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## THE DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

### TWELFTH SESSION.

Fifteenth and Sixteenth Days.

#### Council.

AFTERNOON SESSION.  
YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 25.

#### A CONTUMACIOUS FIDDLER.

At the opening of the afternoon session was drawing his rosined bow over the strings of his instrument in the room below, thereby creating a noise which disturbed the proceedings of the council. The sergeant-at-arms was by order of the president, sent to request him to desist. He replied that he was selling fiddles for a living and that he could not stop the music. He had intense respect for the lawmakers of Dakota, but must insist on exhibiting his goods to customers.

Mr. Miner offered a resolution that the sergeant-at-arms be instructed to preserve order and arrest any and all persons who disturb the order of the council and arraign them at the bar of the council.

The resolution was adopted and the sergeant-at-arms was instructed by the president to bring the disturber of order before the bar of the council.

The sergeant-at-arms shortly returned bringing with him H. W. White, proprietor of a music store located in a room underneath the council chamber. He was reprimanded by the president and warned to desist in future from musical indulgences within hearing of the council.

On motion of Mr. La Moure a committee of three was appointed to ascertain why the council had not been provided with five hundred copies of the governors' message, in compliance with its resolution.

The council then went into committee of the whole on house bill No. 1.

#### SIXTEENTH DAY.

Yankton, Jan. 26.

Council met at ten o'clock and was opened with prayer by the chaplain.

Present—Mr. President all the members except Mr. Wilson.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Bailey, from the committee on finance reported back council bill No. 14, a bill for an act to fund the indebtedness of Minnehaha counties. The committee had considered the bill and recommended that it be passed. The bill went to its third reading and was ordered re-committed and printed.

Mr. Bailey, from the committee on finance reported council bill No. 15, a bill to extend the time for paying taxes in Minnehaha county for the year 1876, without penalty or interest, with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill as amended was passed by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Back, Bailey, Duncan, Gunderson, La Moure, Miner, Mills, Pettigrew, Potter, Valentine, Wallace; noes—Mr. President; absent and not voting—Mr. Wilson.

#### REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

Mr. Mills, from the select committee to whom was referred council bill Nos. 4 and 5, relating respectively to the repeal of the act establishing a bureau of immigration reported a substitute for the two bills. The proposed new bill provides for the establishment of a board of immigration to consist of a superintendent and two commissioners, shall receive no compensation and that the superintendent shall be ex officio manager of the board. There is provided for an appropriation of \$2,000 per year to pay the expenses of an agent appointed to go to Europe to influence immigration and an appropriation of \$400 per year to pay the traveling expenses of the superintendent his aid postage, stationary and printing bills. Fred J. Cross is named in the bill as superintendent and Newton Edmunds and Jacob Max as commissioners.

Mr. Miner, from the same committee, made a minority report asking that the bill reported by the majority do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Mills the bill as reported by the majority was ordered printed.

Mr. Back offered a resolution calling for a special committee to investigate the financial standing of the territory, but upon hearing that the finance committee had that matter in charge, withdrew his resolution.

Mr. Mills stated that there was a clause in the penal code making it a misdemeanor to dispose of property covered by chattel mortgage and that the council had by amendment charged the offence to larceny. He thought a conference committee to act with a house committee in considering this subject should be appointed.

On motion, Messrs. Bailey and Wallace were appointed as such committee.

#### HOUSE BILLS, ETC.

On motion house file No. 18, an act attaching the county of Ransom to the county of Richland for record purposes, was read a second time and referred to the judiciary committee.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Back submitted a resolution calling upon the finance committee to act in conjunction with the house committee on ways and means for the purpose of ascertaining the present financial condition of the territory, the object being to ascertain whether or not there is any money to appropriate. The resolution was adopted.

House file No. 7, a memorial asking for the vacation of certain Indian reservations was taken up and passed.

Mr. Wallace gave notice of a bill to fix the time for burning prairies.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the council went into committee of the whole on house file No. 1, an act to provide a civil code for Dakota, Mr. Mills in the chair.

#### House.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Yankton, Jan. 25.

The house reassembled at 2 o'clock and was called to order by the speaker.

On motion of Mr. Thompson the resolution ordering the printing of 2,000 copies of Dr. Meyer's address was laid upon the table.

On motion the rules were suspended, and house file No. 2, a bill for an act to establish a penal code, to which amendments had been made by the council, was brought up and the house went into committee of the whole, Mr. Coddington in the chair, for the consideration of the amendments.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, reported, and recommended the concurrence of the house in all but one of the council amendments, and that the speaker appoint a committee on the part of the council on the matter of disagreement of the two houses.

The recommendations were adopted, and Messrs. Beadle, Coddington and Dunham appointed a conference committee on the part of the house.

The house then went into committee of the whole, Mr. Coddington in the chair for the consideration of the political code.

After some time spent therein, the committee arose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The house then adjourned.