

THE LEGISLATURE.

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Senator Daugherty Offers a Compromise Amendment—"Renovated" Butter Bill Causes Some Debate in the Senate—Board of Boiler Inspectors Increased to Seven—News of the Senate.

Just a little of the old feeling that Minneapolis lumbermen have too much to say as to the course of pending legislation was revealed in a debate in committee of the whole yesterday over the bill of Senator McCarthy (Rep.), Itasca, to give lumbermen relief from the time check system, which, it is said, has been abused.

Senator Wilson (Rep.), Hennepin, offered some amendments, which Senator McKusick (Rep.), Pine, said would spoil a general lien law that had given satisfaction to every one since 1876.

Senator Wilson said the old law had not been satisfactory.

"Not satisfactory to the lumber firms," said Senator McKusick, adding apparently as a curious afterthought, "Whom do you represent?"

"I represent the people of the Fifth and Sixth wards of the city of Minneapolis," replied Senator Wilson, with icy deliberation.

And there is only one saw mill in that entire district.

Senator McCarthy agreed with Senator McKusick that Senator Wilson's amendment would ruin the effect of the bill. The time check of itself, he said, right, but it had been used to bleed the men out of a regular percentage of their earnings.

When the old law passed Minneapolis was not only the headquarters of the Second district lumber interests, but the actual residence of most of the men employed. They were custodial, and they had to discontinue these checks or suffer the expense of a trip to Minneapolis.

He resented the charge that the lumbermen needed the amendment offered by Senator Wilson to protect themselves against the "tramp" element, and declared that in recent years some of the woodmen had taken to "tramping." It was this time check evil which had driven them to it.

Senator Wilson's amendment was lost. After the noon recess other amendments were offered to correct minor errors, and to prevent the application of the new law to cases pending in the courts now.

The bill, as amended, was then recommended for passage.

CUT PEDDLERS' LICENSE. Senator Daugherty (Rep.), of St. Louis, offered an amendment to S. F. 17, the peddlers' license bill, reducing the license to \$2 a day, \$15 a month and \$50 a year, which was adopted. Progress was then reported as Senators McGowan (Dem.) and Jespen (Rep.), of Hennepin, were absent.

RENOVATED OR PROCESS. Senator Potter (Rep.), of Hennepin, spoke in behalf of the Schellbach amendment to the Staples "renovated butter" bill, providing that the product shall be labeled "process butter."

Senator Halvorson (Rep.), Lac qui Parre, opposed the amendment. This butter was not wholesome, and it subjected the creamery product to an unfair competition.

Senator Sweningsen (Rep.), Mower, opposed the amendment. Progress was reported.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN LARSON. It was Senator Larson (Rep.), Sibley, and not Senator Lord (Rep.), Dodge, who helped to strew flowers on the Knatvold sugar bounty bill. Senator Lord voted against both bounty bills and for the repeal.

GIVES LIND TWO MORE. Another bill recommended for passage in committee of the whole was that of Senator Lord (Rep.), Dodge, increasing the board of boiler inspectors from five to seven, making their districts co-extensive with the congressional districts, to be appointed within thirty days.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN SENATE. To provide for cottages for patients at Rochester and St. Peter hospitals at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. (H. F. 470, Thompson, Rep., Fillmore.)

To provide for the grading of a road in St. Louis county, across the roads and bridges. (S. F. 471, Young, Rep., Swift.)

To appropriate \$200 for a bridge over Otter Creek in McLeod county. (S. F. 472, St. Clair, Rep., McLeod.)

Amending law relating to claims against counties and against decisions of commissioners thereon. Judiciary. (S. F. 473, Daly.)

Relating to the labeling of convict-made goods. Judiciary. (S. F. 474, Buckman, Rep., Morrison.)

By appropriate \$100 for repairing a bridge over the Mississippi river in Morrison county. Roads and bridges. (S. F. 475, Buckman, Rep., Morrison.)

HOUSE WAS CAREFUL

DID NOT TAKE ANY DECISIVE STAND YESTERDAY ON PENDING MEASURES

FORTY MEMBERS WERE AWAY

Junket to the Insane Hospitals Took Away a Good Many of the Legislators—Pure Food People Want an Extra Appropriation—Minnesota River Bridge Bill is Beaten by a Large Majority.

There was barely a quorum in the house at any time during its session yesterday, and, in consequence, but little business beyond the introduction of bills and discussion on measures on general orders was transacted. Forty of the members joined with the committees on hospitals for the insane on a visit to the asylum at Rochester.

At the afternoon session H. F. 353, by Mr. Argetsinger (Rep.), of Blue Earth, which was made a special order, was discussed and the twenty-nine sections of the bill agreed to. The attendance was so light, however, that no attempt was made to pass the bill, and the special order was continued to Wednesday next at 2:30 o'clock.

The bill relates to the encouragement of the public schools by the state, and carries with it an annual appropriation of \$182,000, divided as follows:

For the aid of state high schools, \$105,000; for aid to state graded schools, \$25,000; for the necessary expenses of the state high school board and salaries and traveling expenses of high and graded school inspectors, \$80,000; for aid to state semi-graded schools, \$11,000; for aid to state normal schools, \$32,000.

The present appropriation is \$88,000 per year, and the principal increase made is in the increase in the appropriation for state high schools, the appropriation for each of these institutions being raised from \$400 to \$1,000 per year.

PAYS GUARD EXPENSES. The house in committee of the whole yesterday recommended for passage H. F. 377, which appropriates \$30,000 to pay arrears due members of the Minnesota national guard between the date of mobilization and muster into the volunteer service of the United States.

Only such members of the state militia as were mustered into the service are to be paid. There was some question as to whether the bill applied to all members of the guard who enlisted at Camp Ramsey or only those who were mustered before the order for mobilization was issued. Adj. Gen. Lambert explains that the provisions will cover all enlisted men who, in April and May, were members of the national guard, either as regular or professional members and mustered into the volunteer service.

The statement was made that, if the bill passed, the United States government would reimburse the state for the amount. The bill will pay the men the difference between the government pay, \$15.00 per month, and the guard rate of \$1.50 per day, and it is estimated will allow about \$7 per man to those mustered in.

PURE FOOD BILL. H. F. 491, by Mr. Bush (Rep.), of Olmsted, appropriates \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1899, and \$7,000 annually thereafter for the purpose of enforcing the laws relating to the sale of adulterated food. These amounts are in addition to other sums appropriated, and are to be expended under the direction of the state dairy and food commissioner.

WOULD NOT BLOCK STEAMERS. A memorial to congress urging the construction of permanent arches bridges without draws, on the Minnesota river above Shakopee, was introduced in the house yesterday by Mr. Guttersen (Rep.), of Blue Earth.

The memorial set up that the river was not navigable above the point mentioned.

Mr. Roberts (Rep.), Hennepin, and Mr. Jackson (Rep.), of Jackson, insisted that this statement was not correct, and were there operated as far as Mankato and Carver.

The memorial secured only 14 votes, and 46 were recorded against it, and it was not reported.

Members from that section of the state explained after the vote that the only object was to reduce the cost of bridge, as one with a draw increased the expense from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

COTTAGES FOR INSANE. Mr. Guttersen (Rep.), of Blue Earth, in H. F. 497, provides for the erection of three cottages for the insane, one each at Fergus Falls, Rochester and St. Peter. The board of trustees of the hospitals for the insane are authorized to prepare plans for and construct the cottages, each with a capacity for 200 patients. They are to be erected upon ground owned by the state at each of the three cities, and \$90,000 is appropriated to carry out the act.

NOT NECESSARILY ENGLISH. H. F. 489, by Mr. Jackson (Rep.), of Ramsey, amends the law relating to and defining legal newspapers by striking out the words "in the English language." The bill, if passed, will be that newspapers meeting other requirements of the law and published in foreign languages will be designated legal newspapers in the state.

RAISES TAX ONE-HALF. H. F. 490, by Mr. Fosnes, introduced yesterday, provides that all insurance companies doing business in the state, whether foreign or domestic, shall pay an annual tax of 3 per cent on business done in the state. The present tax is 2 per cent.

FOR COUNTY RECORDS. Under the provisions of H. F. 498 \$3,000 is appropriated from the state treasury for the purpose of having recorded in the counties where such land is situated all instruments affecting the title to lands heretofore owned by the State Land Company. The present law only provides for such records being filed with the secretary of state.

BEFORE THE TAX COMMITTEE. Mr. Fosnes' Bill to Repeal a Section of Law Turned Down. The house committee on taxes and tax laws yesterday recommended for indefinite postponement H. F. 215, by Mr. Fosnes (Union), Chippewa. The bill repeals a section of the law which now allows deductions from personal property assessments of credits and, as explained, the other day before the committee, by Deputy Auditor Heron, results in about \$5,000,000 in assessments not being deducted. The deputy auditor stated that the money loaners from shirking their duty.

The author of the bill appeared before the committee and asked that the bill be reported out, and it could be discussed on the floor of the house.

In order to satisfy Mr. Fosnes, the motion to indefinitely postpone was made by Mr. Wallace (Rep.), of Hennepin. The vote was taken by a show of hands, and the motion carried by 10 to 2. The members not voting. Those who favored the bill of the bill were Messrs. Laybourn, Ferris, Kelly, Dwinell, Krayenbuhl and

Wallace. Those favoring the passage of the bill were Messrs. Henderson, Guttersen, Jacobson, McNair, and others. When the report of the committee is made, will be placed on general orders.

Senator Shroy's dog tax was recommended to pass.

H. F. 238, by Mr. Guttersen, providing for a graduated tax on insurance companies, 3 1/2 per cent on foreign companies, 3 per cent on United States companies and 2 per cent on domestic companies, was amended so as to make a flat tax of 3 per cent on all companies, and then recommended to pass. The bill of Mr. Fosnes (Union), of Chippewa, introduced yesterday, and making the same provision as recommended for indefinite postponement.

S. F. 19, by Mr. McKusick (Rep.), of Pine, which re-commends the Whittening law of 1881, providing for sale of forfeited taxes, was recommended for passage. The author claims that the passage of the bill will increase the receipts of counties in the north-east part of the state about \$500,000.

H. F. 206, by Mr. Argetsinger (Rep.), of Ramsey, providing for the payment of local assessment to the county treasurer at the same time other taxes are paid, was proposed by Comptroller McCarty, who, while favoring the idea, was of the opinion that the measure was not properly drawn. It was referred to a subcommittee, who will, with the help of City Attorney Markham, redraft the bill to suit the idea of a controller.

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION. Protest From the Citizens of Hibbing Was Received. The house committee on municipal legislation yesterday recommended for passage the Laybourn bill allowing cities to appoint a charter commission. Under the provisions of the bill, on a petition of 5 per cent of the voters, the judges of the district court are to appoint a committee of five members, one to serve for a term of four years. Each member of the commission is to be a legal voter and freeholder. The one in office in the city for a period of five years before the time of his appointment.

F. W. Murphy and M. H. Mansen appeared before the committee representing the citizens of Hibbing, St. Louis county, to protest against the bill. Mr. F. 445, by Mr. Davis (Rep.), of St. Louis. The bill provides for the appointment of a board of light and water commissioners by village councils and legalized the action of such boards heretofore appointed.

Mr. Murphy said the citizens of Hibbing had held a mass meeting and presented a petition signed by 157 of the 500 legal citizens and property owners, protesting against the passage of the bill. The principal objection was that the bill legalized the action taken by such commissions. The one in Hibbing, Mr. Murphy said, had been illegally created, and without the passage of the law its action would be void. One of the commissioners had, as soon as he had been appointed, to the commission 400 cords of wood which had previously been rejected by the village council.

The committee laid over the bill awaiting the hearing from the other side of the question.

DWINELL ON THE TRAIL. He is Still Trying to Defeat the Reduced Interest Bill. There was a lively time in the session of the senate committee on public lands yesterday, Representative Dwinell (Rep.), Hennepin, coming over to try another time to defeat the bill reducing the interest on state school loans. State Auditor Dunders crossed swords with the Minneapolis man and the session was quite bitter at times, but no blood was shed.

The committee will today recommend the bill for passage.

Recalled a Bill. H. F. 150, by Mr. Ferris (Rep.), of Crow Wing, was recalled from the governor's veto by a majority in the house and both branches and was sent to the governor for his signature.

Gov. Lind found that the title of the bill was defective and notified the author that unless recalled he would correct it and would have to veto the measure. Hence the action.

Delegation Didn't Meet. The meeting of the Ramsey county delegation scheduled for last evening did not materialize. Senator Ives and Representative Hennegay were the only members to put in an appearance at the capitol.

The delegation of county commissioners, justices of the peace and auditors who were ready to protest against the changes in laws which would injure the receipts of their offices were much disappointed in the absence of the members of the delegation.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED. To repeal chapter 359, General Laws 1897, providing for issue of bonds in school district, embraced within limits of incorporated school districts. Education. (H. F. 485, Kelly, Rep., of Rice.)

Memorial to congress for construction of permanent bridge over Minnesota river above Shakopee. Roads and bridges. (H. F. 486, Guttersen, Rep., of Blue Earth.)

Transferring \$500 to road and bridge fund of Millard township, Todd county. Passed upon suspension of rules. (H. F. 487, Babcock, Rep., of Wadena.)

Amending the game and fish law by reducing penalty for convictions. Game and fish. (H. F. 488, Schain, Rep., of Traverse.)

Amending chapter 175, General Laws 1897, relating to legal publication of newspapers. Printing. (H. F. 489, Jackson, Rep., of Ramsey.)

Amending section 175, General Laws of 1897, relating to taxation of insurance companies. Taxes and tax laws. (H. F. 490, Fosnes, Union, of Chippewa.)

Appropriating \$5,000 for 1899 and \$7,000 each year thereafter for enforcement of laws relating to regulation and sale of adulterated food. Appropriations. (H. F. 491, Bush, Rep., of Olmsted.)

To prevent the killing or taking of fish from lakes within incorporated cities between the 1st of May and the 1st of October. Game and fish. (H. F. 492, Dwinell, Rep., of Hennepin.)

Amending section 2662, General Laws 1894, concerning membership of the State Agricultural society members of state fair associations. Agriculture. (H. F. 493, Flows, Union, of Otter Tail.)

Relating to accounts of executors and administrators. (H. F. 494, Dwinell, Rep., of Hennepin.)

Prohibiting the shooting of prairie chickens, grouse and snipe between Nov. 1 and Sept. 15, and between Nov. 15 and Sept. 15. Game and fish. (H. F. 495, Sander, Rep., of Sibley.)

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BEUTNER IS CHOSEN GOT THREE TYPEWRITERS. Now a Warrant is Out Charging Fred Middleton With Larceny. A warrant is out for the arrest of Frederick H. Middleton, of 462 Aurora avenue, wanted to answer the charge of stealing three typewriters. In the divorce court. Annie Blonick Secures a Decree on the Grounds of Cruelty. In the divorce action of Annie Blonick against John Blonick, on trial yesterday before Judge Brill, a verdict for the plaintiff was directed. The action was based on the grounds that the defendant is a habitual drunkard and treated the plaintiff in a cruel manner. The testimony of the witness called showed that upon one occasion Blonick had chased his wife from the house with a butcher knife and that neighbors had taken her into their homes to prevent her husband from maltreating her. The couple were married in 1868 in Quebec, Canada, and have been residents of the city for several years. Mrs. Blonick is given the custody of her minor daughter, Elizabeth. A typewriter was found yesterday in the possession of George R. Holmes, the machine being the property of Wyckoff, Seaman & Benedict. It had been pledged for \$30, and it is thought that the machine is the one which was used in the case of the typewriter. WAS HIS NAME THOMAS? No Verification of the Supposed Identification of the Suicide. A reply was received yesterday by Chief Goss, of the police department, to a telegram sent to the Chicago police department on Wednesday, concerning the man who committed suicide here early Wednesday morning and was later identified as T. Thomas, a Chicago, a supposed representative of the Chicago Cash Carry company. The message received states that inquiries have been made, but that the company for which the suicide is supposed to have worked knows nothing of such a man. The Chicago police have made every effort to learn the identity of the dead man, but their inquiries have failed to elicit any news of the man's relatives or connections. The man represented at the Merchants' hotel, where he stopped while here, that he represented this company. For Smuggling a Sealskin. Special Agent Crane, of the United States treasury department, returned to the city today from Bismarck, N. D., where he secured the indictment of Thad C. Case, on the charge of smuggling. The offense was committed last December.

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