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APPROPRIATION BILL HAS BIG OPPOSITION

Several Big Knives Are After Cutting Expenses of State.

BOTH HOUSES ARE VERY BUSY

They Are Working Day and Night in Order to Finish All Business Possible Between This and Closing Day—Much Will be Left Undone.

The situation at the close of the fifty-seventh day of the Legislature of 1907, with but three days remaining, is not all that could be wished for by the friends of the great number of bills now on the calendars and which only a few can by any possible chance be reached in this regular session.

When the Senate convened for the afternoon session, it was clearly apparent that dark clouds hung over that body and the cause was the appropriation bill for expenses of the State Government for the two years ending June 30, 1909. The tension was maintained during the entire afternoon session, which was directed to the consideration of this bill, and just prior to adjournment Senators gave notice practically to the effect that the bill would not come to a vote until every effort had been made to secure the full consideration of the measure.

At adjournment, the pending amendment was on the first section, covering the expenses of the last half of 1907. The principle involved Wednesday will be settled after this section is disposed of, the remaining two sections being for the year 1908, and first half of 1909. Still, if the opponents desire to continue the contest and offer to each of the remaining sections all the amendments offered to the first, and the debate is also continued, another day could be easily consumed. This bill, proposed by the committee on appropriations, carries a substantial increase over that of 1905, and it is along this line the legislative battle is being fought, the opposition endeavoring to reduce the appropriations called for in the bill to more nearly correspond with existing law.

Of all the amendments so far adopted, only one decreases the amount called for in the bill, that of Governor's private secretary, which was placed back to the amount he is now receiving. Others adopted increased the salary of the State chemist, and of some of the clerical force in various departments over that called for in the bill.

Plea for State Arsenal.

A monster petition was filed in the Senate by the First Brigade, Florida State troops, relative to State arsenal.

Wednesday afternoon, if the special order is strictly observed, will come up in the Senate the bill passed by the House making it unlawful to transport liquors from a wet to a dry county. This is the companion bill to that of Senator Humphries, which was withdrawn by the introducer to make room for the House measure.

The House bill, amending charter of Stetson University, was again postponed in the Senate until Wednesday at 9:30 o'clock.

The increase in the salary of the adjutant-general to $2,500, embraced in the bill, which has now passed both houses, was also by amendment provided for in the State expenses appropriation bill.

In the House the death of the State life insurance bill by indefinite postponement will probably also mean that the companion bill of Mr. Trammell in the Senate, which has been on special order for some time, will not be called up this session at any rate.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

The Senate was called to order at 9:30 Tuesday

Following were among new bills introduced:

By Mr. Adams—Making appropriation for expenses of the State Government for the term of years ending June 30, 1909.

By Mr. Jackson—Amending general statutes relating to exemption of wages from garnishment.

By Mr. Harris—Authorizing the State Board of Health to enact, promulgate and enforce rules for betterment and protection of the public health, was read the second time and under waiver of rules read the third time in full. On roll call the bill passed by vote of 28 to 2.

Senate bill No. 416, by Mr. Adams—To provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1907 and 1908, was then called up by Senator Adams and read in full second time. Senator Buckman offered amendments relative to increase mileage of levy should such be necessary.

Senator Adams accepted the amendment, which was adopted, and the bill ordered engrossed.

House bill No. 36, by Mr. Clarke of Jefferson—Providing penalty for procuring money on contract to perform service with intent to defraud and to present rules of evidence in such cases, a special order set for 10 o'clock, was called up by Senator Girardeau, read the third time in full and on roll call passed 27 to 0.

House bill No. 173, by Mr. Abernathy—Amending Sections 669, 694, 727, 728 and 733, general statutes relating to organized militia, was read in full the third time. The bill relates to personal and general staff of the Governor and the adjutant-general's department and fixes the salary of the adjutant-general at $2,500. On roll call the bill passed by vote of 20 to 3.

Messages of the House of Representatives were considered, on motion of Senator Humphries, and bills passed both houses, ordered enrolled and House bills ordered to proper committees, except in cases when immediate consideration was determined upon.

House bill No. 95, by Mr. Watson—Requiring payment of license tax by nonresident fishermen and prescribing penalty for failure to do so, read the second time with amendments, which were adopted. The rules waived and the bill read the third time and passed 26 to 1.

The Governor's Mansion bill, a special order set for Tuesday, was called up by Senator Henderson, being House bill No. 409, by Mr. Melton of Duval. The bill was read the second time and an amendment decreasing the appropriation to $18,000 was adopted. This amount is required for improvement and purchase of additional grounds and furnishing the mansion. The rules were waived and the bill read the third time and passed by vote of 17 to 7.

Senate bill No. 234, by Mr. Humphries—Making it unlawful to place any obstruction in public drains, ditches and canals in this State, was read in full the third time and passed, 22 to 0.

House bill No. 193, by Mr. Kirkland of Lake—Amending general statutes, relating to the working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges of the several counties in the State, was read the second time in full and committee amendment adopted. At the suggestion of Senator Adams, the matter was informally passed in order to give Senators further opportunity to examine the bill.

Senate bill No. 213, by Mr. Clarke of Jefferson—To cancel certain tax sale certificates held by the State of Florida, was read the second time, rules waived, read the third time in full and passed, 26 to 0.

The House having passed Senate bill No. 404, the Massey railway mileage license bill, and returned same with House message, the bill was ordered enrolled.

The afternoon session was passed in discussing and amending the appropriation bill, when the Senate at 6:30 adjourned until 9 o'clock Wednesday.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The House of Representatives was called to order at 9 a. m., by Speaker Matthews. Roll call, quorum present. Prayer by chaplain. Correction of journal of Saturday.

House resolution No. 93, by Mr. Malone of Munroe—Relating to pay of judiciary committee clerk. Lost.

House bill No. 584, by Mr. Faulkner—Prohibiting sale or gift of intoxicants to railroad employes.

House bill No. 585, by Mr. Faulkner—Relating to obstruction of public roads.

House bill No. 586, by Mr. Faulkner of Taylor—Relating to escapes from county jails or convict camps.

House bill No. 587, by Mr. Farris of Duval—Relating to exemption of wages from garnishment.

House bill No. 591, by Mr. McKenzie of Putnam—Drinking liquors on trains.

The committee on finance and taxation reported favorably Senate bill No. 394, by the Senate committee on finance and taxation, the general revenue bill, and 200 copies were ordered printed.

Select Order.

Senate judiciary committee substitute for House bill No. 17, by Mr. Knight of Citrus, relating to turpentine and timber removal on lands having tax certificates outstanding. Pending on adjournment. Passed on third reading, yeas 35, nays 12, Mr. Knight voting in the affirmative.

The consideration of messages from the Senate was then taken up, the House concurring in Senate amendments to a number of bills.

Senate concurrent resolution No. 19, by Mr. Trammell of the Seventh—Relating to powers of Interstate Commerce Commission; adopted.

House bill No. 546, by committee on finance and taxation—The general appropriation bill, was read the third time in full and passed, yeas 59, nays 1, (Mr. Roddenberry of Wakulla.)

Governor's message announcing signing of certain bills, was read and the House adjourned at 1 o'clock, until 2:30 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Senate bill No. 247, by Mr. Jackson of the Ninth—Providing for appointment of a commission to adjust Indian war claims, was taken up and read in full, and provoked lengthy discussion, but was passed, 45 to 7.

Special Order.

House joint bill No. 246, by Mr. Paul of Holmes, relating to census and apportionment. The bill provided for one Senator and one Representative from each county, with one additional Representative for each 15,000 population, or major fraction thereof, no county to have more than four Representatives in the House. Mr. Calkins offered an amendment reducing maximum from four to three. Mr. Paul moved the adoption of the amendment, which was agreed to. Mr. Paul spoke very briefly in favor of the bill and on his motion it was read the third time, and put on final passage. The vote was yeas 62, nays, 1, Mr. Snell of Polk voting in the negative.

Senate judiciary committee substitute for Senate bill No. 108 and Senate bill No. 120, relating to pay of jurors; passed under suspension of rules.

Senate bill No. 169, by Mr. Crill, called up by Mr. Thompson of Jefferson, relating to trespass and injury to realty; passed under waiver of rules.

House bill No 18, by Mr. Wilson of Lee, memoralizing Congress for tide level-waterway across Florida by way of Caloosahatchee river and Lake Okeechobee, from Gulf of Mexico to Atlantic Ocean; adopted.

Senate bill No. 173, by Mr. Trammell—Relating to claims against common carrier; passed under suspension of rules.

House bill No. 242, by Mr. Willis of Levy—Relating to putting convicts to labor upon streets and roads, passed under suspension of rules.

House bill No. 418, by Mr. Reese of Escambia—Providing for appointment by State Board of Health, of sanitary inspector of hotels and boarding houses; passed, 31 to 27.

House bill No. 325, by Mr. Reese of Escambia—Requiring publication of financial statement by county commissioners; passed.

House bill No. 449, by Mr. Farris of Duval—Recording subdivisions of lands. The bill passed, yeas 38, nays 21.

Senate bill No. 206, by Mr. Sams—Relating to public printing; passed, 31 to 23.

House adjourned at 10 p. m. until 9 a. m. Wednesday.

AGED NEGRO WOMAN IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Francis Mulberry Must Now Suffer for Her Indiscreet Action.

WOMAN IS NOW IN JAIL

Victim Made a Dying Declaration Which Leaves Without Doubt the Responsibility of Her Death Upon Woman Who Tried to Shield Her.

Francis Mulberry, an old negro woman who looks as though she might have turned the seventy-mile post several years ago, is guilty of an act of criminal operation, according to the dying statement of the victim, Queen Clements, a colored girl, twenty years of age.

This statement was made to Justice Colman on Saturday night by the woman, who was told that she was not long for this world, and who willingly gave her story, the Justice says.

The Mulberry woman was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Marshal Arnow, and is now confined in the Alachua county jail, where she will be likely to remain until the next session of the circuit court.

The story goes that the Mulberry woman, in an endeavor to accomplish the desired result, administered drugs which were effective, but which resulted in the death of the victim Sunday night.

Dr. R. B. Ayer, who had been called in to attend the woman for a hemorrhage of the nose, discovered through the symptoms of the patient the real condition of the case. This was on Saturday, and he immediately notified Justice Colman of his discovery. It was on Saturday evening that Justice Colman, accompanied by Dr. Ayer, went to the woman's home. She was told that she could not live, and that her dying declaration was wanted, when the victim related the whole story, in substance that she had enlightened the Mulberry woman of her condition, when she (Mulberry) told her not to be alarmed, that she would cure her. She gave her medicine, which was taken, and which proved fatal.

An Autopsy Performed.

After the death of the Clements woman, Drs. J. F. McKinstry, Jr., and Ayer, performed an autopsy, reporting that deceased came to her death from the cause of pelvic peritonitis.

The Coroner's Jury.

A coroner's jury was empanelled by Justice Colman, and after reviewing the dying statement of the woman, the report of the physicians and other evidence, a verdict was returned to the effect that the victim came to her death through an attempt of one Francis Mulberry, to accomplish a criminal operation.

NEW ODD FELLOWS' LODGE.

Was Organized at LaCrosse Few Days Ago With Big Membership.

LaCrosse is a thriving little town, inhabited by enterprising people who dishke to be behind the times in anything. As a result they usually keep apace with the rest of the county in improvements, commercial, fraternal and social.

The latest acquisition to LaCrosse is a lodge of Odd Fellows, which was instituted in that town recently with a good membership, fourteen having come in by card, with ten by initiation, making a total of twenty-four, with prospects of a rapidly increasing membership, for there is lots of good material for Odd Fellows in that section.

This lodge was instituted by a special team from Gainesville, assisted by Grand Master White. The presence of Grand Master White upon this occasion was quite an honor to the LaCrosse lodge, as it is very seldom his duties will permit him to attend institution of lodges of this size, his time being required largely in the more important centers, where he is kept busy. However, he learned that LaCrosse was to have a lodge, and, ascertaining the date, made it convenient to be on hand.

The team from Gainesville comprised Special Deputy J. W. Blanding, Grand Secretary A. M. Cushman, Robt. McClellan, Col. I. E. Webster, J. H. Morton, J. I. Blake, L. B. Parrish, W. H. Gunz, J. M. Rivers.

The entire four degrees were conferred in a most impressive manner by this team, after which officers of the new-born lodge were duly elected and installed, and the lodge started out with the brightest prospects.

Georgia Bankers to Meet.

Atlanta, May 29.—L. P. Hillyer, secretary of the Georgia Bankers association, has given out the program for the annual convention, which is to meet in Macon, Ga., on June 5th and 6th. The headquarters will be Hotel Lanier, and the sessions will be held at the Grand opera house. It is expected that a large delegation will be present.

MRS. WM. M'KINLEY PASSES FROM EARTH

Wife of Lamented President Dies at Canton, O.

SHE PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY

Dissolution Was So Peaceful that the Physicians Had Difficulty in Telling When Final End Came—Sketch of Her Life.

Canton, O., May 28.—At 1:05 p. m. Sunday afternoon, Mrs. McKinley fell into the sleep that knows no awakening. The transition from life to death was so peaceful and gradual that it was with difficulty that the vigilant physicians and attendants noted when dissolution came.

There was no struggle—no pain. Mrs. McKinley never knew of the efforts made for days to prolong her life, nor of the solicitous hope against hope of her sister and other relatives and friends for her recovery.

MRS. WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

Mrs. McKinley's last words were for death. An attendant said: "Mrs. McKinley would say, 'Why should I linger?' Please God, if it is Thy will, why defer it.' She would say also, 'He is gone now, and life is dark to me.' Other kindred expressions would also fall from her lips."

At the McKinley home when death came there were present Secretary Cortelyou, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Barber, Mrs. Sarah Duncan, Mrs. Luther Day, Justice and Mrs. William R. Day, Drs. Portmann and Rixey and the nurses.

"Mrs. McKinley lasted hours longer than we expected," said the secretary. "Her vitality was wonderful," said Dr. Portmann.

The funeral arrangements, so far as made, are that Dr. Buxton will have charge of the services, which are to be simple, and they will be held at the McKinley residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday. Secretary Cortelyou is directing the arrangements, and will remain here until after the funeral.