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TOLD IN A VERY BRIEF FORM

For the Convenience of Readers Too Busy to Read the Journal.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1901.

The Senate convened at 12 m., and was called to order by President Adams.

Secretary Appleyard called the roll of Senators holding over, and the following answered to their names:

Adams, Baker, of 20th District, Broome, of 6th District; Crill, of 26th District; Denham, of 22d District; McCreary, of 32d District; O'Brien, of 2d District; Palmer, of 14th District; Rogers, of 18th District; Sams, of 28th District; Wadsworth, of 10th District; Wilson, of 4th District; Williams, of 16th District.

The roll of new Senators was called and the following answered to their names:

Blitch, of 21st District; Butler, of 23d District; Carson, of 19th District; Cottrell, of 12th District; Crews, of 15th District; Dimick, of 13th District; Kirk, of 9th District; Law, of 29th District; Miller, of 25th District; McCaskill, of 1st District; MacWilliams, of 31st District; Neel, of 3d District; Palmer, of 11th District; Peacock, of 17th District; Rouse, of 5th District; Wilson, of 7th District; Whidden, of 27th District.

The roll of new Senators was then called four at a time, and the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution administered to them by Chief Justice R. F. Taylor.

Mr. MacWilliams placed in nomination the name of Thomas Palmer, of Hillsborough, to be President of the Senate. Elected.

Mr. Law moved that a committee of three be appointed to conduct the newly-elected President to the chair. Agreed to, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Law, Carson and Miller, who performed their duty.

The President-elect was then introduced to the Senate in a few appropriate remarks by retiring President Adams, and addressed the body.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that Hon. E. S. Crill be elected President pro tem. Carried by acclamation.

Mr. MacWilliams put in nomination the name of Hon. T. J. Appleyard, of Monroe, to be Secretary of the Senate. Elected by acclamation.

Mr. MacWilliams put in nomination the names of the following persons to be attaches of the Senate for the present session, to-wit: Assistant Secretary, L. L. Ramsey, of Lafayette; Recording Secretary, L. B. Bouchelle, of Volusia; Assistant Recording Secretary, John R. Willis, of Levy; Bill Secretary, Fred L. Robertson, of Hernando; Recording Secretary, Ellis F. Davis, of Jackson; Engrossing Secretary, S. A. Edmundson, of Alachua; Enrolling Secretary, C. J. Hardee, of Madison; Sergeant-at-Arms, S. A. Ogilvie, of Nassau; Doorkeeper, T. J. Peavy, of Gadsden; Messenger, Chas. D. Clark, of Calhoun; Chaplain, Rev. A. L. Woodward, of Leon; Janitor, M. C. Burns, of Suwannee; Pages, Mallory O'Brien, of Escambia; Eli Futch, of Alachua, and T. M. Cox, of Duval.

Mr. MacWilliams moved that they be declared elected by acclamation. Agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to business. Agreed to.

The President appointed the following as such committee, viz.: Messrs. Carson, Blitch and Cottrell, who, after a short absence, appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that they had performed the duty assigned them and were discharged.

Mr. Kirk moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the Senate was organized and ready to receive any communication he may see proper to communicate. Which was agreed to, and the President appointed Messrs. Kirk, Baker and Broome, who, after a brief absence, returned to the bar of the Senate and announced that they had performed

the duty assigned to them, and were discharged.

A committee of three from the House of Representatives appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that they were instructed by the House to inform the Senate that that body was organized and ready to proceed to business.

A communication was received from the Governor conveying his message to the Legislature.

Mr. Adams offered Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a committee composed of three from the Senate and five from the House of Representatives be appointed, to whom shall be referred all bills and resolutions relating to the redistricting of the State into Congressional districts, and whose duty it shall be to prepare and submit a bill dividing the State of Florida into three Congressional districts. Laid on the table subject to call.

Mr. Miller offered Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2: Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a committee of two from the Senate and two from the House be appointed to investigate the condition of the State Buildings and to report what repairs are necessary, and what additional buildings are necessary, if any. Laid over under the rules.

Mr. MacWilliams offered Senate Resolution No. 1: Resolved, that the Secretary of State be requested to furnish to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate as many copies of the Revised Statutes as the Senate may need. Agreed to.

The President appointed the following Committee on Rules: Messrs. Myers, Kirk, Law, Dimick and Carson.

Mr. Broome moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Agreed to.

HOUSE, APRIL 2.

The House was called to order by Dr. Wm. Forsythe Bynum, of Live Oak, Suwannee county, Florida, the former Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, at 12 o'clock, m.

The certified list of the Secretary of State of members elected to the present Legislature, was called and the following answered to their names:

J. M. Rivers, of Alachua; J. B. C. Thomas, of Alachua; George P. Blair, of Baker; D. M. Gornot, of Bradford; I. W. Pinholster, of Bradford; K. B. Raulerson, of Brevard; R. H. Buford, of Calhoun; W. K. Jackson, of Citrus; William H. Wilson, of Clay; Guy Gilen, of Columbia; L. W. A. Rivers, of Columbia; R. H. Burr, Jr., of Dade; R. E. Brown, of DeSoto; John C. L'Engle, of Duval; Napoleon B. Broward, of Duval; J. Emmett Wolfe, of Escambia; C. Moreno Jones, of Escambia; J. F. C. Griggs, of Franklin; R. H. M. Davidson, of Gadsden; Mortimer Bates, of Gadsden; R. H. Hunter, of Hamilton; H. M. Lee, of Hamilton; William A. Fulton, of Hernando; J. L. Young, of Hillsborough; J. W. Williamson, of Hillsborough; M. A. Parish, of Holmes; M. Jacoby, of Jackson; J. R. Shomaker, of Jackson; Thomas L. Clarke, of Jefferson; J. A. Sledge, of Jefferson; John H. Osteen, of Lafayette; J. S. Godfrey, of Lake; Ben Dowd, of Lake; Francis A. Hendry, of Lee; Geo. P. Raney, of Leon; Edwin M. Hopkins, of Leon; Charles W. McElirey, of Levy; William H. Gunn, of Liberty; J. Ellis Blanton, of Madison; J. H. Redding, of Madison; Crawford P. Parish, of Manatee; William K. Zewadski, of Marion; William J. Chambers, of Marion; Joseph Y. Porter, of Monroe; E. W. Russell, of Monroe; A. J. Johnson, of Nassau; John G. McGiffin, of Nassau; W. L. Palmer, of Orange; George W. Crawford, of Orange; J. W. Watson, of Osceola; Henry C. McKrae, of Pasco; M. S. Dowden, of Polk; J. L. Close, of Polk; John P. Wall, of Putnam; Frank McKrae, of Putnam; Ernest Amos, of Santa Rosa; J. H. Harvell, of Santa Rosa; Frank M. Corbett, of St. Johns; John W. Davis, of St. Johns; J. C. B. Kooze, of Sumter; B. F. Umstead, of Suwanee; John H. Grant, of Suwannee; C. E. Dunchworth, of Taylor; C. L. Smith, of Volusia; T. J. Sparkman, of Volusia; John K. Whaley, of Wakulla; Daniel Campbell, of Walton; Stephen W. Anderson, of Washington.

Hon. W. K. Zewadski, of Marion, moved that the House proceed with a permanent organization. Agreed to.

Mr. Raney, of Leon, nominated Hon. J. W. Watson, of Osceola, as Speaker. Elected.

The Chief Clerk appointed Messrs. McGiffin, of Nassau; Zewadski, of Marion, and Raney, of Leon, to escort the Speaker to the chair.

The Speaker-elect, being conducted to the chair, in a few appropriate remarks extended his thanks to the

House for the honor conferred upon him, and stated that he did not wish to consume their time with a lengthy speech.

Mr. Parrish, of Holmes, and Mr. Parrish, of Manatee, appeared and were sworn in by Hon. Claude L'Engle, of Duval, Notary public for the State at large.

Mr. Raney, of Leon, nominated Dr. Wm. Forsythe Bynum, of Live Oak, Fla., for Chief Clerk. Elected.

Mr. Raney, of Leon, made the following nominations: Assistant Chief Clerk, J. G. Kellum; Reading Clerk, Nat W. Marion; Assistant Reading Clerk, G. J. Strozier; Engrossing Clerk, R. E. Dickenson; Recording Clerk, J. E. King; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. F. Dorman; Messenger, John T. Parish, Doorkeeper, J. C. Sumner; Janitor, J. E. Brock; Pages, Lyman Helvenston, Hampton Chambers, Frank Clark, Jr., Michael Harvin; Chaplain, Rev. W. E. H. Mabry.

All of whom were, on motion of Mr. Palmer, of Orange, elected by acclamation.

Mr. Zewadski, of Marion, moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Governor, also a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives was organized and ready for business.

The Speaker appointed Messrs Zewadski, of Marion; Davidson, of Gadsden, and Palmer, of Orange, a committee to notify the Senate, and Messrs. Hendry, of Lee; L'Engle, of Duval, and Young, of Hillsborough, a committee to notify the Governor.

The committee after a brief absence returned and reported that they had performed the duties assigned them and were discharged.

Mr. Rivers, of Alachua, offered the following resolution: Resolved, that the Chief Clerk and the Assistant Chief Clerk have printed 200 copies of a calendar of bills and resolutions for the use of its members from day to day, and that each be paid the sum of \$75 for the extra service rendered. Adopted.

Mr. Palmer, of Orange, offered the following: Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a committee of seven (four from the House and three from the Senate) be appointed to which shall be referred all measures and resolutions proposed for the relief of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of the State. Passed over until to-morrow under the rule.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, conveying his message to the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Chambers, the House adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

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THE SENATE CAUCUS.

It was ten minutes after the appointed hour (8:10) that Senator Adams rapped the senatorial caucus to order. Senator MacWilliams of St. Johns moved that Senator Adams be elected chairman of the caucus, which was agreed to. Mr. T. J. Appleyard was then elected secretary. After thanking the caucus, Senator Adams announced that the order of business would be proceeded with. First in order was the nomination for a President of the Senate, Senator Myers of Leon was recognized and nominated Senator Thomas Palmer in the following words:

"Of the five sessions of this body in which I have served, the session of 1899 was distinguished as the most peaceful and harmonious of them all. This result was in a great measure due to the quickness of perception, the fairness of judgment, and the tactful courtesy of the distinguished gentleman now presiding over this caucus, who, with equal credit to himself and those who made the choice, was elected the president of our body two years ago. Deliberative bodies are in one particular like the sea. Today from their placid and unruffled surface may be reflected the peaceful azure of an unclouded sky, and a novice may be safely trusted at the wheel to watch the idle canvass hanging listless by the yards, while to-morrow its bosom may be heaving with tempestuous billows, and only the hand of an experienced mariner can be depended on to guide the straining and shivering bark along her dangerous path. While at the convening of this session of amity and good feeling, yet in the heat of debate or the ardor of partisanship, there may arise conditions where a cool head and a firm hand are required to preserve the order and dignity of the Senate.

"It has been my pleasure to serve in several sessions of this body with the gentleman whose name I shall present to you for its presiding officer.

In committee he has always proven himself a safe counselor and an industrious worker. On the floor of the Senate he has been a thoughtful and able debater, urging his views with the ardor begot of sincerity and the logic born of conviction, and with preserving a dignified courtesy toward his opponents that allayed rancor and disarmed animosity. His natural abilities fortified by his long experience have eminently qualified him for the high office, and as chairman of the last State convention he proved his fitness by the distinguished ability with which he discharged the duties of that most arduous and trying position. I, therefore, with full confidence that we will make no mistake in the choice, present to your consideration the name of H. N. Thomas Palmer."

Senator Carson then was recognized and said:

"As is well known to the Senators I recently made some effort to secure the coveted prize now under discussion. I did so with the most cordial feeling. Arriving on the ground, and finding that my opponent had a majority, I withdrew. Believing all the Senator Myers has said, I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination and hope that this body will nominate Senator Palmer by acclamation."

Several other Senators made speeches in seconding the nomination of Senator Palmer (of Hillsborough), after which he was unanimously elected. The caucus then proceeded to nominate the following officers:

President Pro Tempore, Senator E. S. Crill of Putnam; Secretary of the Senate, T. J. Appleyard of Monroe; Assistant Secretary, L. L. Ramsey of Lafayette; Reading Secretary, J. B. Bouchelle of Volusia; Assistant Reading Secretary, John R. Willis of Levy; Bill Secretary, Fred L. Robertson of Hernando; Recording Secretary, Ellis F. Davis of Jackson; Engrossing Secretary, S. A. Edmundson of Alachua; Enrolling Secretary, C. J. Hardee of Madison; Sergeant-at-Arms, S. A. Ogilvie of Nassau; Doorkeeper, Charles D. Clark of Calhoun; Chaplain, Rev. A. L. Woodward; Janitor, M. C. Burns of Suwannee; Pages, Mallory O'Brien, Eli Futch and Ira M. Cox.

At the other end of the Capitol, where the members of the House assembled to hold their caucus for the election of officers the same condition of affairs, of course, prevailed. Darkness made visible by the faintly glimmering gas jets but feebly describes the condition of affairs. The time of coming to order was delayed as in the Senatorial caucus until lamps could be procured, and it was 8:30 o'clock when Dr. William Forsyth Bynum finally rapped for order, proceeded to call the roll and announced a quorum to be present.

Mr. Zewadski arose and made the nomination of Hon. Geo. P. Raney of Leon county as chairman of the caucus. Mr. Wolfe of Escambia seconded the nomination and Judge Raney was elected chairman.

Proceeding to the rostrum and assuming the gavel, Judge Raney, in a few well chosen remarks, thanked the members of the caucus for the honor they had conferred upon him—and then asked the pleasure of the caucus. Dr. William Forsyth Bynum was then selected as Secretary of the caucus.

Mr. Clarke of Jefferson then moved that the caucus proceed to the election of the various officers to be selected and that the same be by ballot, which motion was carried.

Mr. Zewadski then arose and in a brief but forceful speech withdrew his name from the consideration of the caucus in the speakership contest. He stated that he was satisfied that by withdrawing his name thus early in the contest he could prevent all danger of a deadlock in the caucus proceedings. His remarks were well received and, as usual, had the true ring.

Mr. Zewadski lost nothing by taking the course he did.

Mr. Wolfe, of Escambia, a prominent candidate for the speakership, then arose and said that he thought that the question of whether or not members of the caucus holding the proxies of absent members should be allowed to use them should be decided before the balloting began. Mr. Watson said he saw no reason why they should not be used. Mr. Zewadski, rising, said he held two proxies of members of the caucus who, on account of sickness at their homes could not be present and thought by precedent of past caucuses he should be allowed to vote them. He perfectly remembered that they had been allowed in 1899 and also in 1897.

After some further discussion by various members, the question was put to a vote of the caucus and the

caucus decided that members holding proxies should be allowed to use them.

Mr. Clarke of Jefferson then moved that three tellers be appointed by the chair to count the vote, which motion being carried, the chair appointed Mr. Jones of Escambia, Mr. McGriffin of Nassau and Mr. Wall of Putnam.

The chair then asked the pleasure of the caucus, remarking that nominations were then in order. Quite a considerable interval of time elapsed before the friends of either candidate arose to place their names in nomination. Mr. Palmer of Orange finally arose and placed the name of Mr. Watson of Osceola in nomination. Mr. Rivers nominated Mr. Wolfe of Escambia.

After the nominations had been seconded the caucus proceeded to ballot, and Mr. Watson received 37 votes to 28 votes for Wolfe on the first ballot.

Mr. Wolfe moved to make the nomination unanimous, which was done.

The election of the Chief Clerk being next in order, Mr. Wall of Putnam nominated Wm. Forsyth Bynum for Chief Clerk, which was seconded by Mr. R. H. M. Davidson of Gadsden, and Mr. Bynum was declared elected by acclamation.

The election of the assistant clerk being next in order, Mr. Palmer of Orange, nominated Mr. Geo. W. Dickenson, of Orange, Mr. R. C. Dunn, of Madison, and Mr. J. G. Kellum, of Alachua, were also placed in nomination.

On the first ballot Dickinson received 28, Dunn 6, Kellum 34—no election. On second ballot Dickinson received 26, Kellum 39, blank 3. So Kellum was declared elected.

The nomination of reading clerk being next in order, Mr. Wall of Putnam put in nomination Mr. Nat W. Marion of Hamilton county. Mr. Campbell of Walton nominated our old friend Nat R. Walker. Mr. Marion received 45 votes to Mr. Walker's 23 votes on the first ballot and was declared the caucus nominee.

For assistant reading clerk Mr. G. J. Strozier of Marion county was elected by acclamation.

The only candidate for engrossing clerk was Mr. Herbert J. Drane of Polk county. His past enviable record in the same position caused his selection to be made also without division.

The nomination of enrolling clerk was then taken up, the candidates being Mr. A. S. York of Bradford county and Mr. Rufus E. Dickinson of Madison county, a brother to the Governor's private secretary. Mr. Dickinson received 38 votes to Mr. York's 30 votes on the first ballot and was declared the nominee.

There was no opposition to Mr. J. E. King's of Citrus county, selection as recording clerk and who was named by acclamation.

Four candidates for Sergeant-at-Arms were placed in nomination, as follows: Mr. Andrew Scott of Jackson, Mr. W. J. Smith of Jefferson, Thos. G. Wall of Duval and John S. Dorman of Suwannee. The first ballot stood: Scott 14, Smith 6, Wall 14, Dorman 34. Smith being lowest dropped out, and Scott was withdrawn, leaving only Wall and Dorman to try conclusions in the second ballot, which stood Dorman 43, Wall 14, Blank 1. Dorman was therefore declared the nominee.

The election of the messenger of the House was next in order. There were five candidates in all for this position, as follows: James H. Sylvester of Gadsden, Parrish of Holmes, J. D. Blanton of Madison and J. Clyde Stenchcomb of Columbia. The first ballot stood: Sylvester 4, Parrish 23, Blanton 19, Stenchcomb 21—no election. Second ballot was the last, Parrish receiving 34, Blanton 19, Stenchcomb 19. Parrish was therefore declared elected.

For doorkeeper Mr. Jessie C. Sumner of Pasco county, who served the House so faithfully and well in the two last sessions of the Legislature, was again a candidate for the position and proved a successful one. Mr. Thos. O. Garner of Gadsden was also placed in nomination. Only one ballot was necessary for a choice. It stood: Sumner 61, Garner 5.

Quite a number of candidates came up for the responsible position of janitor. No less than five being placed in nomination. They were John W. Goff of Columbia, J. E. Brock of Washington, J. L. Sanders of Gadsden, C. C. Lee of Columbia and J. K. Barker of Lafayette. Three ballots were necessary for a choice. The first stood Goff 9, Brock 24, Sanders 2, Lee 20, Barker 9. Second ballot stood: Goff 4, Brock 30, Lee 24, Barker 7, Blank 1. The third and last ballot resulted in Brock's election, the vote standing: Brock 33, Goff 2, Lee 29.

The most spirited contest during the whole evening occurred in the selection

IN TOTAL DARKNESS

For Two Nights Gas Jets Would Not Give Any Light

EXPERT TELEGRAPHED FOR

To Put Everything in Order—No More Trouble Anticipated.

Sunday night at the hotels, Monday night at the Legislative caucus and Tuesday night following Tallahassee's lighting system (gas) was severely criticised by members of the Legislature and those who came here to witness the assembling of that body—and a right good reason they had to complain, too, for Monday night the lights went out entirely, and the other nights were not much better.

For the information of those unfamiliar with the condition of things, we desire to state that Tallahassee is not satisfied with the present system of lighting, and is doing all she possibly can to remedy it. Our people have voted to bond the city for \$16,000 to be used in putting in an up-to-date electric plant. But the Gas Company, having a charter covering electric lights also, applied to the Circuit Court for an injunction. The city, won in the Circuit Court and the gas people appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, where the matter is now tied up and perhaps will be for nearly a year yet.

The city is sure to win as soon as the latter court reaches the case, and then work will commence at once, for the bonds are already sold and the money will be forthcoming as soon as it is needed. In the mean time we will have to do the best we can with gas.

Believing that the devil should have his dues, we wish to further say, however, that the trouble this week was unavoidable. All the experienced help was hauled off to the pest house with small pox one day last week, and Supt. Spencer was therefore compelled to remain on duty until broken down Saturday night while he was taking a little rest the inexperienced help filled the tanks and mains with bad gas. He telegraphed to Philadelphia headquarters for a good man and thinks that from now on he will be able to keep a good gas.

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR.

Governor Jennings has made the following civil appointments:

Alex B. Smith of Charlotte Harbor, to be notary public for the State at large.

W. W. McGriff of Tallahassee, to be notary public for the State at large.

William F. Zander of Fredonia, to be notary public for the State at large.

E. V. Stevens of Marco, to be notary public for the State at large.

A. C. Beckham of Waldo, to be notary public for the State at large.

John M. Stevens of Jacksonville, to be notary public for the State at large.

James Holland of Tallahassee, to be notary public for the State at large.

J. R. Wilden of Anthony, to be Justice of the Peace for District 17, Marion county.

Albert A. Taylor of Cocoa, to be notary public for the State at large.

Solomon D. Stewart of Ocala, to be notary public for the State at large.

DEESTRICK SKULE.

At the Opera House, Tuesday, April 9, by the ladies of the M. E. Church. Admission 50 cents; reserved seats 75 cents.

This will be one of the most laughable entertainments Tallahassee will have this season and should be seen by everybody.

EASTER EGG HUNT.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt by the ladies of St. Agnes Guild will be held at the residence of Mr. E. H. Myers on South Adams street, opposite Wayne Square, Monday afternoon, April 8, at 4:30 o'clock. Eggs in abundance for the little ones and ice-cream and cakes for all.

NOTICE.

Services will be held each night for the next week at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and Sunday at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Quarterly conference Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Chipley Vason, a student at the Atlanta School of Technology, is home for a short vacation.