



DAKOTA'S LEGISLATURE.

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

Fourteenth Session—Tenth Day.

Council.

Thursday, January 20.—The council met at the usual hour, with the president in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll call—all members present.

The minutes read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Gamble, from the judiciary committee reported council bill No. 9, in relation to sub-districts of the fourth judicial district, and council bill No. 12, to amend section 7 of the justices code with a recommendation that they pass. Report adopted.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee on finance and expenditures, reported with a recommendation that it pass, house bill No. 2, authorizing the employment of pages.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Wiggin—An act requiring the schooling of children in organized districts.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Walsh, of Union—A bill for an act defining the time when taxes in Union county shall become delinquent for the year 1881.

By Mr. Day—To amend an act to fund the indebtedness of Bon Homme county.

SECOND READING.

The following council bills were read a second time and referred as follows:

No. 10—Authorizing the commissioners of Kingsbury county to issue bonds for the purpose of erecting a court house and jail. To a special committee consisting of Messrs. Seoby, Fisher, and Wilson.

No. 13—Prescribing rules and regulations for the execution of the trust arising under the act of congress entitled an act for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the public lands, approved March 2, 1867, and acts amendatory thereto. To committee on counties.

On motion of Mr. Gamble, Messrs. Wilson and Martin were added to the committee on counties for the consideration of said bill.

No. 14—Memorial in regard to the publication of land notices. To committee on territorial affairs.

THIRD READING.

Council bill No. 9, defining the boundaries of sub-divisions of the fourth judicial district and fixing the times of holding court therein, was read a third time and passed.

Council bill No. 11, to amend section 7 of the justices code, read third time and passed.

HOUSE BILLS.

The following house bills were read a second time and referred as follows: No. 17, to committee on judiciary.

THIRD READING.

No. 2, relating to the employment of pages, coming up for its third reading and passage, gave rise to some discussion.

Mr. Day thought the employment of pages unnecessary, and involved an expense for which there was no justification.

Mr. Wilson regarded the employment of pages necessary for the facilitation of business, and would vote for the bill.

Mr. Wiggin was opposed to the bill. If the messenger could not perform all the duties incumbent upon him, then let the members carry their own bills, resolutions etc., to the clerk's table. He regarded the scheme for the employment of pages as a direct steal out of the treasury.

Mr. Gamble favored the employment of pages as a necessary and economical measure. His great awkwardness of motion would preclude him from adopting Mr. Wiggin's idea of approaching the clerk's table in the capacity of his own messenger or page.

Mr. Shaw had been opposed to the employment of pages, but after considering the enormous proportions of the messenger's feet and the contracted limits of the council chamber and its passage ways, he saw the necessity for changing his views, and should favor the passage of the bill.

The roll being called on the passage of the bill, the result was: Ayes 9, nays 3—Messrs. Day, Jolley and Wiggin voting in the negative.

THE PAGE APPOINTED.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the president of the council was directed to appoint Master Stuart Walsh as page for the council.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Seoby the council adjourned until 7 o'clock to-morrow evening.

House.

The house convened at 10 o'clock a. m., Speaker Harding in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll call showed all members to be present.

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

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Cross—The petition of the Rapid river ditch and improvement company, asking for an extension of time to complete their work.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Mr. La Moure—Reporting back house bill No. 4, recommending its passage, after certain slight amendments. Report adopted.

By Mr. Cross—Reporting back the joint resolution referred to the committee on charitable and penal institutions, and recommending its passage. Adopted.

By Mr. Kennedy—Reporting back council bill No. 7, referred to the com-

mittee on enrollment and engrossment, finding the same correctly engrossed.

By Mr. La Moure—Reporting back from the committee on counties and townships, house file No. 10, recommending its passage.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

By Mr. Hale—Relating to herding and driving of stock.

By Mr. Rohr—Repealing section 4 of chapter 5 of the session laws of 1872-73.

By Mr. Moore, amending section 66 of chapter 29 of the political code.

By Mr. Ellefson, amending chapter 3, title 4 of the civil code for the regulation of interest.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Dickey—House file No. 23, amending section 324 and 325 of the code of civil procedure.

By Mr. Warner—House file No. 24, amending section 28, of chapter 28 of the political code.

COUNCIL MESSAGES.

Informing the house that the council had passed house file No. 13, providing for the erection of a court house and jail for Pembina county, with certain amendments.

The said amendments were concurred in by the house.

FIRST READING OF COUNCIL BILLS.

Council bill No. 2, locating a territorial penitentiary.

Council bill No. 4, amending section 2, of chapter 23 of the political code.

Council bill No. 6, providing extra compensation for the judge of the first judicial district.

THIRD READING OF COUNCIL BILLS.

Council bill No. 8, providing for the construction of a jail for the county of Lincoln.

Mr. Thompson moved that said bill be laid on the table and made a special order ten days from to-day.

Ruled out of order.

Moved that the bill be laid on the table. Motion lost.

The question being on the final passage of the bill, it was passed—16 yeas, 8 nays.

Council bill No. 7—Authorizing the county commissioners of Lincoln county to settle with an ex-county treasurer.

The question being on its final passage was carried by a unanimous vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS.

House file No. 14—For the registering of electors and to prevent fraudulent voting.

Moved that it be referred to the committee on townships, etc.

Moved as an amendment that it be referred to the committee on judiciary. Amendment lost.

An amendment to refer to the committee on territorial affairs was also lost.

The bill was then referred to the committee on counties and townships.

House file No. 18, repealing section 10 of the civil code relating to insurance corporations.

Motion made to refer the same to the committee on insurance and banking.

An amendment referring it to the judiciary committee was lost, and the bill referred to the committee on insurance and banking.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS.

House file No. 4, authorizing the commissioner of Pembina county to fund the outstanding indebtedness thereof. Passed by a unanimous vote.

House file No. 10, defining the boundaries of Lawrence county. Passed by a unanimous vote.

House file No. 22—A resolution authorizing the use of funds appropriated to the use of the territorial insane asylum. Passed by a unanimous vote.

CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL ORDERS.

By Mr. Cross—A resolution that house bills Nos. 1 and 8, a bill to amend chapter forty-six of the laws of 1879, be made a special order for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Jan 28.

Mr. LaMoure moved to lay the motion on the table. Lost.

Mr. Van Osdel's motion that house bill No. 8 be made a special order for Tuesday at 2 o'clock was also lost.

Mr. LaMoure moved that said bill be made a special order for to-morrow. Lost.

The motion of Mr. Cross was then adopted.

A message came from the council stating that they had this day passed council bill No. 9, amending an act to amend chapter 13 of the political code; council bill No. 12, amending section 7, of the justices code, and that the council had concurred in house bill No. 2, employing pages and providing compensation for the same.

ADJOURNMENT.

The house here adjourned until ten a. m. to-morrow.