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THE DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

TWELFTH SESSION.

Tenth and Eleventh Days.

Opened.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 19.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Mills moved that all matters relating to immigration be referred to a special committee of three, and that further consideration thereof by the committee of the whole be dispensed with.

The motion was adopted, and Messrs. Mills, Pettigrew and Miner were appointed as such committee.

Mr. Valentine presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the engrossing and enrolling clerks of the council be, and they are hereby instructed and required to do and perform all such clerical acts and duties as may from time to time be required of them by the chief clerk of the council.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Potter moved that the special committee on immigration be requested to invite some of the leading Russians before them to ascertain their views on immigration. Adopted.

Mr. La Moure introduced a bill, No. 11, to grant to Daniel F. Brawley the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the Red River of the North. Read twice and referred to the committee on highways, bridges and ferries.

On motion of Mr. Bailey the probate code was made the special order for Saturday at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

On motion of Mr. Bailey the council went into committee of the whole, Mr. Mills in the chair, on the probate code.

After a few moments discussion the committee arose and reported the bill under consideration to the house with various amendments, and recommended its passage. The report was received and adopted.

The council then adjourned.

ELEVENTH DAY.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 20.

Council opened at ten o'clock, with prayer by the chaplain.

All the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Miner reported back from the judiciary committee, council bill No. 10, a bill for an act to exempt Burleigh and Morton counties from the provisions of the herd law, recommending its passage. Under a suspension of rules the bill was ordered engrossed, read a third time and passed, by a vote of 12 to 1, Mr. Mills voting in the negative.

Mr. LaMoure reported back from the committee on counties, house file No. 9, with a recommendation for its passage.

SECOND READING OF MEMORIALS.

Mr. Mills memorial to congress asking for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Yankton to the

Black Hills, via Bon Homme, was taken up, and on motion of Mr. Mills the rules were suspended and the memorial was put upon its second and third readings and passed by an unanimous vote.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS, ETC.

House file No. 9 was reported back from the judiciary committee with a recommendation that it pass. The bill repeals chapter one of the special and private laws of the last session, and is entitled "an act permitting Lincoln county to aid in bridging the Sioux river and encourage internal improvements." The bill was read second and third times under suspension of rules and passed by a vote of 11 to 2, Messrs. Pettigrew and Potter voting in the negative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, house file No. 3, a bill for an act establishing a code of procedure in probate courts, reported from committee of the whole, was taken up and after a few amendments was read a third time, ordered engrossed and passed by a vote of twelve in the affirmative, Mr. Potter being absent.

Under permission from the council, Mr. Bailey introduced bill No. 13 for an act to regulate the mode of proceeding in cases of contested elections of members of the legislative assembly. The bill was read twice by its title and referred to the judiciary committee.

On motion recess was taken until two o'clock.

Recess.

HOUSE—ELEVENTH DAY.

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

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll called.

The minutes read and approved.

PRITTIORS.

By Mr. Ziebach.—From citizens of Milltown, asking for the passage of an act changing the name of the town to Milton. Referred to the committee on counties and townships.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on education to which had been referred those portions of the governor's message relating to education was referred, submitted a report, making ready recommendations therein contained. Adopted.

Mr. Coddington, from the special committee to which had been referred the bill to incorporate the village of Sioux Falls, reported the bill back with a recommendation that the words "in the presence of the Everlasting God," in the form of oath prescribed in the bill be stricken out.

The report was received, the recommendations of the committee not adopted.

On motion, Messrs. Adams, Myrow and Taylor were excused from attendance today.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

By Mr. Sargent.—Granting to Geo. H. T. Johnson the right to establish and maintain

a ferry across the Red River of the North.

By Mr. Hackett.—To amend the charter of the city of Bismarck.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Hagle.—Two memorials praying for increase of mail service on route No. 13014.

By Mr. Ziebach.—For an act to change the name of Milltown in Armstrong county.

Council bill No. 1, to incorporate the village of Sioux Falls, was read a third time, amendment made by striking out of the form of oath the word "in the presence of the Everlasting God."

The house then took a recess until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house met at 2 p. m.

A message from the governor, transmitting a further report from the commissioners to codify the laws, was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Beadle, the rules were suspended, and a bill creating a code of civil procedure for the Territory of Dakota, was introduced, and certain portions thereof ordered printed.

The house then went into committee of the whole, with Mr. Dusham in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the civil code.

At the conclusion of the reading of the report, Mr. Thompson moved as an amendment that the contract rate of interest in the territory be changed from twelve to ten per cent.

The committee then arose, and through its chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again at 2 p. m. on Wednesday next.

The house then adjourned.