



DAKOTA'S LEGISLATURE.

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

Fourteenth Session—Fifth Day.

Session Notes.
IN THE COUNCIL.

As the printed proceedings indicate, there was very little business done in the council at to-day's session. But the members are not idle. They are actively engaged in preparing work, and as soon as they become a little more accustomed to the set of the legislature harness, the business of the session will be moved with alacrity.

Dr. Martin has placed on file in the council a petition signed by a large number of farmers in Pennington county, asking that the provisions of the herd law be extended to that county for the period of one year. The petitioners represent that they have exhausted their means in the improvement of their lands, the erection of buildings and the construction of irrigating ditches; that the non-completion of their irrigation system last summer caused a failure of their crops and left them without the means to fence their fields; that their ditches are now in good shape and assure them good crops in the future, and that if the legislature will give them the use of the herd law for one year, they will in the meantime build fences, and then get along without it.

Two members of the council—J. O'B. Scoby, of Brookings county, and Dr. J. A. J. Martin, of the Black Hills—have been married since the election. That portion of the governor's message referring to divorces will not be referred to them. There are members with extensive matrimonial experience, and one of them is the father of twins, who are better qualified to suggest legislation upon that subject.

Council.

Saturday, January 15—The council met at 10 a. m., President Walsh in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll call showed all members present except Messrs. Day and Jolley.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

REFERENCE OF A BILL.

On motion of Mr. Shaw council bill No. 2, in regard to the location and building of a penitentiary, was referred to the committee on charitable and penal institutions.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Fisher the council adjourned until 7:30 o'clock p. m. next Monday.

House.

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

The speaker was in the chair and roll call showed all the members present except Mr. Laudman.

The journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Rohr—To amend section one of chapter fourteen of the political code.

By Mr. Donaldson—Authorizing the county commissioners of Kingsbury county to issue bonds for the construction of a court house.

By Mr. Wells—To establish and define the boundaries of Morton county.

By Mr. McBratney—To more definitely define the boundaries of Lawrence county.

By Mr. Kennedy—To change in certain respects the territorial highway from Dell Rapids to Forestburg, via Madison and Herman.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, ETC.

By Mr. French. House file number three. To provide for an appropriation for territorial printing.

By Mr. La Moure—house file number four—to authorize the commissioners of Pembina county to fund the outstanding indebtedness of the county.

SUSPENSION OF RULES.

Mr. French moved that the rules be suspended and that house file number three have its several readings and be put upon its passage. The motion prevailed, the bill was put upon its passage, and was passed, Mr. Inman alone voting in the negative.

COUNCIL MESSAGE.

A message from the council informed the house that the council had passed the house memorial asking for the reappointment of Associate Justice Barnes; also that the council had passed council bill number eight and asked the concurrence of the house.

TERRITORIAL PRINTING.

Mr. Kennedy presented a resolution ordering to be printed for the use of the members of the legislature 150 copies each of the reports of the officers of the insane hospital and of the territorial auditor and treasurer, and that the same be paid for out of the territorial treasury.

Mr. Donaldson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. La Moure moved as an amendment that the number be increased to 500 copies.

Mr. Dickey moved to amend the amendment so as to make the number 200 copies.

Mr. Baynes moved to lay the amendment to the amendment on the table.

Mr. Dickey withdrew his amendment. The amendment to the motion was then adopted.

The resolution was then put upon its passage, and was passed unanimously.

A BILL INTRODUCED.

Mr. Warner introduced a bill to provide for the erection of a court house and jail for Lawrence county.

COUNCIL MESSAGES.

The house passed to the consideration of council messages.

The joint resolution asking for the reappointment of Associate Justice Barnes

was returned to the clerk of the council for a correction of his report.

Council bills number seven and eight had their first reading.

HOUSE BILLS.

House file No. 1 had its second reading and was referred to the committee on ways and means. It relates to the taxation of railroad property.

House file No. 2 had its second reading and Mr. Boyles moved that under a suspension of the rules the bill go to its third reading and be put upon its final passage.

Mr. Van Osel moved as an amendment that the bill be laid upon the table and the amendment was lost.

The vote was taken upon Mr. Boyles' motion and the rules were suspended by a vote of seventeen to six.

The bill was then passed, Messrs. Donaldson, Nomland, Rohr, Thielman, Thompson and Van Osel voting in the negative all the rest in the affirmative, excepting Mr. Laudman, who was absent.

THE BARNES MEMORIAL.

The clerk of the council returned his corrected reported of the action of the council on the resolutions asking for the reappointment of Associate Justice Barnes, which was to the effect that the council had expunged the preamble.

Mr. Boyles presented a resolution that the house concur in the amendment of the council, which resolution was adopted upon motion of Mr. LaMoure.

At half past twelve o'clock the house adjourned.