

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS.

PASSED BARKE BILL

SENATE DECLARES IN FAVOR OF THE ANOKA HOSPITAL AND HASTINGS SITE

IT HAD TWO VOTES TO SPARE

After Four Days' Debate, the Measure Carried on a Toss of Hands. With Only Two Senators Absent—That Was Practically the Only Business Transacted in the State "House of Lords" Yesterday.

It would be hard to tell whether the factiousness of Anoka or Hastings were more cited when late yesterday afternoon the senate passed the Barke bill, which is practically a duplicate of the Staples bill, which passed the house recently, locating a new insane hospital at Anoka and appropriating \$15,000 for the purchase of the site at Hastings.

The hospital fight is not ended. The senate having passed its bill and the house a house bill, Mr. Staples' measure, but both branches of the legislative body have gone on record in favor of the Anoka site and the prospect is that the substitution of the bill can be made in one house or the other without difficulty.

When the special order, the insane hospital bills, was reached, Senator Knatvold, Rep., Froeborn, rose to reply to some of the arguments in opposition to his bill, and some of his colleagues rose for attempting to argue it in anger. He declared that while he was not the only senator who had investigated the Wisconsin plan, he was probably the only one who had paid his railroad fare. He repeated the charges of two years ago that the Anoka site was not fit to build a hospital on.

Senator Sheehan commented on the fact that in spite of those charges Senator Knatvold two years ago had voted for Hastings throughout. He defended the Barker bill at length. He could not tell whether there was an unwholly abstinent in behalf of the Anoka-Hastings bill or in behalf of the county plan.

The noon recess interrupting the debate, Senator Brower, Rep., moved the adoption of the amendment to the Staples bill which had passed the house. The amendment reducing the price to be paid for the Hastings site to \$15,000 was adopted 15 to 14.

Senator Brower, Rep., Stearns, moved to amend that all stone used in the new hospital should be quarried in and dressed in the state. The amendment was adopted.

At the request of Senator Schaller, a copy of the senate was taken after the absentees had been called. Senator Knatvold moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with. Senator Schaller objected that this was not within a prerogative of the senate and Senator Knatvold withdrew it.

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On the strength of this opinion the house, on motion of Jackson (Rep.), of Lac qui Parle, adjourned at 9:30 this morning, in order to give the members plenty of time to hand in new bills today.

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FIGHTING McNEILL'S PET. An effort was made to indefinitely postpone the McNeill bill, H. F. 55, yesterday. This is the measure which raises the age of children attending the public schools from five to six years. The delegations from Ramsey, Hennepin and St. Louis counties are opposed to the bill for the reason that it will affect the kindergarten schools and cut off a large amount of the appropriation received from the state.

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Mr. Dwinell and Mr. Roberts (Rep.), of Hennepin, opposed the bill. Amendments by Mr. Fosnes (Union), of Chippewa, making the tax 3 per cent, and Mr. Morris (Rep.), of Hennepin, making the tax 2 per cent, were voted down by a rising vote of 41 to 51, and then the bill was recommended to pass.

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Hennepin, authorized the governor to appoint a state board of electricity consisting of three members. Two of the board are to be master electricians, two journeymen electricians and one a municipal electrician inspector of an incorporated city. The members of the board are to receive \$3 per day for actual services and 10 cents mileage. All persons or corporations engaging in the business of installing or repairing electrical wires and apparatus are to be registered by the board, and all electricians are to be divided into three classes—master, journeymen and special electricians. Licenses are to be granted to master electricians unless they can show that they have had three years' actual experience, and to special electricians unless they have had two years' actual experience. Persons who violate the provisions of the bill are to be liable to a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$100.

Mr. Schurman (Rep.), of Ramsey, introduced another bill relating to the election of an assessor at the general election. The measure provides for the election of an assessor at the general election in 1900. The salary of the assessor is fixed at \$200 annually. The number of assessors is \$5,000 is allowed for clerical expenses in even-numbered years \$7,500. County commissioners at the first meeting after the passage of the bill are to elect an assessor to serve until the official is elected by the people.

HEAVY TAX ON HELLOS. Mr. Schurman (Rep.), of Ramsey, in H. F. 557, provides for the payment by telephone companies of a gross earnings tax of 5 per cent.

FOSS DID NOT LIKE IT. "It's a d—n shame. Why me that well have a basswood man for speaker." This was the way Mr. Foss (Rep.), of Grant, expressed his feelings and his opinion of Speaker Dure during the house adjourned yesterday afternoon. The difference between the member from Grant county and Speaker Dure arose from the speaker's adopting the same tactics which gained a great deal of national house of representatives, such a reputation.

Mr. Bush (Rep.), of Olmsted, had started in to make a motion for reconsideration of the vote by which H. F. 347 was lost on Thursday, when Mr. Foss cut in with a motion that the house adjourn. The speaker paid no attention to Mr. Foss, and he became unduly excited. The roaring tones continued to shout: "Mr. Speaker, I move the house adjourn."

Between the shouts the speaker put the motion on the calendar, and the bill, which was carried without a dissenting voice.

Mr. Foss, who, in the meantime, had returned to his seat, returned to the assembly on his feet, and you recognize me now, Mr. Speaker?"

"The gentleman from Ramsey, Mr. Dunn, has the floor," said Speaker Dure, and he heard a loud murmur from Ramsey. After Mr. Dunn had asked unanimous consent to introduce a committee report out of order, and while the page was hurrying to the desk with the same report, Mr. Foss managed to catch the eye of the speaker.

"The gentleman from Grant," said the speaker in a very mild and surprised tone of voice.

"I want to say," said Mr. Foss, "that this is peculiar proceedings. I supposed every member of this house was entitled to recognition by the chair."

Mr. Foss then said further along this line was shut off by the attention of the speaker, being called to the fact that there was no business before the house. Mr. Foss sank back in his chair. He recovered himself, however, to move that H. F. 347 be laid on the table, but was informed by the speaker that this action had already been taken.

REWARD FOR WHEEL THEIVES. The house in the committee of the whole recommended for passage H. F. 367, of Ramsey, which provides for a reward by Mr. Jackson for the payment of a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of a horse thief, and \$10 for the arrest and conviction of a wheel thief.

CUTS INTEREST RATE. S. F. 17 by Mr. Daly (Pop.), of Otter Tail, reducing the rate of interest on railroads from 7 to 6 per cent was recommended for passage in the house yesterday.

BOUNTY BILLS PAIRED. The pair bill, S. F. 51, repealing the law which provides for a bounty on the sugar beet, was reported out by the house committee on general orders yesterday and placed on orders with the Roberts bill, which allows a bounty of \$100 annually for two years. When the two bills were reached on general orders yesterday, progress was reported.

HAS FARMS ENOUGH. House Committee on Appropriations Thinks State is Well Fixed. Mr. Abbott (Rep.), of Faribault, made a strong talk before the house committee on the bill for the payment of a bounty on the sugar beet, which was reported out by the house committee on general orders yesterday and placed on orders with the Roberts bill, which allows a bounty of \$100 annually for two years. When the two bills were reached on general orders yesterday, progress was reported.

HAS FITS NO MORE. ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE CURES OF THE AGE. Miss Hesson, of Sweetland, Iowa, Had Falling Spells Nearly Every Day, but Her Trouble is Over.

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ment would be to have a pull with the county board. "I dare say that we allow more applications than we should, and it is our common practice to exact a specific reward for the reduction of such cases. In the face of all our efforts to discourage applications for abatement, we are besieged year after year by property owners, who insist that they have been treated unjustly. The total of abatements requested from the county of Hennepin alone has during several years reached several millions of dollars, and there was one case where we rejected an application from Ramsey county in which the amount was over \$500,000.

"There was at one time such a law as this on the statute books, but so persistent and so vicious was its abuse that it was repealed. Instead of the law proposed in that bill, one should be enacted providing that no abatement should be allowed except in case of clerical error. The property owner has opportunity to appear before the city and county boards of equalization, and he neglects his privileges, if he is guilty of laches, then he must accept the consequences. In the future we intend to grant no abatement, even when indorsed by the county commissioners, unless specific cause is assigned."

Bill That Applies to Driving Parks and Fair Grounds. H. F. 573, introduced yesterday by Mr. Larson (Rep.), of Redwood, becomes a law if it makes possible the giving of a thirty-day race meeting in St. Paul next summer.

The bill amends section 1, chapter 23 of the General Laws of 1885, which prohibits the sale or bookkeeping and race tracks and fair grounds from the penalty clause of the law in the following language: "Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any race track, fair grounds or driving park in this state where test of speed of horses are made for a period not exceeding thirty days in each year."

HENNEPIN IS GENEROUS. Delegation Grants Its Support to the Judges' Salary Increase. The Hennepin delegation met yesterday afternoon and decided to support the bill raising the salaries of the judges of the court to \$5,000 per year in the Fourth judicial district.

The house bills allowing street railway companies the right of eminent domain in the city of Minneapolis, which provide for the securing of a right of way for new lines were discussed and will be supported by the delegation.

E. J. Phelps of Minneapolis, said the people of this city did not believe in competing lines of street railway in the city, but were not disposed to shut out interurban lines from coming near enough to connect with the lines of railway in the city.

INCREASE IN TAX LEVY. Representative Jacobson Predicts That It Will Be Necessary. In discussion on the Guttersen insurance bill yesterday Mr. Jacobson (Rep.), of Lac qui Parle, and chairman of the committee on appropriations, stated that it was very evident that the state tax levy would have to be increased a mill and probably a mill and a half to meet the demands for the next two years.

HARVEST OF BILLS. Attorney General Says This Is the Last Day to Introduce Them. Some Minnesota legislators sat up most of the night to prepare bills to be introduced today. Attorney General Douglas decided yesterday that today was the last day bills could be introduced without the consent of the governor.

It was supposed that the time limit expired Monday. This error was due to the fact that Lincoln's birthday came on Monday, but thought they would get an extra day. The attorney general, however, decided that Monday was not a legal holiday.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED. To permit county funds to be expended on other than county roads, placed on general orders. (H. F. 565, committee on general orders.)

Authorizing the formation of employees' liability insurance companies. (H. F. 567, Pope, Rep., of Kanabec, by request.)

chines. Elections. (H. F. 571, Hill, Dem., of Winona.)

Transferring funds from road and bridge to same fund of Crow Wing county. Passed under suspension of the rules. (H. F. 572, Ferris, Rep., of Crow Wing.)

Providing for organization of companies to loan money to the indigent. (H. F. 573, Wheaton, Rep., of Hennepin, by request.)

Authorizing county commissioners to appropriate \$500 annually for improvements in or about navigable lakes in counties having between 150,000 to 200,000 inhabitants. Passed under suspension of the rules. (H. F. 575, Fulton, Rep., of Ramsey.)

Providing for election of county assessors in counties having a population of 100,000 and not over 185,000. Ramsey delegation. (H. F. 576, Schurman, Rep., of Ramsey.)

Authorizing the organization of telephone companies by the payment of five per cent on gross earnings. Taxes and tax laws. (H. F. 577, Schurman, Rep., of Ramsey.)

Authorizing the organization of a state board of electricity to license persons engaged in installing or repairing electrical wires and apparatus. General legislation. (H. F. 578, Roberts, Rep., of Hennepin, by request.)

Providing for election of interest on state funds in banks by reducing the rate of interest to 2 per cent. Banks and banking. (H. F. 579, Von der Weyer, Union, of Hennepin.)

Making the shooting of live birds an indictable offense. Game and fish. (H. F. 580, Jeub, Union, of Hennepin.)

Prohibiting the catching of bass between Jan. 1 and May 1, and trout between Oct. 1 and April 1, and game fish. (H. F. 581, Allen, Rep., of Fillmore, by request.)

Authorizing the purchase of the purchase of the museum of Henry Schroeder. Special committee. (H. F. 585, Umland, Dem., of Ramsey.)

Authorizing the issuance of bonds for erecting school houses in independent districts. Passed under suspension of the rules. (H. F. 586, Young, Rep., of Swift.)

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1898. Value of real estate owned \$3,567,234.23 Mortgage loans 10,480,283.53 Collateral loans 30,000.00 Premium notes and policy loans 225,570.59 Bonds and stocks owned 12,333,625.00 Cash in office and in bank 1,311,107.03 Accrued interest and rents 98,245.09 Deferred and unpaid premiums 682,967.95

LIABILITIES. Net value of outstanding policies, actuaries' reserve, claims adjusted and not due, and unadjusted and reported. 50,916.91 Claims and rents 11,247,032.00 Dividends due policy holders. 3,265.63 All other liabilities 45,783.57

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1898. Policies in force at beginning of the year 6,554 \$93,660.00 Issued during the year 4,536 723,650.00 Canceled to be in force during the year 2,518 30,818.00 In force Dec. 31 last. 8,571 1,804,891.00

Losses and claims incurred during the year 107 \$9,133.20 Losses and claims settled during the year, in cash 109 \$9,337.29 Total 109 \$9,337.29

Notes, credits, etc. 77.29 Total receipts \$42,721.70

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