



## DAKOTA'S LEGISLATURE.

The Press and Dakotian's Report of the Proceedings of the Council and House of Representatives.

Fourteenth Session—Second Day.

### Council.

Wednesday, Jan. 12.—The council met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the president.

Prayer by the chaplain.  
Roll call showed all the members present.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. Shaw offered a resolution that a committee of three be appointed to act with a like committee on the part of the house to inform the governor that the two houses are organized and ready to receive any communication he may have to make. The resolution was adopted and Messrs. Shaw, Jolley and Smith appointed as such committee on the part of the council.

On motion of Mr. Gamble a resolution was adopted directing the chief clerk to request the house to inform the council when that body will be ready to meet in joint convention to receive the governor's message.

A message was received from the house informing the council that the house was fully organized.

### NOTICE OF BILLS.

Mr. Shaw gave notice that he would on to-morrow or some subsequent day of the session introduce a bill to locate and provide for the building of a territorial penitentiary.

### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Gamble, by unanimous consent introduced a bill for an act to employ assistant clerks and to provide for the compensation of the same which was read a first time, and on motion of Mr. Day the rules were suspended and the bill read the second time.

The bill provides for an assistant clerk for the council and his compensation out of the territorial treasury at the rate of six dollars per day.

Mr. Gamble moved that the rules be further suspended and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Day objected to the bill being placed upon its passage during the absence of Messrs. Shaw, Jolley and Smith, who were absent upon committee duty; and also upon the ground that it provided for a larger compensation for the assistant clerk than was paid to the members; that if the government considered four dollars a day, paid from the United States treasury, sufficient for the services of members, the same amount, coming from the territorial treasury, ought to be enough for the assistant clerk.

Mr. Wilson opposed the passage of the bill for similar reasons.

Mr. Martin said that six dollars a day was little enough for the duties required of the assistant clerk. The per diem of members is generally conceded to be too small, and should not be urged as a reason why the officer named should work for an inadequate salary.

Mr. Gamble took the same view of the matter, and intimated that a bill increasing the per diem of members would very likely be passed by congress and made to apply to the present session of the territorial legislature.

Mr. Day moved to amend the bill by making the compensation of the assistant clerk four instead of six dollars a day, which motion was lost by a tie vote.

The bill was then passed by the following vote.

Ayes—Messrs. Fisher, Gamble, Martin, Scooby and Wiggin.

Nays—Messrs. Day, Walsh and Wilson.

Absent and not voting, Messrs. Jolley, Shaw and Smith.

Before the result was announced Mr. Day changed his vote to the affirmative.

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the house announced the appointment by that body of Messrs. La Moure, Baynes and Wells to join a committee of the council to wait upon the governor and inform him that the houses are organized and ready to receive any communication he may have to make.

Also, a message stating that the house would meet the council in joint convention in the hall of the house at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of receiving the governor's message.

### RULES.

Mr. Jolley, chairman of the select committee to prepare rules for the government of the council, reported a series of rules, which, on motion of Mr. Wilson, were adopted and the committee discharged.

### REPORT OF A COMMITTEE.

Mr. Shaw, from the joint committee to wait upon the governor, reported that the committee had performed that duty, and that the governor informed them that he would meet the two houses in joint convention and deliver his message at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

### LAWS FOR THE MEMBERS.

Mr. Scooby offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the secretary of the territory of Dakota be requested to furnish each member of this body one copy of the revised codes of Dakota, and one copy of the laws passed at the 13th legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

The president announced the following committees of the council:

Judiciary—Messrs. Gamble, Scooby, Jolley, Wilson and Fisher.

Education—Messrs. Scooby, Wiggin, Smith.

Finance and expenditures—Messrs. Shaw, Fisher, Gamble, Jolley, Smith.

Elections—Messrs. Wilson, Gamble, Scooby.

Railroads—Messrs. Fisher, Martin, Shaw, Scooby, Day.

Counties—Messrs. Day, Wiggin, Gamble.

Territorial affairs—Messrs. Jolley, Martin, Gamble, Shaw, Walsh of Union.

Public printing—Messrs. Jolley, Wiggin, Walsh of Union.

Engrossed and enrolled bills—Messrs. Jolley, Wilson, Gamble.

Agriculture—Messrs. Wiggin, Walsh, of Union, Smith.

Highways and bridges—Messrs. Walsh of Union, Smith, Wiggin.

Mines and mining—Messrs. Martin, Jolley, Wilson.

Immigration—Messrs. Smith, Scooby, Jolley.

Charitable and penal institutions—Messrs. Shaw, Gamble, Martin, Jolley, Walsh.

Insurance, banks and banking—Jolley, Fisher, Wilson.

### RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Fisher the council took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

### HOUSE.

#### PRELIMINARIES.

The house convened at ten o'clock and was opened with prayer by the chaplain.

There were a half a dozen vacant desks at the opening, but the members gradually dropped in until a full attendance was present.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

#### READY FOR BUSINESS.

Mr. LaMoure presented a motion calling for the appointment of a committee of three to act with a like committee from the council to wait upon Governor Ordway and inform him that the legislature was organized and ready for business and to ask him if he had any communication to make. The motion was adopted and Messrs. La Moure, Bayne and Wells were appointed as such committee.

Mr. Rohr presented a resolution instructing the chief clerk of the house to notify the council that the house was organized and ready for business. The resolution was adopted.

#### JOINT SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Inman, an invitation was extended to the council to meet with the house in joint session at 2 o'clock p. m. to listen to the reading of the governor's message.

#### JOINT RULES.

Mr. Boyles moved that a committee of three be appointed to meet with a like committee of the council for the purpose of preparing joint rules for the government of the legislature. Adopted, and Messrs. Boyles, Inman and Cross appointed as such committee.

#### COUNCIL MESSAGE.

A message was received from the council notifying the house that the council was organized and ready for business.

#### RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Thielman, a recess of fifteen minutes was taken to enable the members to recreate a little while the committee appointed to wait upon the governor performed its duty.

#### COUNCIL MESSAGE.

A message from the council made inquiries regarding the time when it was expected the two bodies would meet in joint session.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Rohr, the house adjourned until half past one o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Roll call showed all the members present.

#### A COUNCIL BILL.

A communication was received from the council announcing the passage of council bill number one, an act to provide for the employment of an assistant clerk in each body of the legislature at a salary of six dollars per day, to be paid from territorial funds. Concurrence of the house was asked.

Mr. Boyles submitted a resolution calling for, under a suspension of the rules, the several readings and final passage of the bill. Adopted.

The bill had its several readings and being put upon its passage, Mr. Inman moved as an amendment that the per diem be fixed at four dollars per day.

Messrs. French and La Moure spoke in opposition to the amendment, and, on a vote, it was lost.

The bill then passed, Messrs. Ellefson, Inman, Hale, Moore, Rohr, Thielman and Thompson voting in the negative and all the rest in the affirmative.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

On motion of Mr. Boyles, the rules were suspended and the order of select committee reports taken up.

Mr. La Moure, from the committee appointed to notify the governor that the house was organized, reported that the committee had performed its duty and that the governor would communicate with the legislature at 2:20 p. m.

#### JOINT SESSION.

Mr. Wells moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the council that the house was ready to meet in joint session. Adopted and Messrs. Wells, Boyles and Inman appointed as such committee.

The committee performed its duty and the sergeant at arms announced the presence of the council.

Councilman Gamble moved that the chair appoint the necessary clerks for the joint session. The motion was adopted and Mr. Dawson, of the council, was appointed chief clerk and Mr. Mead, of the house, assistant clerk.

Roll call showed all the members present.

Councilman Gamble presented a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee of three to wait upon the governor and inform him that the two houses were assembled in joint convention and awaited his pleasure. The resolution was adopted, and Councilman Gamble and Representatives Warner and Boyles were appointed as such committee.

The committee proceeded to the executive office, performed its duty and reported with the governor in person, who was introduced by the presiding officer.

The governor delivered his message, which will be found in full in this issue of the Press and Dakotian.

The governor occupied an hour and a quarter in the delivery of his message and was listened to intently throughout. Sentiments contained in its closing paragraphs caused hearty applause and after its subsidence the governor retired. There was a large attendance of spectators, including territorial officials and other distinguished personages.

On motion of Representative La Moure, the joint convention adjourned,