

THE LEGISLATURE

A BILL TO STOP OPTION TRADING

HOUSE MEASURE CLASSES ALL AS "BUCKETSHOPPING."

E. J. Wells, the Author, Would Stop All Dealing Which Does Not Involve Actual Delivery, and Provides Heavy Penalties for Violation—Representative Erickson Also Has a Bucketshop Bill.

Under the guise of a measure to prevent "bucketshopping," E. J. Wells of Breckenridge proposes to prohibit all transactions in stocks or bonds in which there is not actual delivery. The bill prohibits the maintenance of room or office "wherein is permitted the pretended buying or selling of shares or bonds, of cotton, grain, produce, etc., either upon margin or for resale, without an actual bona fide intention of receiving and paying for the property so sold, or wherein is conducted or permitted the pretended buying or selling of such property on margins, or wherein is carried on or conducted, or knowingly permitted to be carried on, or conducted in whole or in part, known and designated as dealing in futures, whether such business is carried on or conducted directly or indirectly by or thru any member or members of any board of trade, chamber of commerce or other exchange or not."

A More Liberal Measure. Erickson also presented an anti-bucketshop bill, but this aims directly at the evil feature of trading in futures and is patterned after the bill presented in 1904 by Senator Henry J. Gjersten of Minneapolis.

These two measures reopen the fight between chambers of commerce and bucketshops, which was one of the features of the session of 1903.

"Loading" Control Building Bill.

J. H. Morley of Owatonna proposed a measure relating to the board of control, which will cause hot debate later, as this will tend to stop the movement to relieve the board of its authority over the state university and the normal school. Mr. Morley wants the state public schools of his own town and the schools for the deaf, dumb and blind of Faribault included in the list of educational institutions which do not properly come under the jurisdiction of the board of control. It was a similar measure which two years ago defeated the efforts of the friends of the university and the normal schools to make them independent of the board of control.

Bank Stock Tax.

Marcus Lauritsen of Tyler offered a bill providing that the tax on bank stock shall be levied against the bank. The list of stocks was to be supplied by the cashier. The officers of the bank are required to pay such taxes out of the dividends and the tax becomes a lien on the stock when not paid. No transfer of stock is legal unless the taxes shall be paid.

Manley L. Fosson of Minneapolis defended a bill appropriating \$30,000 for the construction of a bridge across Minnehaha creek at the junction of the Longfellow bridge. This is to replace the present wood construction, which is old and is becoming decidedly unsafe.

Jacob F. Seib of St. Paul proposed a constitutional amendment prohibiting the state legislature from fixing the statutory value of a human life. Under the constitution the maximum amount which can be recovered in suits for damages by reason of death is \$5,000. The amendment if adopted will leave the question of the amount of damages wholly in the discretion of the jury which hears the case.

Good Roads Delegates.

On motion of Ole Peterson, the speaker was authorized to appoint a committee of nine members, one from each congressional district, to attend the state good roads convention on Jan. 24, as representatives of the house of representatives.

Speaker Clague announced the appointment of Ole Peterson, J. H. Morley, A. L. Cole, R. H. Peterson, L. H. Johnson, A. J. Wood, J. T. Mannix, Sieven Swanson and Hans O. Hanson as such delegates.

NEW HOUSE BILLS.

H. F. 53, Anderson—Providing for the incorporation of grand and subgrand juries of the degree of honor, A. O. U. W., in Minnesota. Passed. H. F. 54, Wells—Prohibiting "bucketshops" and "bucketshopping" and providing penalty for violation. General Legislation. H. F. 55, Zech—Authorizing cities between 10,000 and 20,000 inhabitants to acquire waterworks. Municipal Legislation. H. F. 56, De Laiture—Appropriating \$4,000 for the relief of Emma Middleton, a Native Guard in the war, Richard Farrington, Company B, First Regiment, M. N. H. F. 57, O'Laughlin—Appropriating \$254 for supplies furnished Minnesota National Guard in 1898, at Camp Lakeview, Military Affairs. H. F. 58, Erickson—Prohibiting "bucketshops" and "bucketshopping" and providing penalty. General Legislation. H. F. 59, Timberlake—Appropriating \$8,000 to reimburse Allan W. Guld for loss of household goods at state university fire. Claims. H. F. 60, Lauritsen—Providing for levying and collection of taxes on banks and bank stock. Banks and Bankers. H. F. 61, Lund—Providing that the minimum sale price on public school lands shall be \$10 an acre. Public Lands. H. F. 62, Morley—Requiring railroad companies to stop trains at least 100 rods from intersections with steam or electric railways. Railroads. H. F. 63, Morley—Removing state university, normal schools, schools for deaf, dumb and blind and state public schools from board of control. General Legislation. H. F. 64, Bardwell—Legalizing certain village franchises for waterworks, etc. Corporations. Other than Municipal. H. F. 65, Bardwell—Providing for liens on personal property by transportation and warehouse companies and for care of domestic animals. Judiciary. H. F. 66, Haskell—Authorizing cities of more than 50,000 inhabitants to issue \$100,000 park bonds (St. Paul). Municipal Legislation. H. F. 67, Fosson—Appropriating \$50,000 for a bridge across Minnehaha creek at Soldiers' home. Roads and Bridges. H. F. 68, Hildebrand—Providing for the issuance of park bonds in cities of more than 50,000 inhabitants (St. Paul). Municipal Legislation. H. F. 69, Anderson—Appropriating \$8,000 for relief of Anna E. Quirk, a nurse injured at St. Peter insane hospital. Claims. H. F. 70, Mork—Authorizing capitol commission to maintain capitol for one year and appropriating \$40,000 annually. Public Buildings. H. F. 71, Sarr—Providing that the sale or assignment of salaries or wages shall be made in writing. Judiciary. H. F. 72, Haskell—Requiring the filing of sales or assignments of salary or wages with employers. Judiciary. H. F. 73, Hildebrand—Providing for the payment of awards for land condemned for park purposes (St. Paul). Municipal Legislation. H. F. 74, Hildebrand—Providing constitutional amendment prohibiting legislature from limiting amount recoverable in actions on account of death by accident. Judiciary. H. F. 75, Kelly, J. B.—Appropriating \$1,000 for rebuilding bridge across Vermillion slough, Dakota county. Roads and Bridges.

There are many forms of nervous debility in men that yield to the use of Carter's Iron Pills. Those who are troubled with nervous weakness, night sweats, etc., should try them.

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS

SENATE. Revised code introduced. Highway commission bill introduced. Bill introduced abolishing "fellow servant" rule. Protest made against indefinite holding up of appointments. Adjourned till Tuesday, 11 a.m.

HOUSE. Two bucketshop bills introduced, one aimed at Chamber of Commerce. Bill introduced requiring trains to stop at street car crossings. Morley bill introduced, taking educational institutions from board of control. New capitol commission bill presented. Lund bill introduced, raising minimum sale price of state land to \$10. Adjourned till Tuesday, 10 a.m.

BARRY ON HAND AGAIN

EXPERT ACCOUNTANT LOOKING FOR ANOTHER JOB OF EXAMINING STATE OFFICERS' ACCOUNTS.

John Barry, the expert accountant, is looking for another job of examining state officers. He was retained two years ago by the house committee on public accounts and began the investigation of the auditor's office. He was later retained by Public Examiner Johnson to continue the work, but fell out with his chief and dropped the work without making a report. The house committee, of which P. E. Dowling of Eveleth is chairman, wants to make another examination of state officers, and has asked permission to employ an accountant at \$10 a day. Mr. Barry is on hand at the capitol, ready to do the work. The committee talks of investigating the auditor, treasurer, board of control, public examiner, insurance commissioner and game and fish commission. A subcommittee consisting of Chairman Dowling and Messrs. Fraser, Hayes, Valtner and O'Loughlin has already waited on several of these officials.

TO RAISE PRICE OF STATE LANDS

IMPORTANT BILL INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LUND.

He Would Make the Minimum Price \$10 an Acre Where \$5 Is the Present Figure—Drainage and Development Has Made the Land Worth More Than Formerly.

Representative John G. Lund of Minneapolis today introduced a bill to increase the minimum price for state lands to \$10 an acre. The minimum value fixed by the present law is \$5 an acre, and a large share of the land sold goes at that figure. The average price received is a little over \$6.

Mr. Lund says state land that is ripe for selling ought to bring \$10 an acre. If it cannot sell at that price, the state can afford to wait until the land is developed by drainage or made more valuable by railroads or settlement. He believes that a raise in the valuation of state land would be an excellent thing all around, as it would tone up the market for other lands.

WARE'S OWN MOTION

Northfield Man Says His Attack on Clapp Wasn't Inspired.

Representative A. K. Ware of Northfield, who created a sensation Tuesday by voting against Senator Clapp, has been busy ever since receiving congratulations from members and outsiders, who have commended him for the stand he took and the reasons he declared. Mr. Ware says he arrived at the decision entirely on his own responsibility, and that his remarks were not suggested by his townsmen, Joel P. Heatwole. In fact, after the Clapp victory in the caucus, Mr. Heatwole advised him to vote for Clapp and not

COMMITTEE SEEKS FACTS

RATE INQUIRY TO BE AS EXHAUSTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE AS IS POSSIBLE.

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SEEK LEGISLATIVE AID

EAST SIDE BUSINESS MEN HAVE BILL TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AT GRADE CROSSINGS.

J. T. Ellwell is in St. Paul today attending the legislature in the interests of a bill to promote the public safety at railroad grade crossings. Mr. Ellwell is chairman of the railroad crossings committee of the East Minneapolis Business Men's association. Associated with him on the committee are M. Velikanje, R. C. Deming and H. L. Patthey. These were named to act at a mass meeting held on Jan. 4 to take steps to abolish the danger at the crossing points of steam and electric railways. Representative Timberlake has agreed to present the following bill, which was drawn by the committee at a meeting held last night: A bill for an act to promote the public safety at grade railroad crossings: Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota: Section 1—No company operating a steam railroad shall cause or suffer to be moved any locomotive, tender, car, or train of cars, over or upon the intersecting crossing of any steam or electric railroad at grade, without first causing such locomotive, tender, car, or train of cars, to come to a full stop at a point not less than ten nor more than thirty rods before reaching such intersecting crossing. Any company violating any of the provisions of this section shall forfeit not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), to be recovered in a civil action in the municipal court of the city, or before any justice of the peace of the county in which such violation occurs, upon the complaint of any person. One-half to go to the complainant, and one-half to go to the school fund of the city or the county, as the case may be. Section 2—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

SENATE IS OBEDIENT

Declines to Confirm Knox's Appointment, Despite McGill's Protest.

The senate held a forty-minute session this morning after the effort of introducing several bills and approving of some gubernatorial appointments, adjourned till 10 a.m. next Tuesday. Senator Ward moved the approval of the recess appointments of Governor Van Sant. The motion was carried, after excepting the name of G. W. Knox, a board of equalization appointee, again on request of Senator Mauston. Senator McGill objected, asserting that further explanations were due for these exceptions; that they should not hang on so long without final disposal. Lieutenant Governor R. W. Jones ruled a report in the case of such exceptions must be made to the senate within a reasonable time. Governor Johnson's appointments of State Art society officials, Mrs. R. C. Moore, artist, and H. W. Jones, architect, were confirmed on motion of Senator Schaller. The senate committee on agriculture was excused from the senate session this morning to join the house committee in visiting the state agricultural school at St. Anthony Park.

FIRE STOPS TERRE HAUTE WHEELS.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 20.—Fire enacting a loss of \$150,000 occurred early this morning in a civil action in the Terre Haute Traction & Power company, and business is paralyzed to a considerable extent. No street cars are running, and the evening papers have abandoned their earlier editions.

The Plymouth Clothing House Great Enlargement Sale.

March 1st we shall annex the entire second floor of the Syndicate corner and shall enlarge our women's departments, extending them through to Nicollet avenue. This will result in making our second floor the brightest and most attractive selling space in this city. To make this great second floor more accessible we shall install additional elevator service at the Nicollet avenue front of the store.

These extensive alterations will soon be commenced, so that it is imperative that we reduce all winter stocks immediately lest they be ruined by dust and dirt.

Some of the Tremendous Reductions We Quote Below:

Men's Suits and Overcoats, \$13.75 Reduced from \$30, \$25, \$20 and \$18.

This great offering includes every conceivable style of our finest garments. Fine imported worsteds and chevots, made in both single and double breasted sack suits, long belted fancy overcoats, surtouts and plain overcoats in kerseys, chevots and meltons. It includes all odds and ends and a great many full lines.

Men's \$8, \$10 and \$12 Trousers, \$5

All sizes in fine imported Scotches, Cassimeres and Worsteds. About 200 pairs all told, including the latest novelty effects in peg tops, as well as the more conservative patterns.

Men's \$4 and \$5 Trousers, \$2.85.

Heavy cassimeres, chevots and worsteds, representing the newest and most satisfactory styles. Every detail in the making of these trousers has been so carefully executed that we can assure our customers the greatest amount of serviceability and comfort. The fit we guarantee. Sale price \$2.85.

Suits and Overcoats, \$9.50

High grade suits from the main floor. Pure, all wool worsteds, silk mixed chevots and cassimeres in a remarkable variety of patterns, single or double-breasted styles. Suits in the lot to fit men of all proportions. Choice Saturday \$9.50.

Costly Furs Reduced To Small Prices

Men's Fur and Fur Lined Coats—Our superb stock of these luxurious coats has been carefully gone through and all prices reduced. Seldom, if ever, have there been opportunities of equal merit. Right in the heart of winter, just when you need such garments, comes this unusual offer.

- \$65 Fur Lined Coats, \$50. \$75 Fur Lined Coats, \$60. \$80 Fur Lined Coats, \$65. \$100 Fur Lined Coats, \$80. \$25 Fur Coats, \$15. \$25 Fur Coats, \$16.50. \$60 Coon Coats, \$45. \$40 Coats, \$30.

Small Furs Reduced

- \$55, \$60 and \$65 Beaver Trimmed Near Seal Jackets. Reduced to \$40. \$35 and \$40 Boas, reduced to \$25. \$20 Sable Fox and Brown Marten Boas, both long and short effects. Reduced to \$12.50. \$25 Fox Boas, made from two skins, finished with cord and slide. Reduced to \$15. \$12 and \$15 Brown Marten Muffs, reduced to \$8.50. —Fur Section, Third Floor.

All Plain Nearseal Jackets Half Price.

- This includes our entire stock of plain nearseal jackets—values up to \$70. \$40 Jackets, \$20. \$60 Jackets, \$20. \$45 Jackets, \$22.50. \$85 Jackets, \$32.50. \$50 Jackets, \$25. \$70 Jackets, \$35.



Boys' Overcoats and Suits, \$4.85

Reduced from \$6.50, \$7, \$8, \$10 and \$12.

All odds and ends from the past season's business have been accumulated and put in one lot for quick sale and priced at this absurdly low figure. The following list gives you some idea of what to expect:

- Overcoats: Tourist Belt Back Coats, Plain Dress Coats, Plain Belt Back, Russian Overcoats, Double Breasted Belt Coats, Fancy Reefers. Suits: Double-breasted two-piece, Double-breasted Norfolk, Single-breasted Norfolk, Eton bloomer Norfolk, Eton Sailor, Sailor Suits.

Boys' Suits, \$1.19. For the most part two-piece double-breasted suits in dark gray and brown mixtures or blue and black chevots. Regular prices \$2 and \$2.50—Saturday, \$1.19.

Boys' 50c Knee Pants, 19c. Corduroy and wool knee pants—winter weights—all sizes—Saturday, 19c. —Great Basement Sale room.

\$2 Boys' Long Pants, 98c. Fancy worsted and cassimeres blue and black chevots—sizes 28 to 33—Saturday, 98c.

Boys' Mittens, 39c. Boys' leather faced mittens, fur back, heavy fleece lining—Regular 50c kind—Saturday, 39c. —Great Basement Sale room.



Women's Coats, \$5

About 100 coats affected by this radical price reduction—all the most popular styles are represented—loose back, half and tight fitted backs in both short and long coats. Fabrics are of all wool chevots, kerseys and men's wear mixtures—plain blues, blacks and mixed effects—coats worth up to \$15—the entire lot Saturday only.

The balance of this lot, representing the best from a prominent eastern maker and formerly priced up to \$20, will go Saturday at \$7.75.

Suits Below Cost

Distinctly high grade suits that will be sold Saturday at less than the cost of materials. There are Chevots, Coverts and Men's Wear materials, as well as Velvets, Corduroys and Zibelines. Following is the detailed price reduction:

- \$40 Cheviot Suits, \$15.00. \$45 Cheviot Suit, \$22.50. \$20 Cheviot Suit, \$13.50. \$15 Cheviot Suits, \$10. \$45 Covert Suit, \$25. \$25 Covert Suit, \$15. \$22.50 Covert Suit, \$12.50. \$25 Men's Wear Suit, \$18.50. \$15 Men's Wear Suits, \$8.50. \$50 Velvet Suits, \$22.50. \$35.00 Velvet Suits, \$15.00. \$22.50 Velvet Suit, \$15.00. \$45 Corduroy Suit, \$25. \$50 Zibeline Suits, \$18.50. \$32 Zibeline Suit, \$18.50. \$30 Zibeline Suit, \$18.50.

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