got to fight in the open now.

If you don't want the corporations to pay a just share of the taxes, vote this bill down.

Laybourn in the Lists. Mr. Laybourn followed Mr. Jacobson as naturally as sunshine follows rain or vice versa. Because the previous speaker started with the tonnage tax he supposed that it was thrown as a gauntlet, and he had no hesitancy in taking it up.

He was surprised to hear the speaker attack the state auditor, as he had often seen the two fighting together and had supposed that they deemed each other's judgment almost infallible. The state auditor, however, had the reputation of coming out in the open and fighting fair. It was not likely that in this interview he had suppressed the action of the auditor.

Mr. Laybourn said that the people of his district did not believe that mining property should be assessed any differently than city lots. He believed that they all wanted all property to be treated alike by the assessor. While the mines were not running, under the tonnage law, they would pay no taxes, yet all other industrial plants would be compelled to pay taxes even when idle. This placed the two kinds of property on an unequal footing and was unjust. The tonnage tax system had been tried in Michigan for several years and had proved an ignominious failure.

Will you tell us why it was a failure? interrupted Representative Dobbin. "I want some information on that very point."

"I have not that information just now," replied Mr. Laybourn, "but the law proved a complete failure and was repealed in 1897."

Dobbin on Franchise Taxes. Mr. Dobbin then took the floor "to secure some information." His remarks, however, were by easy stages transformed into an argument in opposition to the taxation of franchises. The tonnage tax seemed to him to be just, as he believed that all industrial plants should be taxed according to their earning capacity. From this position he reasoned that the taxation of franchises was not a just tax. He was not a fair basis of taxation.

Representative Armstrong found these remarks inconsistent and favored the bill in every particular.

Just before the noon recess J. A. Peterson secured the floor. He admitted that he had not had time to read the bill, but he had heard this morning had convinced him that he was in favor of the tonnage tax. As a matter of fact, he believed that it was a good plan to favor any proposition opposed by Mr. Laybourn. This sally created much amusement. Mr. Peterson declared that if this measure would secure a law placing the whole burden of taxes on the widows and orphans, the farmers, the workmen and the small tradesmen, and exempt the capitalists, the bankers and the big corporations, certain great duties would say that it was a good bill and would recommend its passage.

ALLEN'S BILL KILLED. Judiciary Committee Reports a Substitute Extending Time. Representative Allen's bill relating to the work of codifying the statutes was indefinitely postponed at the request of the judiciary committee this morning. The committee, therefore, reported a substitute. This extends the term of the commission until Dec. 1, 1904, but cuts out the additional appropriation of \$40,000 in order to allow the committee to exercise economy in the use of the original appropriation of \$35,000. This might handicap the work somewhat but any extra expense incurred by the committee would undoubtedly be taken care of by the next legislature.

Trio of Counties Benefited. The bill providing that Clay, Wilkin and Becker counties in the sixth district shall each be entitled to one member of representatives was passed by the house this morning without opposition.

TO PASS AMENDMENTS. 'Twill Be Easier If a Senate Measure Passes. Another constitutional amendment made its appearance in the senate this morning. It is designed to facilitate the adoption of other amendments which may follow, and provides that only a majority of those voting upon an amendment shall be necessary for its adoption. A majority of all votes cast at the election is required at present, and this fact has, in the past, retarded the passage of amendments. A majority of the voters neglecting to vote on the amendments one way or the other, Senator Miller was responsible for the new amendment which was referred to the judiciary committee.

Steering Committee Slipped. Eight new bills were introduced this morning, most of them being sent direct to the proper committee without first going to the committee on reception of bills. Later the steering committee reported several bills for indefinite postponement, and in each case was turned down, the senate voting to receive the measures and refer them to other committees. This led senator Lord, chairman of the reception committee, to make a statement. He said that he would oppose the rejection of the steering committee's report in every case where it should be attempted after to-day, and added that a great number of bills were being introduced that could well wait until the next general session. He thought the consideration of general legislation had gone far enough, and said that he would ask that the reception committee be discharged if its reports were again reversed.

Sheriff's Salary Bill Passed. Senator Wilson's bill placing the sheriff of Hennepin county on a salary basis was passed today. The bill fixes the salary at \$5,000 per annum; provides for a chief deputy at \$1,500; two outside deputies, who must furnish a horse and wagon at \$1,000 each; one outside deputy at \$1,200; a jailer at \$1,200 and six court bailiffs at \$900 each. The salaries of other officers are to be fixed by the county commissioner. Extra deputies are to be paid \$3 a day. The sheriff is required to furnish monthly statements to the auditor, and a failure to do so will result in his removal from office. A \$20,000 bond is required and the law is to go into effect April 1, 1902.

Senator Wilson introduced a bill to legalize the proposed issue of \$70,000 park bonds in Minneapolis. The measure was presented at the request of the Minneapolis park board and was drawn by the board's attorney. It is necessary owing to the fact that bonds already issued exceeded the 5 per cent limit. The money is to be used to purchase the "Purified" property in Lorain park, and to acquire the west river bank from Lake street to Minnehaha Falls.

For an Immigration Bill. Senator Schaller introduced a bill creating a state board of immigration. They made up of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. This board is to publish pamphlets designed to attract immigration and may employ a clerk. It is to make biennial reports to the legislature. Senator Schaller said that it took \$1,000 and twenty-one years' time to raise a boy and make a citizen out of him. "If we can get citizens to come into the state at a slight expense," said he, "we ought to do it. We are going to pass a tax bill this session, and we want to get people here to pay those taxes."

Senator Sivright sent up a bill authorizing the governor to appoint an official at \$100 a month to enforce the humane laws. The fines collected are to be paid over to the state treasury for the prevention of cruelty. If the bill passes it is probable that an official of that society will be given the new position.

Senators Play Hooky. At one time during the session less than a dozen members of the senate were present. They had been attracted into the house by the sounds of Mr. Jacobson's eloquence, his voice easily reaching into the senate chamber, and through the double doors intervening. Three times a call of the senate was demanded and pages were sent into the house to bring back senators who had straggled away.

Senator Barker's bill legalizing conveyances of property made by husband and wife during 1886 and 1887 was passed under suspension. The house bill was also passed. Senator Stockton's bill authorizing county commissioners to appropriate money to all Grand Army posts in the erection of monuments or memorials, was passed.

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Pittsburg, Feb. 28.—The great gorges in the Allegheny river are broken and the ice is sweeping down on that city. The first break occurred at Monroeville about 8:30 o'clock this morning, and an hour later the gorge near Sandy Creek broke with a roar like that of heavy artillery and began to move slowly down the river. Caught in the swiftly moving ice packs were two steamboats, the D. T. Watson and the George Brody and a crew of four.