

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

IT FINALLY DISPOSES OF THE HARTFORD BRIDGE QUESTION.

The Contract Repudiated and the Senate Bridge Bill Passed in the House—Leaves the Bridge Upon the Five Towns—Further Debate Over the Bridgeport Grade Crossings—The Matter Before the Hartford Board of Public Works—Hartford, May 23.—The debate over the Bridgeport grade crossings matter was taken up in the senate at noon as the special order, and was continued for two and one quarter hours. The bill was favorably reported by the railroad committee, all the members concurring. This bill provides for the limitation of all the grade crossings in the city, and will give the Consolidated railroad facilities for extending their four tracks through the city, build a new drawbridge and new stations, at an outlay representing from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000. It provides for the earnings to be made by the railroad commissioners and in case of dispute an appeal to the superior court. This bill is known as the Davenport bill and is generally favored in Bridgeport.

The bill was advocated by Senator Coffey, chairman of the railroad committee, who said there were thirty-two grade crossings (death traps) in Bridgeport. The Bridgeport people were originally in favor of building the new Water street, but later upon request he layout was changed. All but six or eight of these grade crossings were faced there by the city of Bridgeport. He had agreed that the crossings should be abolished. The only question was, how shall it be accomplished? The railroad was spending millions of dollars to secure a four track road from New York to New Haven.

The bill was drawn by City Attorney Averport of Bridgeport, and the mayor has agreed to the measure. It provides that after six months the railroad commissioners shall have charge of the matter and an appeal can be taken to the superior court when deemed necessary. The matter in dispute is one of expense, but this can all be adjudicated before the superior court, his enterprise, to cost about \$2,000,000, not particularly necessary for the railroad, which can run its trains on the present double track over the three or four miles through the city. It is of one interest to Bridgeport, and will materially add to the value of property. The committee could see no reason why we should not report this bill, and it was reported unanimously. Bridgeport interests will be fully protected. This is a fair and just measure and should meet with no opposition.

Senator Marigold of Bridgeport—As a senator he said, the main question is that of expense. Some three years ago when I was mayor of the city a railroad affected a plan to eliminate the grade crossings from Fairfield avenue to Park avenue, by depressing a railroad and having the streets go over. This was opposed, especially by a manufacturing interests. This an I favored, but it was rejected by a common council. The first bill introduced at this session was the March bill, providing that the city should not be assessed for over \$50,000. Later this bill a compromise was drawn. This bill does not fully meet the demands of a people of Bridgeport.

Mr. Marigold made a long plea against a bill. Senator Coffey said that Hartford had had one half of the expense towards eliminating two grade crossings. In Bridgeport there are thirty-two crossings. Who has made these crossings? Bridgeport; and shall senators stand up and say that the railroad shall pay all of the expense of eliminating these crossings that Bridgeport has made? There is no injustice in Bridgeport paying a portion of this expense. Bridgeport afraid of our railroad commissioners or afraid of our courts? don't believe it. Why at this moment does the senator come here and propose a bill that has been advocated by the mayor and the city attorney of Bridgeport? Why did not the senator in the Fourteenth come before this committee and oppose this measure? There can be nothing more reasonable in the bill offered, and the senator is not offered a valid reason against it.

Senator Warner—I am in general sympathy with this bill. While it is somewhat in contrast with the general plan of eliminating these crossings, it is necessary that it should be going to the vast expense involved, do not believe, however, this power will be entrusted to one man, (the mayor) unless he is elected on that vote. I see no reason why the commission named in the bill (the present railroad commission) should be paid additional compensation. I will offer amendments striking out the names of the railroad commissioners and substituting the names of the state referees. My services will not cost the state anything additional. Another amendment I will offer permits that the common council, in addition to the city railroad, shall within six months, see upon plans, methods and manner.

Senator Coffey objected to the amendments. He said the people of the city did not agree among themselves, and Senator Marigold read a letter from the Bridgeport board of trade urging opposition to the bill. He then moved indefinite postponement of the bill. Senator Warner moved an amendment by inserting the state referees as commission. Senator Coffey said that if anyone was qualified to serve it was the railroad commissioners, who were experts in this line of work. Another amendment was to strike out special compensation for the common council. Senator Douglas of Middletown said: are acting upon a measure that the of Bridgeport cannot settle. This has been before the railroad commission, and a measure receiving such consideration is certainly a fair measure. It is for the interest of Bridgeport the state at large that this bill should pass.

to be held in Bridgeport. The work is to be done at the entire expense of the railroad company. He said it provided for the entire expense to fall on the railroad, but for streets not legal crossings or new streets to be laid out, the railroad commission shall assess the city for a fair compensation.

Senator Coffey said the bill was uncalled for. Twenty-seven crossings were created by Bridgeport, and bill asked for the railroad to bridge these crossings. Certainly such a measure is unjust and unreasonable. Senator Marigold said that if there was only a single track it would not be dangerous to cross, but a four track road was very dangerous; it was suicide to attempt to cross.

Senator Coffey—I have learned that only twenty-seven men attended the board of trade meeting, and about one-half opposed this bill. The vote on the substitute was taken by yeas and nays, and was rejected 18 to 11; only Senator Marigold voting in favor.

Senator Coffey made another plea for the bill favorably reported. Senator Marigold offered several other amendments. Amendment A makes the expense of Bridgeport not exceeding \$50,000. All of these amendments were rejected.

Senator Warner then renewed his amendments referred to above. Senator Chandler—A committee of nine men having held long sessions on this bill—after all consideration, it is time to vote without offering any more amendments.

Senator Coffey—it is no more than right that the railroad commissioners should receive extra compensation for this work, as it is expected work and will require a great deal of their time. Senator Warner's amendment against extra compensation was carried, 19 to 7. Senator Marigold moved an indefinite postponement of the bill and it was rejected.

An amendment was then offered and carried as follows: Substituting the words: "The railroad commissioners and their successors." In the original bill the names of the present railroad commissioners are inserted, but it does not refer to them as "the railroad commissioners."

The above amendment and the one relating to the compensation of the commission were the only changes made in the bill which was then passed, only Senator Marigold voting "no."

HARTFORD BRIDGE KNOCKED OUT.

When the house convened this morning Representative Roraback of the Judiciary committee moved that this hour for taking the vote on the Hartford bridge bill be continued from 12 o'clock to 2 o'clock. He said the members of the Judiciary committee wanted to discuss the bill and they should be given the last forty-five minutes to close the debate.

Mr. Washburn of Stafford wanted the vote taken next Wednesday. Mr. Hicks of Tolland concurred in that view. It would be better to postpone than to talk here until midnight.

Mr. Bowen of Windham wanted the vote taken to-day. Mr. Roraback made another earnest plea for action to-day. He said in the bridge act there was no provision for the safety of the state. Although the old bridge had been burned, they had already made a contract for a temporary bridge. One branch of the general assembly had already voted the commission out of office. When this commission, which had been voted out of office by one branch was obligating the state by the tens of thousands of dollars, it was high time the house took immediate action in this matter. (Applause.)

Mr. Conover of Stafford made a brief but very effective plea for immediate action and his speech was greeted with applause. Mr. Gunn wanted the vote taken at 1 o'clock, else the members would talk to empty benches.

Mr. Roraback accepted the challenge and he was greeted with great applause. Mr. Newton of New Haven said that if the house would only go on with the debate, all would be given opportunity to vote.

The motion to postpone a vote until Wednesday was lost. The house then voted to take the vote at 2 p. m. and to allow Gardiner Greene of Norwich to close taking forty-five minutes.

Representative Warner of Putnam said something should be done to expedite business. Either a Friday session should be held or the house should meet evenings.

Representative Cowell of Waterbury moved that the order of the day, the plurality amendment, be postponed until Tuesday.

Mr. Warner moved the discussion be taken up Friday on the amendment. Mr. Hicks said a quorum would not be present then.

Mr. Gunn suggested Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. as the time for taking up the plurality amendment, and it was carried. The house then voted 134 to 12 to hold a session Friday.

state, be repealed and that the building of the bridge be done by the five towns of Hartford, East Hartford, South Windsor, Glastonbury and Manchester was passed by an overwhelming vote. The amendment providing for the comptroller, Dwight W. Loomis, to hear the claims of the Berlin Bridge company and pay a sum not exceeding \$40,000 and that they may have the right of appeal to the courts was then passed.

The bill as amended was then taken up and passed with only six dissenting votes. It was the same bill as passed by the senate. It was immediately transmitted to the secretary of state.

THE DEBENTURE CERTIFICATES. In the house this afternoon the debenture certificates bill was taken from the table. It provides for allowing holders of debenture certificates a right to subscribe for additional certificates, when issued, in proportion to their holdings of stock.

Colonel Wood of Derby—The railroad has undertaken a great many things in the way of improvements that it did not first intend to do. There have been necessary some very important improvements subsequently. It was the wish of the company not to issue more stock or debentures; but it has been found necessary to make additional improvements. As provided in this bill, in 1903 the stockholders will hold the same amount of stock, real estate, which they did before. It is an entirely fair bill. If it had been asked in 1893 there would have been no opposition to it.

Mr. Mills of Middletown also favored the bill. He said that when the debentures were issued the stock was only \$50,000,000, but since an increase had been made it was only fair that the holders of debentures should have their full right to subscribe. It is not fair then the holders would really have cause for an action at law against the railroad company.

Some slight amendments were added by Representative Hicks and adopted. The bill then passed unanimously. It is substantially as follows: Section 1—That at any time when the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, having in its possession contracts entitling the holders to future delivery of shares of its capital stock, under the provisions of the amendments of its charter passed by the general assembly in 1889 and 1893, makes an additional issue of its shares for any purpose except for exchange for the capital stock or the obligations of leased lines, it shall offer to the holders of said contracts, respectively the right to subscribe for additional contracts maturing at the same time, and in the same ratio that new stock may be offered to its stockholders, and at the same price, but not less than par.

Section 2—Such offer may be made to holders of outstanding contracts, whose names and addresses are not registered on the books of said company, by advertisement once a week in one or more newspapers published in this state and in the city of New York, in the state of New York, and in the city of Boston, in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, for at least thirty days prior to the time fixed for making such subscriptions.

Section 3—The directors of said company may sell for the benefit of said company, at not less than their par value, rights to make the subscriptions herein provided not taken by holders of outstanding contracts.

WILL OMIT THE SPRING PARADE. As stated in the "Courier," the senate yesterday reconsidered its action in regard to the bill giving the governor the option of ordering or not ordering the Connecticut National Guard to turn out for parade during either the months of April or May of each year. The bill was then passed and immediately thereafter was transmitted to the house, where it was passed under a suspension of the rules. It was learned to-day from very high authority that Governor Coffin will not order out the guard for parade this year, the special reason being that there is need of economy in state expenditures.

SENATE. The senate convened at 11:30 a. m. Senator Ferris, the president pro tem, in the chair. A favorable report was made on the petition of the Connecticut Spiritualists' association for permission to cross the camp ground at Niantic.

Favorable reports were made on the petition for incorporating the Connecticut Home Investment company; the Ridgefield Light and Power company; the Bridgeport Catholic orphan asylum; the Young Woman's Christian association of Bridgeport; the Connecticut Cable corporation.

Unfavorable on Electric Telegraph and Telephone company and the People's Telephone company. Bills were passed concerning the extension of tracks of the Winchester avenue railroad; accepted the report of the committee on the bill concerning protection of children, preventing children under the age of sixteen, unattended, from attending any dance house, concert saloon or skating rink, having entertainments or variety shows, or places where intoxicating liquors are sold, and bill passed.

The senate insisted on its action placing the age of consent at sixteen years, and Senator Warner was named on the committee of conference. The house fixed the age at eighteen years. A motion was made to reconsider the vote taken yesterday appropriating \$2,000 to Isaac Bartram for care of the Putnam Memorial park.

Senator Averill said the claim had been rejected by the previous legislature. The vote was reconsidered and the bill tabled. The resolution incorporating the Connecticut College of Dentistry was recommended.

Resolution passed amending charter of the Bridgeport Electric Light company. The resolution incorporating the Milford Street Railway company and allowing the company to build to the Woodmont railroad station was passed. The house refused to grant the last clause.

Adjourned until Tuesday at 12:30 p. m. THE HOUSE. The bill concerning milk cans was rejected. The bill making drawbridges state property was rejected. The bill concerning West river bridge was rejected; also bill repealing section 7 of chapter 236, public acts, 1893. Adjourned until Friday at 10:30 a. m.

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THE LATE HOWARD B. ENSIGN.

A Massive and Superb Sarcophagus Erected to His Memory in Evergreen Cemetery—Other New and Impressive Memorial Tributes in the Same Cemetery.

The public will be interested to hear of the new and very fine monuments which have this spring been erected in Evergreen cemetery, that beautiful city of the dead. Among them none finer and which is attracting the attention of all who visit the cemetery, as it is surely the most beautiful sarcophagus in the cemetery, is one just erected to the memory of the late Howard B. Ensign, who is well remembered here by our older business men, he having been for years a prominent Chapel street merchant and prominent also in public affairs in New Haven. He was afterward for years a steamboat magnate in Baltimore. He was one of the five brothers Ensign of New Haven, viz.: Howard B. Ensign, Woodworth A. Ensign, the Orange street hardware merchant, Willard F. Ensign, who was in business on Chapel street and is now retired from business, a resident here, Edwin Ensign, now deceased, and Thomas W. Ensign, the oldest of the remaining brothers, aged seventy-six, now retired from active business. The monument stands in the enclosure bought by the five brothers, which comprises five plots. They are situated in the vicinity of the Freeman's monument.

The finishing work about the new monument is being done this week by Thomas Phillips & Son, who designed and erected it. The monument is a conspicuous one in proportions and height. The bottom base, which is massive, is nine feet by about six feet square. It is surmounted by two heavily moulded large bases carved at the top and bearing in raised black letters the name Howard B. Ensign. The die is massive and tapered, and is polished columns, crowned with caps and on the top of the die are handsomely carved rosettes surmounted by beautifully executed carvings, representing as follows: On the front a passion flower, on the back ivy leaves, and on the sides respectively, laurel and oak. Upon the monument stands an elegant group status of heroic size, representing "Religion Conquering Greed." The pose of the group is very artistic and the effect impressive. The monument is of beautiful light Westley granite. Two handsome carved markers or head stones are in place also bearing the inscription in reference to the death of Mr. Ensign and of his wife, who died also in recent years. The cost of the monument was about \$4,000.

In the cemetery of this spring is one by ex-Alderman George R. Burton to the memory of his departed wife and son. The work has just been completed by Phillips & Son. The monument is of choice Barre and Quincy granite, the cap and urn, the bottom bases and the sub-bases, being of Barry granite, and the die of Quincy. The monument stands conspicuously on Spruce avenue.

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A GOOD TREAT COMING.

New York Philharmonic Club's Entertainment at the Hyperion. The New York Philharmonic club will give a grand concert at the Hyperion theatre Saturday evening, June 1. Miss Hattie Bradley of this city is to assist as soprano, and Miss Emily McElroy is to read.

The following is the program: PART I. Sextet—Serenade Op. 72...H. Hofmann a. Allegro. b. Slumber Song. c. Gavotta. New York Philharmonic Club. Reading—The Woeing of Henry V.... Miss Emily McElroy. Violin solo—Fairy Dance...Bazzini Mr. Richard Arnold. Aria from Faust...Gounod Miss Hattie Bradley.

Quartet—Variations Op. 25, No. 8.... L. V. Beethoven Two violins, viola and violoncello. Flute solo— a. Au d' Orpheus—ch. v....Gluck b. Scherzando....J. Demerseman Mr. Eugene Weiner.

Reading— a. Baby's Dress (recited by Coquelin) b. Papa and the Boy....Adams Miss Emily McElroy. Violoncello solo— a. Nocturne....Chopin b. Spinning Song....Poppet Mr. Carl Krill.

Songs— a. Flowers....Bradley b. The Vow....Helmund Miss Hattie Bradley. Slavonic dance, No. 8....Anton Dvorak New York Philharmonic Club.

The club has just finished an extended concert tour through the west and south, where they have been received with great enthusiasm and crowded houses. They will finish the season with the concert in this city. Of Miss Emily McElroy, the celebrated elocutionist, the New York Herald says: "She is a reader of great dramatic force and power. Her work is marked by its freshness, greatness and sparkle."

Major Larned Very Ill. Major George H. Larned, formerly of this city, and curator of the historical society, but who now resides at Hamilton, R. I., is dangerously ill with pneumonia. Relatives here have been summoned to his bedside.

Glad-ten Lodge. William E. Gladstone lodge, Sons of St. George, has elected officers as follows: President, W. J. Baylis; vice president, J. Robinson; secretary, William A. Chute; messenger, George H. Copeland; treasurer, George H. Burt; assistant secretary, S. Tipper; trustee, Thomas Dickinson; delegates, Thomas Dickinson, W. A. Crute; alternates, I. W. Laselet and R. R. Worsell, to the grand lodge in Ansonia in August.

THE MUSICAL FESTIVAL. The state musical festival, which has just closed, proved to be so much of a success that another next year is assured no doubt equally meritorious and probably many more in successive years. The financial result was also gratifying—a very essential feature of the maintenance of such efforts.

By one of those errors which will sometimes creep into type, despite the most careful oversight, the name of the soprano soloist for the grand closing feature of the festival, the oratorio of "Elijah," was erroneously given yesterday as Mrs. Haesche, instead of Mrs. S. S. Thompson, who sang on that occasion. Mrs. Thompson never sang more sweetly or with finer effect, not only meeting all expectations based on the many brilliant successes, but winning new laurels, most deserved.

GRAYS SPRING PARADE. To be Held June 5th—Drill and Target Practice. The annual spring parade of the New Haven Grays will be held June 5. The morning will be devoted to drilling in some field near the Westville range and the afternoon will be given in target practice. In the evening the company will go to some shore resort for dinner.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS. A meeting of the High School Athletic association was held in room 9 yesterday afternoon at 1:10 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by President Zimmerman and the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The committee appointed to investigate the matter of the old New Haven Athletic club field made their report, which was accepted. Mr. Butler stated that Mr. Sargent gave the use of the field to the Y. M. C. A. to train on, and their re-renting it to the High school was done without his knowledge. He then gave the use of the field to the High school to train on.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40.



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Old East Haven Cemetery. At a recent meeting of the Society of United Workers of East Haven, the following was unanimously adopted: Voted, That the thanks of the Society of United Workers of East Haven, Conn., are extended to the citizens of this town, who kindly and gratuitously rendered material aid in the much needed work of improving the old cemetery which had long been neglected. In this vote it is desired to recognize the kind acts of all the ladies who generously furnished the dinner and by their presence made it a complete success on that propitious May day. Also the financial aid received from the golden sands of the Pacific coast, from Baltimore, and from many other sources will not be forgotten.

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