



DAKOTA'S LEGISLATURE.

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

Fourteenth Session—Third Day.

Session Notes. THE BALL OPENED.

The council having gone through with the preliminary duties of electing officers, appointing committees, &c., has commenced the practical work of the session in a manner that indicates that the members mean business and that the session will be an active one. Seven bills were introduced this morning, one passed, and notice given of the introduction of others.

In the appointment of the standing committees President Walsh exhibited rare good judgment and impartiality. The committees are admirably composed, and give complete satisfaction to the members.

The bill of which Mr. Jolley gave notice in the council this morning, defines the boundaries of the sub-districts of the fourth judicial district and fixes the time for holding terms of court therein as follows: Clay county, first Tuesday in January; Union county, second Tuesday in January; Lincoln county, fourth Tuesday in January; Minnehaha, McCook and Lake, second Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday in September in Sioux Falls; Turner county, first Tuesday in April and the fourth Tuesday in September; Moody county, first Tuesday in June; Brookings and Kingsbury counties, second Tuesday in June, at the county seat of Brookings county; Deuel and Hamlin counties, third Tuesday in June, at the county seat of Deuel county; Codington county, fourth Tuesday in June, and when the counties of Clark and Day shall be organized, or either of them, it, or they, with the county of Codington, will constitute one sub-division, and the district court shall be held at the county seat of Codington; Grant county, first Tuesday in July.

The bill in regard to the compensation of the judge of 1st district, introduced in the council this morning by Mr. Wilson, provides for an extra compensation for that officer of \$2,400 a year, commencing on the 1st of January, 1881, to be paid by the organized counties of that district.

Mr. Wiggin's bill to authorize Lincoln county to issue bonds for the erection of a jail will doubtless be so amended as to include Grand Forks, Lawrence, and probably other counties of the territory. The bill permits the issue of eight per cent bonds to the amount required for the proposed building, which must be negotiated at par.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS.

The house is gradually settling down to business, Speaker Harding having nearly placed the working machinery in order. The members are becoming accustomed to their work and are beginning to give indications of the positions they are to occupy as individuals of the body. There are many bright minds in this gathering and the session promises to be an unusually interesting one. Our legislatures are gradually improving in quality and the one now assembled is possessed of more real ability than any of its predecessors.

In the house there were several notices of bills to be presented and it is probable that to-morrow's opening session will complete the preliminaries and open the way for active business.

The committee appointments of Speaker Harding are entirely satisfactory to all members, and the general verdict is that he is an excellent judge of men and their individual fitness for certain lines of duty.

Council.

[In yesterday's afternoon session of the council the following proceedings were had:]

The council met at 1:30 p. m., all the members being present, and was called to order by the president.

The petition of J. F. Wallace, giving notice of his intention to contest the seat of P. R. Smith, of the eleventh district, was presented and referred to the committee on elections.

The council then repaired to the hall of the house and assembled with the house in joint session to receive the governor's message. (See proceedings of joint convention.)

Upon the dissolution of the joint convention, the council returned to its chamber, and adjourned until 11 o'clock, Thursday, January 13th.

PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, January 13.—The council met at 11 a. m., and was called to order by the president.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll call showed members all present.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

JOINT RULES.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported joint rules for the government of the two houses.

On motion of Mr. Jolley the report was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the house announced the passage by that body of council bill No. 1, to employ assistant clerks and provide compensation for the same.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Jolley—A bill for an act to amend chapter 13 of the political code relating to the sub-division of judicial districts, approved February 22, 1879.

Mr. Wiggin gave notice of a bill to authorize Lincoln county to issue bonds for the purpose of building a jail.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Shaw—A bill for an act to locate a territorial penitentiary.

By Mr. Fisher—A bill for an act to

confer jurisdiction upon justices of the peace for the town of Casselton, Cass county, concurrent with county justices.

By Mr. Wilson—A bill for an act to amend section 2 of chapter 28, of the political code, entitled revenue.

Also, a bill for an act to amend section 1 of chapter 19 of the political code, entitled jurors.

Also, a bill for an act to provide extra compensation to the judge of the first judicial district of the territory of Dakota.

The above bills were read the first time.

THE LAST TO SWEAR.

A. S. Fuller, the watchman elect of the council, came forward and the usual oath was administered by President Walsh.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Jolley, the council took a recess for half an hour.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND PASSED.

Upon reassembling after recess, Mr. Wiggin asked and received unanimous consent to introduce a bill authorizing the board of county commissioners of Lincoln county to settle with and accept from Geo. W. Naylor, ex-county treasurer, such sum as they may deem advisable, and asked that it be passed under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Jolley, the rules were suspended, the bill read three times and passed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Wiggin, also by consent, introduced a bill authorizing the commissioners of Lincoln county to issue bonds for the building of a jail, which was read a first and second times, referred to the committee on counties and ordered printed.

On motion of Mr. Fisher the council adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

House.

Wednesday, Jan. 12th.—The house resumed business.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Mr. Boyles called for the report of the special committee on rules and in response thereto Mr. Van Osdel, of that committee, reported the rules of the session of 1879, with a few changes.

Mr. Boyles moved the adoption of the report and the discharge of the committee, which motion was carried.

Mr. Boyles from the committee on joint rules, stated that the committee was unable to report to-day.

The speaker announced that he would report the standing committees to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Warner, the house adjourned to Thursday morning, January 13th.

Thursday, Jan. 13—House convened at ten a. m. and was opened with prayer by the chaplain.

Roll call showed a quorum present.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

LAWS WANTED.

Mr. Dickey presented a resolution calling upon the secretary of the territory to furnish each member of the house with a copy of the revised code and the laws of the last session as soon as possible. Adopted.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

By Mr. Cross—For a fence law in the counties of Pennington, Custer, Lawrence, Mandan and Forsyth. Also a bill for the relief of inhabitants of towns and cities on the public lands of the United States.

By Mr. Baynes—to repeal section 24 of an act to amend chapter three of title two of part three of division second of the civil code and to provide for the organization of railroad corporations, to regulate the operations thereof and to provide for the taxation of their property.

By Mr. Van Osdel—To amend chapter forty-six of the laws of 1879.

By Mr. Wells—For the registry of electors and the prevention of fraudulent voting.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The speaker announced the following standing committees:

Judiciary—Boyles, of Yankton; Inman, of Clay; McBratney, of Lawrence; Dickey, of Barnes; Baynes, of Hanson.

Education—Warner, of Lawrence; Thielman, of Turner; French, of Yankton; Miller, of Richland; Thorne, of Minnehaha.

Ways and means—Donaldson, of Codington; Baynes, of Hanson; Moore, of Union; Nonland, of Traill; Hale, of Lawrence.

Counties and townships—La Moure, of Pembina; Donaldson, of Codington; Ellefson, of Minnehaha; Wells, of Stutsman; Kennedy, of Lake.

Public printing—French, of Yankton; Thompson, of Lincoln; Dickey, of Barnes; Rohr, of Union; Warner, of Lawrence.

Engrossment and enrollment—Kennedy, of Lake; Rohr, of Union; Van Osdel, of Yankton; Landmann, of Bon Homme; Nonland, of Traill.

Territorial affairs—Rohr, of Union; La Moure, of Pembina; Miller, of Richland; Kennedy, of Lake; Inman, of Clay.

Agriculture and manufactures—Ellefson, of Minnehaha; Van Osdel, of Yankton; Thompson, of Lincoln; Hale, of Lawrence; Moore, of Union.

Insurance, banks and banking—Inman, of Clay; Wells, of Stutsman; Thorne, of Minnehaha; McBratney, of Lawrence; Thielman, of Turner.

Mines and mining—McBratney, of Lawrence; Thorne, of Minnehaha; Cross, of Pennington; Miller, of Richland; Hale, of Lawrence.

Railroads—Wells, of Stutsman; Warner, of Lawrence; Miller, of Richland; Boyles, of Yankton; Thorne, of Minnehaha.

Charitable and penal institutions.—Cross, of Pennington; Thorne, of Minnehaha; LaMoure, of Pembina; Baynes, of Hanson; Dickey, of Barnes.

Highways, roads and bridge.—Thielman, of Turner; Donaldson, of Codington; Nonland, of Traill; Ellefson, of Minnehaha; Cross, of Pennington.

Immigration.—Cross, of Pennington; Inman, of Clay; Wells, of Stutsman; Thompson, of Lincoln; McBratney, of Lawrence.

Finance and revenue.—Miller, of Richland; Thielman, of Turner; Landmann, of Bon Homme; Moore, of Union; Nomland, of Trail.

Incorporations.—Moore, of Union; Dickey, of Barnes; Nomland of Trail; Baynes, of Hanson; Landmann, of Bon Homme.

Internal Improvements.—Van Osdel, of Yankton; French, of Yankton; La Moure, of Pembina; Rohr, of Union; Kennedy, of Lake.

JOINT RULES.

Mr. Boyles, from the special committee on joint rules reported that the members had conferred with a like committee on the part of the council and had agreed to adopt the rules of the last session with a few changes.

On motion of Mr. Thorne, the report of the committee was adopted.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. LaMoure, the house took a recess of thirty minutes.

JUDGE BARNES.

Mr. La Moure presented a joint resolution, addressed to the president of the United States, reciting that the legislature of Dakota desired the re-appointment of Hon. A. H. Barnes as associate justice of the supreme court of Dakota. The resolution was a high tribute to the ability and worth of Judge Barnes, and strongly urged his reappointment.

Mr. Wells in seconding this motion said it reflected the wishes and opinions of the bar, press and people of Judge Barnes' district.

Mr. Boyles, as a member of the bar of Dakota, heartily endorsed the language of the resolution.

Mr. Dickey, as a practicing attorney from Judge Barnes' district, said no man could fill the place so satisfactorily as Judge Barnes.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and immediately transmitted to the council.

NEWSPAPERS.

Mr. Ellefson offered a resolution to the effect that each member of the house be allowed twenty copies of the weekly Press and Dakotian, to be paid for out of the territorial treasury.

The resolution was finally amended several times and then upon motion of Mr. Wells was laid upon the table.

Mr. Wells then presented a resolution allowing to each member five copies of daily territorial papers, or their equivalent in territorial weekly papers, to be paid for out of the territorial treasury.

Mr. La Moure moved as an amendment that the number of dailies be increased to ten. The amendment was lost by a vote of seven to seventeen.

The original motion was then adopted.

REFERENCES.

The following references of the various subjects contained in the governor's message were made:

Finance—to committee on finance and revenue, on motion of Mr. Wells.

Public buildings—Committee on internal improvements, on motion of Mr. Inman.

Taxation—Committee on ways and means, on motion of Mr. Boyles.

Immigration—Committee on immigration, on motion of Mr. French.

Reports of auditor and treasurer—Committee on finance and revenue, on motion of Mr. Boyles.

Marriage and divorce—Judiciary committee, on motion of Mr. Warner.

Hospital for the insane—committee on charitable and penal institutions, on motion of Mr. Hale.

Railroads—committee on railroads, on motion of Mr. French.

PRINTING THE RULES.

Mr. Van Osdel presented a joint resolution ordering to be printed 150 copies of the rules and the standing committees of the council and house. Adopted.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Dickey, the house adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Friday, January 14th.