

WRANGLES AND WORK.

The House Indulges in a Little of the Former and a Good Deal of the Latter.

Bills Passed Relating to Libel and Unlawful—A Number of Other Matters of Public Interest.

The Senate Finally Passes the Loans on Grain in Transit Bill—Opposing Appropriations.

Constitutionality of the Reapportionment Question to be Determined by the Attorney-General.

The capitol did not fall down yesterday and none of the members seemed to be afraid that it would. The wheels went round just as if there was no danger of an awful disaster, and no one gave evidence of a faint that his life hung by a slender thread.

THE POTTER LIBEL LAW.

There was no opposition to the Potter bill relating to the law of libel, and it passed in the house by a vote of 73 to 9. The bill is as follows: Section 1. Before any suit shall be brought for the publication of a libel in any newspaper...

A CHECK ON USURY.

Mr. Potter's bill prevented agents and attorneys from negotiating loans beyond the legal rates of interest was passed without a dissenting vote. The bill provides as follows: Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any attorney, agent, or other person engaged in the business of negotiating loans for others...

THE SENATE.

Whiteman's "Loans on Grain in Transit" Bill. If resistance, sharp generalship and hard work could accomplish what Senator Whiteman, of Duluth, has certainly succeeded in the passage of his bill to enable state banks to make loans on grain in transit...

FARMERS TO STUDY FARMING. Senator Hoard's bill for the establishment of a farmers' institute met with opposition from an unsuspected quarter. His bill was the second on the calendar, and as soon as it was read he asked for unanimous consent to offer an amendment.

MATTERS OF MOMENT.

An Old Land Grant to be Transferred—Taxing Railroad Timber Land. Mr. Furlong introduced a bill to transfer certain lands originally granted to the Minneapolis & St. Cloud Railroad company, and subsequently to the St. Cloud, Mankato & Austin Railroad company.

TAKING RAILROAD LANDS.

Mr. Smith's bill, to provide for the assessment and taxation of certain lands held by railroad companies, referred to the committee on taxes. It provides that all railroad companies or corporations holding lands within Minnesota which are exempt from taxation shall, on or before April 1, 1887, file with the state auditor a list of all such lands upon which they have given permits, leases, or conveyances of any kind...

come subject to assessment and taxation. On or before April 15 of each year the state auditor shall certify such lands for taxation to the assessors of the several counties in which the same may be situated, who shall enter the same upon the proper assessment lists of that year.

IS THE BUILDING DANGEROUS. Mr. Potter offered the following resolution: That owing to the apparently dangerous condition of this hall the sergeant-at-arms is hereby instructed to keep all persons from entering therein except the members and officers of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Cullen moved to recommit the capitol to Mr. Buffington.

Mr. Pettit objected to such an exclusion of the public, and a running debate was had, which was cut short by the adjournment on the part of Mr. Potter. The resolution went over under the rules.

Mr. Johnson introduced a bill to prohibit the keeping of billiard and pool tables and gambling where intoxicating liquors are sold or disposed of. The penalty is a fine not exceeding \$30 and not less than \$25 for each offense, together with the costs of prosecuting, or imprisonment in the county jail for sixty days in the event of failure to pay the fine.

Mr. Mattson's bill relating to salaries of county assessors applies solely to assessors. The law has given the county commissioners power to fix the salaries of these officials, but the latter could appeal to the judges of the court. Mr. Mattson's bill proposes to wipe out the clause allowing the judges to increase the same to a sum to A. L. Lennon for election expenses.

A bill to appropriate \$1,000 annually to the State Dairymen's association was introduced by Mr. Emery and referred.

The special committee to whom was referred the bill relating to fees for scaling logs and lumber reported it back with a substitute and recommended that the substitute do pass. It was placed on file for second reading. The only change made in the Stillwater district, where the fees are fixed at 4 cents.

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with the explanation that St. Louis county was a comparatively new county with but little improvement, but the growth of Duluth had been so rapid during the last two years that a great deal of public improvement is necessitated.

Following were the important bills introduced yesterday: Day—Amend section 8, chapter 187, general laws, so as to require the managers received by the insurance commissioner from fire insurance companies to be paid pro rata to the treasurers instead of other officers of a corporation throughout the cities in cities of 10,000 inhabitants and over.

Scheffer—Authorizing the governor, auditor and attorney general to settle or compromise the old Munch stump claims and other similar unclaimed claims held by the state.

To enable the owners of lands to drain and reclaim them without affecting the lands of others. Read the second time and sent to committee of the whole.

Nachbar—To authorize the county commissioners to fix the salaries of county superintendents which are not to be less than \$10 for each school district.

To enable the owners of land to test the validity of tax judgments and tax sales, and to quiet titles against persons having adverse claims.

Ward—For the collection of vital statistics. Daniels—Prescribing penalties for obtaining fraudulent certificates in the registration of stock.

Scheffer—To provide for the better enforcement of game laws.

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Stearns, Grant, Swift, Stevens, Wilkin, Traverse, Popple, Douglas, Todd, O'Brien, Otter Tail, Clay, Becker, Hubbard, Wadena, Polk, Marshall, Beltrami, St. Louis, Carlton, Crow, Cass, Itasca.

Land Drainage. A number of very important changes are embraced in the proposed amendment of Senator Ives to the drainage law. The bill was introduced by Senator Ives with a conviction that the proposed law for the drainage of Red river valley was too expensive for the more southern and older settled counties, and consequently could not be adapted to them.

West Virginia. CHARLESTON, Feb. 10.—The ballot taken in joint assembly to-day for United States senator indicates that the members of the legislature, both the senate and the house, will yield an inch. The vote was: Camden 34, Duvall 34, Judge Armstrong (Dem.) 10.

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high license bill yesterday afternoon and it is now a law. Senator Daniels took the pen as a souvenir. The bill of Senator Ives to allow owners of land to drain and reclaim them without affecting the lands of others, was passed by a vote of 73 to 9.

Senator Comstock secured the passage of a bill to authorize Duluth to issue \$10,000 bonds to refund floating indebtedness. The \$1,000 asked to reimburse Anton Roock for his expenses in the Roock-Breese election contest two years ago has been cut down to \$750.

The house committee on insane will visit the asylum at St. Peter on Saturday. The members are invited to go along. Senator Whiteman introduced a bill for the detachment of Hubbard county from Wadena county for judicial purposes.

Senator Bowen carried through a local bill to authorize Sleepy Eye Lake to issue \$5,000 bonds for fire protection. Mr. Newell will not deny that his pants are ripped in the stride. He should relieve the public suspense.

The senate committee on federal relations has recommended passage of the coal lands joint resolution. Representative Wilson's bill to extend the limits of Alexandria was passed by the senate.

Mr. Lee has reformed. He now wears a handsome black necktie. West Virginia. CHARLESTON, Feb. 10.—The ballot taken in joint assembly to-day for United States senator indicates that the members of the legislature, both the senate and the house, will yield an inch.

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