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THE DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

TWELFTH SESSION.

Twelfth and Thirteenth Days.

Council.

Yankton, Jan. 23.

Council opened with prayer by the chaplain.

All the members present.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A petition was presented from the citizens of Dakota asking for an appropriation of \$500 for a bridge across Dakota river. The petition was referred to the committee on highways, bridges and ferries.

Mr. Mills moved to reconsider the vote by which the communication from Turner county was referred to the special committee on immigration, and that it be referred to a committee of which the member from Turner be a member. The communication referred to the abolishment of the immigration bureau.

Mr. Valentine stated that the communication had been put in by his political opponent and had been given into another's hands as a snub to him. He asked that it be referred to a committee of which he was a member.

The communication was therefore referred to the committee on printing, of which Mr. Valentine is chairman.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message was received from the house giving notice of the passage of several house bills.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Miner presented the report of the judiciary committee on that portion of the Governor's message referring to rebel funds. The report specified that the Governor was right in putting his veto to the bill, and that the legislature was wrong in passing it over his veto. The committee further reported that no further action was necessary.

Mr. Mills reported from the committee on enrolled bills that the bill granting a charter to the village of Sioux Falls had been correctly enrolled.

Mr. LaMoore reported back from the committee on counties, the memorial asking for an additional land district in Northwestern Dakota, and recommended its adoption.

Mr. Miner reported back from the judiciary committee the bill upon the subject of contested election cases in the Dakota legislature with the recommendation that the bill pass.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

Mr. Wilson gave notice of a bill to amend section 7, chapter 55, of the general laws of 1874-5, for the removal of the United States court from Fargo to Bismarck.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, &c.

Mr. Pettigrew introduced a bill for funding the debt of Minnehaha county. The bill was read first and second times and referred to the committee on finance.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS.

House file No. 7, a memorial to congress to vacate a certain Indian reservation had its first and second readings.

The house bill to change the name of the town of Milltown to Milton was read twice and on motion of Mr. Bailey was rejected upon the ground that a law of the last session gave to the district court authority to change the names of towns, &c.

House file No. 14, a memorial to the postmaster general asking additional mail service on route No. 35,014, from Vermilion to Olivet, be increased to three times a week, was referred back to the house for correction.

House file No. 13, a memorial asking for an increase of service on route No. 35,014, be increased to six times a week was referred back to the house for correction.

On motion of Mr. Valentine, the vote referring back to the house for correction house files Nos. 13 and 14 was reconsidered. On motion of Mr. Bailey, the council went into committee of the whole, Mr. Mills in the chair, on the bill regulating contested elections.

The committee rose and reported the bill under consideration with a recommendation that it be referred to special committee of three. It was so referred and Messrs. Bailey, Potter and Miner were appointed such committee.

The council took a recess until two o'clock p. m.

HOUSE.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 22.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house met at 2 p. m.

On motion the rules were suspended and Mr. Ziebach presented house file No. 17, a bill for an act to incorporate the city of Yankton which was read the first time.

The house then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Clarkson in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the penal code.

At the conclusion of the reading of the code, and the suggestion of various amendments, the committee rose and reported the amendments, and recommended that the bill pass.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted, and the bill read a third time and passed.

On motion, the committee on ways and means was granted leave to sit during the hours of the meeting of the house for the balance of the week.

The house then adjourned.

HOUSE.

Yankton, Jan. 23.

House met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the speaker. Roll called, members all present.

The minutes were read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Ziebach introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, By the house of representatives the council concurring, that the speaker shall appoint a committee of three members of the house from Yankton county to act with a committee of two members of the council to draw up and present a bill for a revenue law for the county of Yankton and that said committee, in order to fully and efficiently discharge the duty imposed, shall have power to send for persons and papers.

NOTICE OF BILLS.

By Mr. Coddington—To legalize the organization of the board of county commissioners and the qualification of the register of deeds and ex-officio county clerk of Brookings county.

By Mr. Van Tassel—Granting to George Savaris the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the Missouri river at or near old Fort George, D. T.

By Mr. Maywald—To authorize school district No. 4, Bon Homme county, to issue bonds for the erection of a school building.

By Mr. Adams—For the repeal of chapter 32, special and private laws of 1863-9, approved January 15, 1879.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Sargeant—A bill for an act to attach the county of Ransom to the county of Richland for the purpose of recording deeds, etc., which was read a first time.

The amendments of the council to the probate code, were concurred in by the house.

Council bill No. 9, a memorial for a grant of land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Yankton, via Bon Homme and Springfield, to the Black Hills, was read a second time and referred to the special committee on the Black Hills.

Council bill No. 10, a bill to exempt the counties of Burleigh and Morton from the provisions of the herd law, was read a second time and referred to the committee on agriculture.