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THE DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

TWELFTH SESSION.

Third Day's Proceedings.

Council.

Council met at ten o'clock, a. m., the president in the chair, and opened with prayer by the chaplain.

Roll call showed that all the members were present, except Mr. Wilson.

A message from the house was received announcing the passage of a joint resolution providing for a joint committee on the codification of the laws.

Mr. Miner asked leave to introduce a bill to repeal chapter 51 of the laws of 1874-75. This is the chapter which provides for a bureau of immigration.

Mr. Mills objected to the introduction of the bill at this time, out of its proper order. He had a bill prepared on this subject and gave notice that he would introduce it to-morrow.

Mr. Miner gave notice that he would introduce his bill to-morrow.

Mr. Mills by permission introduced a bill to change the names of Elizabeth and John Smith to Elizabeth and John Devore.

Mr. Wallace of the committee on joint rules reported that the committee had performed its duty and recommended the adoption of the joint rules of the last session.

The report was accepted and, on motion of Mr. Mills, the rules recommended were adopted.

Mr. Pettigrew moved for the first and second reading, by its title, of his bill for the incorporation of the village of Sioux Falls and its reference to the committee on railroads, of which he is chairman.

The motion was adopted and the bill so read and referred.

Mr. Bailey introduced a resolution calling for a special committee, of which the president be chairman, to revise the standing rules of the council. The resolution was adopted and Mr. Bailey and Mr. Miner were appointed to act with the president as such committee.

A communication was received from Hon. George H. Hand, secretary of the territory stating that he was unable to furnish copies of the laws of 1874-75, as called for by yesterday's resolution. He also communicated the fact that it would require a joint resolution, approved by the government, to procure copies of the daily newspaper reports.

Mr. La Moure, by permission introduced a bill relative to territorial bonds, which was read by its title. It provides for the repeal of the grasshopper bond law.

A message was received from the house announcing the adoption of the joint rules of the eleventh session.

The house message embodying a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee on the codification of the laws was considered and an animated discussion ensued.

Mr. Wallace moved that the resolution be rejected by the council.

Mr. Miner stated that the house would, under the resolution, have a majority of the committee and moved that the council do not concur.

Mr. Pettigrew moved that the council concur in the joint resolution and his motion received a second.

Mr. Bailey said he was opposed to concurring in the house action. It was an important matter and should be considered by both houses separately.

Mr. Pettigrew said he had made his motion for the purpose of getting the subject before the council and voting it down. He did not favor the proposed joint committee.

Mr. Miner thought it would be improper to appoint any committee on the codification report before that report was received.

Mr. Pettigrew's motion was put by the president and lost by unanimous vote.

On motion, the council adjourned to ten o'clock Friday morning.

MCHEMCH VS BACK

The expected contest between McChenck and Back for the council seat for the seventh district has not yet been broached. The sitting member, Mr. Beck, has yet received no notice of contest and it is not definitely known when the matter will come up.

THE IMMIGRATION BUREAU.

The bill of which Mr. Mills gave notice in the council to-day will conform to the recommendation of the governor's message on the subject of the immigration bureau. It will provide for the abolition of the bureau of immigration and for election of a commissioner of immigration, who will have general charge of immigration affairs, but will work in conjunction with the governor and secretary in disbursing money.

Mr. Miner has an anti-immigration bill all ready to put in. It wipes out the whole business and stops right there, leaving us without an immigration bureau or commissioner. Mr. Miner's constituents demand this. Clay county is nearly all occupied and has not much interest in the settlement of the balance of the territory. It was largely settled before the days of immigration bureaus, and can see no good in new inventions.

House.

The house met at 10 o'clock a. m., and was opened with prayer by the chaplain.

Roll called, members all present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on joint rules reported in favor of the joint rules of the last session. Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Coddington—that the clerk be directed to procure six copies of the Daily Press and Dakotian for each member of the house.

On motion of Gen. Beadle the resolution was laid on the table.

The chief clerk was directed to ascertain from the secretary of the territory whether any provision has been made for supplying the house with newspapers.

By Mr. Coddington—Resolved, That it be the privilege of the members of this house to invite to a seat within the bar occasionally a personal friend who may have occasion to visit us; provided that no member shall thus bring within the bar more than one person at any one time, without asking and obtaining permission of the speaker of the house. Adopted.

The house took a recess for half an hour.

AFTER RECESS.

A communication was received from the secretary of the territory informing the house that he would loan to members for their use during the session the copies of the laws of the last session now in the secretary's office.

Also a communication from the same gentleman replying to the house for information in regard to furnishing newspapers to members; in which he stated that he was prohibited by the federal authorities from using any part of the appropriation at his disposal for that purpose.

The house then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

JAMES VS. CLARKSON.

The house committee on elections had a meeting last night, and heard the testimony in the contested case of Jones vs. Clarkson from the 19th district. The committee adjourned until Friday evening, when they could hear any further evidence the parties may wish to present and the arguments of the attorneys in the case. Col. Moody appeared as counsel for Mr. Clarkson, and Messrs. Packard and Carrier for Mr. Jones.

BURBANK VS. KELLEHER.

The promised contest between J. R. Burbank and D. M. Kelleher, for the 7th district seat has not transpired. Mr. Burbank arrived last night, but up to the hour of adjournment to-day no notice of contest had been served on Mr. Kelleher, who has possession of the seat.