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DEMURRAGE BILL
IS RECOMMENDEDSenate Places Amendment to
W. A. Nolan Measure on
General Orders

The compromise demurrage bill recommended by the senate committee on railroads, in place of the W. A. Nolan bill, was reported yesterday morning by Senator Hawkins, chairman of the committee, who moved that the bill be printed and placed on general orders.

Sensors Cole and Thompson wanted the Nolan bill printed and placed on general orders, but Senators Hawkins and Lord opposed this, as the committee's bill was the only measure on the subject before the senate.

The bill requires railroads to furnish cars within a reasonable time after they are ordered by shippers, to start them from the place of shipment within a reasonable time and move them to their destination with reasonable speed. It requires shippers to load and unload the cars with reasonable dispatch.

It is made the duty of the railroad and warehouse commission to investigate all charges of unreasonable delay in furnishing cars, of unreasonable or unequal demurrage charges, or unjust discrimination in the furnishing of cars, and to do substantial justice between the shipper and the railway companies. All charges for demurrage, car rental and truckage made by any railroad company must be just and reasonable and fixed by published schedule published at least once a month by the railroad and warehouse commission.

The amendments were adopted and the bill placed on general orders.

HORTON PUSHES
POLITICAL BILLUrges Measure to Make Assessment of
Ramsey County Elective

Senator Horton confessed yesterday before the senate that the Republicans could not elect a mayor in St. Paul, and advanced that fact as an argument in behalf of the Lemon bill, to make the office of county assessor elective instead of appointive by the mayor and county auditor.

For the first time during the present session of the legislature the Ramsey county senatorial delegation disagreed. The Lemon measure applies only to Ramsey county. The Ramsey delegation submitted a majority report recommending the bill for passage. Thereupon Senator Hardy arose and moved as a substitute that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Senator Horton explained the situation to the senators.

"This is the first time the Ramsey delegation has been divided," said the senator. "The difference in opinion is purely political and in no sense personal. At present the county assessor of Ramsey county is appointed by the mayor of St. Paul and the county auditor, and as the mayor is inevitably a Democrat, no change in the Democratic complexion of the assessor's office can be hoped for. That's why the Republicans want the office of county assessor made elective."

After this frank confession of the Republican policies of the bill, the senate defeated Senator Hardy's motion to indefinitely postpone it and adopted the Ramsey delegation's report by placing the bill on general orders.

Leave Trading Stamps Alone

The legislature will not interfere with the trading stamp business. The house judiciary committee yesterday recommended for indefinite postponement W. I. Nolan's bill to regulate the business of the stamp people.

SCHOOL

Strawberries! Strawberries!

We patronize Home Industries and buy our Strawberries from St. Paul Wholesale Dealers, who handle enormous quantities, therefore we are enabled to sell cheaper than stores who pick their own berries. Look at our prices. Today we place on sale a large shipment of Klondike Berries.

4 Boxes for 25c

Irvine Brand Sweet Corn 5c

Tomatoes 6 1/2c

Early June Peas 6c

3-lb. can Beets 10c

Strawberry and Raspberry 10c

17 lbs. Sugar for \$1.00

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5 Fresh Eggs, doz. 25c

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Patronize home industries. We manufacture the famous Crown of Tartar Baking Powder and the highest quality flavoring extracts.

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Fresh Walleyed Pike, lb. 10c

Fresh Whitefish, per lb. 12c

Fresh Lake Trout, per lb. 15c

Fresh Oysters, per lb. 30c

Fresh Herring, per doz. 50c

Spiced Herring, per doz. 50c

2 Breakfast Mackerel, 5c

Lunch Herring, lb. 10c

Lord Kitchenware, can. 20c

Smoked Herring in oil, can. 15c

Scalped Herring, box. 10c

Eureka Brand Sardines, can. 20c

Imported Anchovies, lb. 25c

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Fresh shipment of Imported Camembert Cheese.

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DISCUSS INSURANCE
COMMISSIONER'S PAYSenators Refuse to Concur in
House Amendments—Com-
mittee Appointed

The senate refused yesterday to concur with the house in its amendment to the bill by Senator Cole, fixing the salary of the insurance commissioner at \$4,500 a year, until the year 1907, when the salary is to be only \$3,500 a year for that and subsequent years.

The amendment reducing the pay to \$3,500 at the expiration of Commissioner O'Brien's term of office displeased some of the senators. Senator Schuch explained:

"Why cut down the salary after O'Brien's term expires. It looks like putting a premium on Democrats in office."

Senator McGill spoke in behalf of Commissioner O'Brien, who, he declared, had virtually evolved the bill by voluntarily turning the fees of the office, amounting to \$15,000 a year, over to the state. Mr. O'Brien, the Ramsey senator declared, was a man of unusual ability, and should be paid a salary of \$4,500 a year in recognition of his service to the state.

Senator Putnam moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the senate had concurred in the house amendment. This motion prevailing, the senate voted not to concur, and decided to appoint a conference committee to meet with a like committee of the house and agree upon a measure satisfactory to both senators.

Cole and Johnson were named by the chair to represent the senate on the committee.

Fitzpatrick Defeats Hugo Bill

Senator Fitzpatrick's eloquent opposition to the Hugo bill, providing for the adoption of the abandoned children and unfortunate women, coming into the custody of an incorporated bethel society, sufficed to kill the measure.

The vote stood 15 ayes and 27 nays. Senator Fitzpatrick declared, the measure the worst that had come before the senate for a long time. No senator had ventured to defend the bill. True, the St. Louis senators had spoken of it, but they had not defended the bill, but what of that. It was well known that a certain undesirable place was paved with good intentions.

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AGREE ON NEW BILL

House Members Favor Substi-
tute for Vollmer Measure

The house agreed yesterday to a compromise substitute for the Vollmer bill, repealing the law placing certain limitations about the employment of convict labor in the state penal institutions. The substitute was agreed to by W. I. Nolan, chairman of the labor committee of the house; by Senator R. B. Brower and representative F. C. Lynch of St. Cloud and by Representatives John Zech and H. B. Vollmer of Stillwater, representing the people in the prison towns.

It limits the number of men employed in the St. Cloud reformatory and the Stillwater penitentiary to 10 per cent of the number employed in any industry now established in the state, but is not to apply to the crush factory at St. Cloud nor the twine plant, nor the proposed plant for the manufacture of binders, mowers and rakes at Stillwater. Men are to be employed at St. Cloud and Stillwater in any industry not now established in the state and which may be hereafter inaugurated in the state prison. The fact that the board of control is said to have a rope factory in contemplation at Stillwater is said to be the reason for the last clause in the bill.

The substitute Vollmer bill was put through the house without opposition and goes to the senate for affirmative action.

RACHIE'S FREAK BILL
IS KILLED IN HOUSEMeasure to Regulate Greek Letter So-
cieties Fails to Win Votes

Forty-nine representatives went on record yesterday as favoring legislative prohibition of membership by students of normal and high schools and the freshman class of the state university in Greek letter societies. Elias Rachie of Lac qui Parle, who championed the bill, said he was disappointed at the result, but he believed the agitation of the question would be productive of beneficial results.

Rachie was given a reminder of his own practice when a member moved the previous question and prevented him from making an extended speech for his bill.

As 60 votes are required for the passage of a bill, the Rachie bill was put to sleep.

A dozen members explained their votes either for or against the bill. Several of those who voted against the bill said they believed that secret societies in high schools and colleges menace the democracy of the schools, but they did not believe the question a proper matter for regulation by a legislature.

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