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LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT

The joint committee of both houses on apportionment of representatives in the legislature had a long session yesterday and finally came to an agreement which is a compromise between the house bill introduced by Mr. Grumble and the council bill introduced by Mr. Kaykendall. The coming together of this committee has been long delayed, there being a disposition to hold off until the details of the important matter were thoroughly digested. The apportionment as finally agreed upon in the joint committee assigns to the various counties the following representation:

1st district—Union county—one member of the council and two members of the house.

2d district—Clay, Turner and McCook counties—one member of the council and two members of the house.

3d district—Yankton county—one member of the council and three members of the house.

4th district—Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Brule, Buffalo, Hutchinson, Armstrong, Hanson and Davison counties—one member of the council and two members of the house.

5th district—Lawrence county—two members of the council and four members of the house.

6th district—Lincoln county—one member of the council and one member of the house.

7th district—Minnehaha county—one member of the council and two members of the house.

8th district—Lake, Moody, Brookings, Deuel, Hamlin, Codington, Wood and Grant counties—one member of the council and two members of the house.

9th district—Cass, Richland, Barnes, Benson and Foster counties—one member of the council and two members of the house.

10th district—Traill, Grand Forks, Ramsey and Pembina counties—one member of the council and two members of the house.

11th district—Burleigh, Kidder, Morton, Emmons, Stutsman and Stevens counties—one member of the council and one member of the house.

12th district—Pennington and Custer counties—one member of the house.

This is the agreement reached by the joint committee. It is, of course, subject to some modifications in the two bodies which the committee represents, but it is as it stands the result of many days and nights of earnest labor.

THE LEGISLATURE.

To-day's Doings in the Respective Bodies.

Just as "jocund morn stood tip-toe on the misty mountain's height," the early members Dakota body of law-makers, with muffled heads and humped shoulders, wended their way to the court house to earn their per diem before starting on the Beloit excursion. In

THE COUNCIL.

the president took the chair promptly at half past seven o'clock and called the body to order. A quorum was present.

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The chaplain, not being so early a riser, and furthermore being a ruralist, living several miles in the country, he was, on motion of Capt. Miner, excused. A suggestion that the sergeant-at-arms perform the chaplain's duty was promptly voted down on the ground that there was not sufficient available time to permit that functionary to do justice to the subject, and for the further reason that the invocation would be more appropriate and necessary after the return of the excursionists.

On motion of Mr. Pettigrew, the reporter for the Press and Dakotian, who had just gone to bed, was also excused.

An omnibus motion, including and excusing all the absent members, was made and adopted.

Whereupon, by general consent, the council adjourned to the depot, and were soon snugly ensconced in the well provided and appointed excursion train for Beloit.

IN THE HOUSE

similar proceedings were had at the same unseemly hour, and at the appointed hour a quiet adjournment was effected, and the members of the house were soon in committee of the whole with those of the council on the excursion train to Beloit. The prayer of the reporter is, that they may remember their virtues and their failings; and that when the day's pleasures and festivities are over, they may, figuratively speaking, realize that 'tis sweet to hear the watch dog's honest bark bay deep mouthed welcome as they draw near home."