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TEN CENTS A WEEK

JACKSONVILLE CHARTER BILL BEFORE SENATE

TALLAHASSEE, June 3.—By the close margin of one vote the Senate yesterday adopted the amendments to the Jacksonville charter bill recommended by the committee on municipalities.

Senator McMullen of the Eleventh, with whom the Senate stood firmly together a few nights ago in a fight of a similar character, under waiver of the rules through Senatorial courtesy was conspicuous in his effort to have the Senate adopt the amendments and thereby destroy the full purpose of the measure.

The bill will have to go to the House for concurrence in the amendments unless a vote to reconsider action is made and carried, and there is now little hope of its being reached in the few remaining hours of the session.

The amendments provide that the bill shall become a law January, 1910, after being ratified by a vote of the people at an election called by the city council, and that the section relating to the appointment of the commissioners by the representatives in the Legislature be stricken out.

Senator Buckman made one of the most eloquent, logical and convincing addresses in behalf of the measure as it stood and against amendment ever heard in the Legislative halls here. He eliminated personalities entirely and his remarks centered wholly upon the merits of the bill.

Measures Considered.

Twenty-four members were present at the night session of the Senate, and among the bills acted on were the following:

Senate Bill No. 384, by Mr. Hudson. Requiring and authorizing the Comptroller to refund drainage taxes. Passed.

House Bill No. 111, by Mr. Clarke of Jefferson—Relating to recording of

decrees and orders in chancery; to third reading.

House Bill No. 515, by Mr. Conway of Clay—Requiring newspapers to mark as advertising news, editorial or cartoons paid for. Passed.

Committee substitute for House Bill No. 73—Requiring supreme court clerk in all cases in which the supreme court writes an opinion to send the clerk of circuit court of county from which case is appealed or writ of error taken, a correct opinion and decision. Passed.

Senate Bill No. 383, by Mr. Miller—Concerning obstructions to navigation by bridges or other structures. Passed.

House Bill No. 135, by Mr. Brown of DeSoto—To prevent contamination or pollution of waters. Passed.

By Mr. Carn, substitute for House Bill No. 224—Authorizing payment of balance due on construction of a dormitory for old university at Lake City. Passed.

House Bill No. 151, by Mr. Malone of Monroe—Relating to rules of descent. Passed, 23 to 3.

House Bill No. 161, by Mr. Mahaffey of Gadsden—Making carnal intercourse with unmarried lunatic female unlawful. Passed.

House Bill No. 133, by Mr. Wall of Bradford—Requiring bonds of county commissioners and members of boards of public instruction. Lost, 16 to 12.

Senate Bill No. 418, by Mr. Sams—Regulating running of automobiles. Lost, 15 to 14.

House Bill No. 114, by Mr. Neeley of Leon—Providing that in certain suits non-resident infants who are proper parties may be served with process by publication. Passed, 17 to 8.

Senate Bill No. 416, by Mr. Sloan—Relating to revocation of licenses of

EXAMINATION TO BE HELD IN GAINESVILLE

UNDER DIRECTION OF U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Examinations Will Be Held at Many Other Places at Same Time to Secure Competent Clerks.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., June 3.—The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an examination June 16, at Phoenix, Prescott, and Tusson, Arizona; Fayetteville, Ft. Smith, Little Rock, and Texarkana, Arkansas; Gainesville, Jacksonville, Key West, Miami, Pensacola and Tampa, Florida; and Albuquerque and Las Vegas, New Mexico. This examination is held to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill existing vacancies, at \$900 per annum, in the position of Forest Clerk in the Forest Service, and vacancies requiring similar qualifications as they may occur at salaries of \$900 to \$1,200 per annum.

Eligibles from this examination will be subject to appointment in Forest Supervisors' offices on the Apache, Sitgreaves, Garces, Crook, and Coconino forests in Arizona; on the Datil, Gila, Zuni, and Alamo forests in New Mexico; on the Ozark forest, Arkansas, and on the Choctawhatchee forest in Florida. Many of the places of appointment are very desirable from a residence point of view.

The duties to be performed consist of carrying on office correspondence, keeping up files, and conducting routine business during the absence of the Forest Supervisor in the field. The Forest Service does not furnish either houses or subsistence, and appointees will be expected to report at places of employment at their own expense.

The examination will consist of spelling, arithmetic, penmanship, letter-writing, copying from rough draft, and type-writing and stenography. Applicants should at once apply either to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., or to the secretary of the board of examiners at any place mentioned above, for application form 304.

insurance companies failing to pay licenses. Passed.

Senate Bill No. 353, by Mr. Henderson. Regulating fees for feeding prisoners. Passed, 14 to 10.

Senate Bill No. 456, by Mr. Humphries—Requiring poll tax to be paid year when due. Lost, 21 to 5.

House Bill No. 249, by Mr. Stringer of Hernando—Relating to duties of certain inspectors of marks and brands. Passed, 17 to 2.

Senate Bill No. 470, by Mr. Girardeau—Pension for Joseph Gilmer of Jefferson county. Passed.

THE HOUSE.

Contrary to a request by the Senate, the House refused to recede from its action in adopting an amendment to the anti-race track betting bill causing the measure to become a law May 1, 1911. The Senate declined to concur in the amendment, hence the request to the House to recede. It is believed that the bill is now dead.

A memorial was adopted requesting Congress to aid in the Ponce De Leon celebration at St. Augustine.

A request from Senator Heard that his remarks of some days ago in which he attacked the Governor for the latter's attitude toward the Waller claim, be spread upon the Journal of the House was tabled upon motion of Mr. MacWilliams of St. Johns.

A concurrent resolution providing that both houses adjourn the 1909 session at noon Friday was adopted.

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RIOTING WAS SERIOUS IN BIG STREET CAR STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, June 3.—The attempt of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to operate its cars last night with strike breakers imported from other cities resulted in the first rioting which had occurred since the strike of the street car men began on May 29.

In the Kensington district, where many mills are located, the feeling ran high. Mobs of men, women and children pulled the motormen and conductors from their cars and beat them severely. In many instances cars were set on fire and in other cases thrown across the tracks.

The police were powerless to control the angry strike sympathizers. When they charged the mob it broke, only to form again in the vicinity of another car.

When the rioting started after night fall every car that could be got into the barns of the company was taken off the street. Several policemen were injured during the rioting.

While the most serious rioting occurred in the mill district in Kensington, cars were attacked in many other parts of the city. In West Philadelphia dynamite caps were placed on the tracks and crowds stoned the strike-breakers when they attempted to bring out cars, forcing them to return to the barn. In the down town section conductors and motormen were pulled from their cars and their clothes torn from their backs by mobs of strike sympathizers. In some cases the terrified strike-breakers had to be taken to private houses and guarded by police to save them from bodily harm.

In Kensington there were five big riots and all evening Kensington avenue, the main thoroughfare of the

district, was filled with a howling mob. So far as can be learned the striking street car men themselves did not take any part in the rioting. They were kept confined by their leaders in their various meeting places.

One Policeman Dying.

The imported strike-breakers proved to be a disappointment to the company, many of them deserting their cars at the first sign of trouble and leaving them standing in the street at the mercy of the mob. Several of them applied to the strikers for aid to return to New York, saying that they had been brought here under misrepresentation.

During the course of the Kensington riots, Policeman Levy was shot in the back of the head and is said to be in a dying condition. In the same section one block of five cars were piled in the street after being partially demolished with paving stones and were then set on fire. At least 100 persons have been seriously injured.

During the day the company claimed to have operated a few more cars than on the previous days of the strike. Chairman Pratt of the union car men admitted that some additional cars had been run with the strike-breakers, but said the strikers had won over more of the men and none of the men who had gone on strike were weakening.

The central labor union has determined to take advantage of the political features involved in the strike and at a meeting of its conference committee last night decided to issue a call upon all its members and sympathizers to celebrate next Saturday, which is primary election day here, as white ribbon day.

Chiramante Guilty of Taking Life of La Bella

TAMPA, June 3.—The argument in the La Bella murder case were concluded at a late hour Wednesday night, and after an able charge from Judge J. B. Wall, the jury retired to consider its verdict. After waiting for a half hour or more for the jury's return to the court room and no report of an agreement being forthcoming, the court took a recess until yesterday morning, the jury being locked up for the night to make up its mind.

The feature of Wednesday at the trial was the statement of the accused, Ornaferio Chiramante, who told a very circumstantial narrative of how he spent February 2, 1909, the day on which La Bella is supposed to have been murdered, detailing how

he had a severe toothache and spent the afternoon in a West Tampa saloon, where he is alleged to have been seen by three Italian witnesses, and at the time when two American witnesses testified they saw him driving his wagon from the place where La Bella's body was found.

Upon the assembling of court yesterday morning the jury brought in a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment. Judge Wall instructed the jury that its verdict must specify the degree of crime for which the verdict is made, and after retiring the jury returned to the court room in a few minutes with a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, with a recommendation to the mercy of the court.

Augusta Factory Man Was Dashed to Death

AUGUSTA, June 3.—J. K. Sandifer, a weaver, met a horrible death in the Augusta factory yesterday by being caught in the main fly wheel of the engine room and dashed against a brick wall. His body was mangled almost flat and ten bones were broken.

It is not known how he became en-

tangled. The big fly wheel is guarded by an iron railing. It is thought that he leaned against this and lost his balance or that his clothes became entangled. The coroner's jury placed no blame on anyone. There were no witnesses to the tragedy.

Sandifer was 25 years of age and came here a short while ago from Hamburg, S. C.

West Palm Beach Man Drowned From Launch

WEST PALM BEACH, June 3.—Julius Sontag was drowned Wednesday night while making a trip from this city to Latana in a gasoline launch. He, together with his employer, B. F. Hull, were the only occupants of the launch, and when it stopped about three miles south of here Sontag went forward to see whether the gasoline tank was empty and in

some manner fell overboard. The body was recovered by the use of a seine about noon yesterday, and after viewing the body Coroner Rickards held that Sontag was accidentally drowned.

Mr. Sontag was about 45 years of age, and leaving a mother and sister in Wilstegierdorf, Germany, having no relatives in America.

Finds Wife Dead Clasp- ing Her Baby in Arms

ATLANTA, June 3.—Walter Douglas, a building contractor residing at 185 Love street, knocked on his wife's door yesterday morning and receiving no response entered. He found his wife dead with her little

baby clasped to her breast. The body was warm and she had evidently been dead only a few minutes.

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Growers Decide to Form Florida Fruit Exchange

TAMPA, June 3.—The Orange Growers' Convention adjourned yesterday after organization of a committee to form a permanent Florida Citrus Exchange for marketing crops. The committee consists of thirty-

four members, with Dr. F. W. Inman, Florence Villa, chairman. Tampa will be headquarters for the exchange.

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