



## DAKOTA'S LEGISLATURE.

The Press and Dakotarian's Report of the Proceedings of the Council and House of Representatives.

Fourteenth Session—54th Day.

### Council.

Saturday, March 5.—The council met at nine o'clock a. m., Mr. President in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.  
All the members present.

### RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Mr. Jolley presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the council are hereby tendered to Hon. George H. Walsh for the fair, impartial and able manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of president of the council during the present session.

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

*Resolved*: That the council tender a vote of thanks to the Rev. Mr. McCready for his able service as chaplain during our present session.

The following resolution, by Mr. Seobey, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the council are hereby tendered to E. B. Dawson, our chief clerk, Jacob Branch, sergeant-at-arms, Moses Liverman, assistant clerk, James B. Hall, enrolling clerk, and all the subordinate officers of this council for the faithful and able manner in which they have discharged their respective duties and we tender them our best wishes for our future prosperity.

There were a few remarks by the members of the council expressive of their faith in each other, their regard for their presiding officer, and their regret over the final parting.

### RECESS.

The council, at eleven o'clock a. m., took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

### House.

Saturday, March 5.—The house convened at ten a. m. and was opened with prayer by the chaplain.

Mr. Speaker in the chair and a quorum present.

The journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

### PARTING WORDS.

Mr. Ellefson rose in his seat and spoke briefly upon the subject of adjournment, regretting the necessity for the parting which was about to occur and bidding his associates farewell. It was an excellent little speech, sincere and heartfelt, and was received as it was given.

### RESOLUTIONS OF REGARD.

There being no business before the house, Mr. Thorne presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, This fourteenth legislative assembly is about to close a session rendered more than usually pleasant through the universal affluity of its members, the uniform courtesy of its officers and the marked hospitality of the citizens of Yankton; therefore

*Resolved*, That we take our departure from the city of Yankton with the kindest emotions of esteem and friendship for the people of the capital city, and recognize our manifold obligations for the hospitality and friendship abundantly bestowed.

*Resolved*, That we recognize the development of fraternal relations among the members of this house, founded upon the harmony of their deliberations and a manifest regard for personal feelings in all their public debates, and we return to our several homes bearing with us grateful memories of mutual esteem generated during a brief and pleasant association.

*Resolved*, That we tender our thanks to the officers of this house for the faithful discharge of their several duties and their prompt attention to the necessities and wishes of the members, and particularly do we acknowledge and approve the able and efficient services of the chief clerk, Mr. F. J. Mead, and the assistant clerk, Mr. J. C. Piatt, whose duties have been unusually arduous and extensive.

*Resolved*, That we will ever hold in high esteem the characteristic and admirable manner in which this duty. That his kind and impartial administration and government of this body has endeared him to each member as a friend and as such is recorded in the hearts of each member as we do now adjourn.

Upon motion of Mr. Cross the resolutions were adopted.

Mr. Inman presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the members are due and are cordially tendered to J. A. Harding, the speaker, for the able and impartial manner in which he has performed the duties devolving upon him, and his members beg he will bear with him to his home, as their labors close, their kindest regards and their best wishes for his future welfare.

Mr. Boyles spoke upon the resolution, and in a happy manner sustained the sentiments therein contained, and assured his legislative associates that his experiences with them had been of the most pleasant nature.

### PRESENTATION SPEECH.

A gold headed cane having been purchased by the members of the house as a token of their regard for Speaker Harding, Mr. Dickey rose in his seat and made the following presentation speech:

MR. CHAIRMAN:—On behalf of the members of the house of representatives, I take this occasion to informally present to the honorable speaker of this body a slight token of the esteem in which they hold the gentleman from Lawrence.

In making the presentation we desire to accompany it with the assurance that we are not unmindful of the many trying and vexatious questions it has been the duty of the speaker to decide, and have noticed the fair and impartial manner in which they have been rendered, and as we separate, many of us perhaps never to meet again, it is our wish that he accept from us in the spirit in which it is tendered this symbol of friendship and when the present shall have become the past and we have again resumed our several avocations of life, he may walk down the remaining years of his existence with this staff to comfort him, as it represents the best wishes of its donors.

While not in possession of the gift now, we are assured that it will arrive on the first train from Sioux City.

The present, Mr. Chairman, consists of an ebony cane with crooked gold handle and bearing this inscription: "Complimentary to Speaker Harding from the members of the house of representatives, session 1881."

Speaker Harding, in reply, said he most certainly accepted the gift, not for its intrinsic value, but more especially because it was the offering of those whom he esteemed. He trusted that the members of this house might have their pathways strewn with flowers. Thanking the house for the indulgencies of the past he closed by wishing that their future might be the best their hearts could desire.

### VARIOUS REMARKS.

Mr. French spoke in behalf of Yankton and said that if any person had reason to feel grateful for the hospitable greeting and treatment of the people of this city, he was that person. He had come among them two years ago, and his experiences here had been the most pleasant. Mr. French spoke at considerable length upon this subject, making a touching speech.

Mr. Wells announced that during the session two of the members of the house, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Thompson had been made happy by additions to their families, and as such events were worthy of recognition, a purse of twenty-eight dollars had been contributed by the members of the house for the purchase of two solid silver cups for the babies which had been adopted by the lower house of the Dakota legislature.

Mr. Wells also said that his stay in Yankton had been made very pleasant by the courtesy of the people and the kindness of the members of the legislature. He further desired to extend an expression of regard and esteem to the executive.

Mr. Van Osdel addressed a few words to the house, embodying his thanks to his fellow members for courtesies received.

Mr. Thorne said that his associations here had been very pleasant and desired to thank his associates for contributing thereto. The Sioux valley had been kindly treated and as one of its representatives it was his pleasure to thank all the members and officers of the house.

Mr. Thompson rose and thanked the house for the beautiful present given his new born son.

Mr. Inman spoke a few moments upon the associations of the session and its pleasant experiences. He had never known a legislative assembly which preserved so much good feeling as had been developed during the session about to close.

### A CONFESSION.

Mr. Warner made a confession. The Black Hills delegation had come to the capital with the expectation that they would be compelled to fight through every measure they wanted. After a few days' work he had discovered that this was purely imaginary. They had worked in perfect harmony with the "Yankton Ring" and had met with nothing but the kindest treatment and the heartiest aid. The Hills delegation were under the greatest obligations to the cow counties, and in recognition thereof he presented the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the members of the house of representatives from the Black Hills to the fourteenth legislative assembly of Dakota, are hereby cheerfully and heartily tendered to this legislature for granting to the Hills portion of the territory, through its members, such local legislation, as in the judgment of the Hills members was deemed necessary for that particular locality; and also to the citizens of Yankton for their hospitality bestowed upon the aforesaid members from the Hills.

The resolution was adopted.

### AN INVITATION ACCEPTED.

Mr. Wells extended an invitation to the members of the legislature to take a trip next summer through northern Dakota as the guests of various railroads.

The invitation was accepted and a committee to manage the affair was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Wells, Thorne, Boyles and Warner.

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A message was received from the governor announcing his approval of house files 172, 188, 204, 214, 238, 239, 240 and 242.

### RECESS.

The house at 11:45 a. m. took a recess until three o'clock p. m.