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THE DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

TWELFTH SESSION.

Tenth Days' Proceedings.

Council.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 19.

The council convened at ten a. m., with prayer by the chaplain.

All the members were present.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Wallace made a motion to the effect that the president appoint three members of the council to act with a like house committee as joint committee on enrolled bills. The motion was adopted and Messrs. Mills, Gunderson and Pettigrew were appointed as such committee.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, ETC.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill for an act to extend Richland and Morton counties from the division of the head law. The bill had its first and second readings and was referred to the committee on judiciary.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS, ETC.

The house bill to repeal chapter 1 of the laws of 1874-5 had its first and second readings and was referred to the committee on counties.

The house bill for an act to legalize the assessment of 1875 in Hanson county had its first and second readings and was ordered engrossed and was referred to the committee on judiciary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Council bill Nos. 4 and 5, the first referring to the abolishment of the immigration bureau and the second to the establishment of an immigration bureau, were reported back from the committee on territorial affairs and on motion of Mr. Wallace, amended by Mr. Pettigrew, were referred to a committee of the whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The council then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Valentine in the chair, having under consideration council bills Nos. 4 and 5.

On motion of Mr. Miser council bill No. 4 was so amended as to repeal all acts of previous legislatures on the subject of immigration.

A message from the house was received giving notice that the house had adopted a joint resolution calling for a joint session of the two houses in the house hall tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at two o'clock for the consideration of the Black Hills and that Dr. W. O. Meyer and Gen. A. R. Z. Dawson, of the Black Hills, be invited to be present and address the assembly.

The committee then resumed consideration of council bills Nos. 4 and 5.

Mr. Pettigrew argued that the two bills could be merged into one and made fully as effective as though they went through separately.

Mr. Miser thought an official could not be legislated out of office without first discontinuing his office.

A message was received from the house announcing the passage by that body of council bill No. 4, for the repeal of the law authorizing relief bonds, and council bill No. 5, a memorial asking for a division of the territory.

The subject before the committee was discussed at length by Messrs. Bailey, Wallace, Miner, Mills, and various other members of the council.

The committee rose at twelve o'clock, reported progress and asked leave to set

the message from the house in regard to a joint session of the two houses on the subject of the Black Hills was taken up and the resolution adopted, with an amendment inserting the name of George Henckle as one of the speakers before the joint session.

Council took recess until half past two p. m.

House.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 18.

NINTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house met at 2 o'clock, and went into committee of the whole and resumed the consideration of the civil code. The reading of the bill occupied the time of the house until five o'clock, when the committee arose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The house then adjourned.

HOUSE—TENTH DAY.

The house met, and was called to order by the speaker.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll called; members all present.

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

The committee on enrollment reported that they had examined house file No. 5, and found it correctly enrolled.

Mr. Clarkson presented the following joint resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, the council concurring, That the two houses of this legislative assembly meet in this hall in joint session for the consideration of the subject of the Black Hills, on tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and that Dr. W. O. Meyer and Gen. A. R. Z. Dawson, of the Black Hills, be invited to be present and address the assembly.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

By Mr. Sargent—To annex Ransom county to Richland county for record purposes.

By Mr. Hagle—A memorial to the postmaster general of the United States, praying that mail service on that part of route No. 83614, from Olney to Maxwell City, be increased to six times a week.

Also, a memorial to the postmaster general, praying that mail service on route No. 83614, from Vermillion to Olney, be increased to three times a week.

By Mr. Ertel—To change the name of Millee, in Armstrong county.

Council bill No. 6, a memorial praying for the division of Dakota Territory, and the organization of a new territory out of

the northern part thereof, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Kelleher the rules were suspended, the memorial read a second and third times, and passed.

Council bill No. 2, a bill to change the names of Elizabeth and John Smith was read a second time and referred to the committee on judiciary.

Council bill No. 3, a bill relating to territorial bonds, was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Irwin, the rules were suspended, the bill read a third time, and passed.

On motion the house took a recess until 2 o'clock p. m.