



## DAKOTA'S LEGISLATURE.

### A Complete Report of the Proceedings of the Council and the House.

Fifteenth Session—Ninth Day.

#### Council.

Called to order at ten o'clock by President Scooby.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll call. Absent Messrs. Dewey, Ziebach and Washabaugh.

Reading of the journal.

While the reading was in progress the absent members arrived.

#### NOTICE OF BILLS.

Mr. Jackson gave notice of an act to amend an act to establish the independent school district of Valley Springs.

Mr. Walsh gave notice of a bill to establish the office of county attorney and to abolish the office of district attorney.

#### READING OF BILLS.

Council bill No. 8 was read. This provides for the repeal of section 427 of the penal code. Referred to judiciary committee.

The clerk then started to read council bill No. 9, which is a bill to amend the charter of the village of Brookings.

Mr. Roberts moved that as it was a matter of only local interest, the further reading be dispensed with and the bill be referred. Bill referred to committee on incorporations.

Mr. Nickeus introduced a resolution that the committee on printing be instructed to ascertain the cost of printing the journals of the council and house daily, with an additional 500 copies at the end of the session. Adopted.

Mr. Jackson suggested that a fitting recognition be made of the reception tendered them by the people of Sioux Falls.

Mr. Roberts thought such a recognition was due to the people of Sioux Falls and Vermillion, and also the railroad company. The matter was referred to committee on arrangements.

Mr. Dewey introduced a petition of C. J. B. Harris, asking for compensation for work performed in 1873 and '74 in compiling the laws of the territory. The reason of compensation never having been made is that it is asserted that the bill, under which the work was done, never became a law. The fact that it never became a law is evidenced by the fact that it does not appear upon the journal of the council. On the contrary, however, it appears on the journal of the house and was signed by the governor, on which ground it is claimed that it did become a law. The compensation asked is \$2,000 for work performed and \$1,000 for interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum since payment has been due.

Mr. Washabaugh asked that the petition be referred to the committee on appropriations.

Mr. Neckeus objected on the ground that it should go to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Washabaugh thought this improper, and Mr. Neckeus withdrew his objection, and the petition was referred to the committee on appropriations.

Mr. Dewey moved a recess of twenty minutes. Carried.

Called to order at 11:15.

Mr. Donaldson suggested that council bills No. 1 and 2 be signed by the chief clerk and sent to the speaker of the house. Done.

Mr. Washabaugh gave notice of a bill to amend the act defining the boundaries of the judicial districts of Dakota, and to fix the times of holding court therein.

At 11:50 Mr. Burdick moved to adjourn to 10 o'clock to-morrow. Carried.

#### Session Notes.

The bill of which Mr. Washabaugh gave notice in the council this morning in regard to the changing of the boundaries of the judicial districts provides that the counties of Pratt, Stanley and Rank, now included in the 2d district, and all that portion of Boreman which lies south of the 46th parallel and is now partially in the 3d and partially in the 2d districts, shall be added to the 1st district. This would make the Missouri river the eastern boundary of the 1st district, north of Pierre.

#### House.

##### TUESDAY EVENING.

House met at 7:30, Mr. Speaker in the chair.

After prayer by the chaplain Mr. Pyatt gave notice of a bill to legalize the incorporation of the town of Wahpeton, and the house adjourned.

##### WEDNESDAY.

House convened at ten a. m., Mr. Speaker in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplain.

Roll call showed all the members in their seats, excepting Mr. Rice.

#### MOTIONS.

Mr. Thompson moved that the resolution prohibiting smoking in the house chamber be expunged from the journal. Adopted.

Mr. Benson moved that a committee of nine on legislative apportionment be appointed by the speaker. Adopted and the speaker announced that he would announce the committee to-morrow.

#### NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Thompson—To amend section three of chapter twenty-six of the laws of 1879, relating to the sale of liquor.

By Mr. Allred—To create the county of Raymond.

By Mr. Sterling—To locate the blind asylum of Dakota at Huron; also to attach townships 113 to 116, north of ranges 71 to 73 west, to Hyde county.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Pyatt—House file No. 2—To legalize the incorporation of the town of Wahpeton.

By Mr. Bowman—House file No. 3—To establish public highways by consent.

By Mr. Sterling—House file No. 4—To authorize school district No. 1, Beadle

county, to issue bonds to fund its outstanding indebtedness.

#### COUNCIL BILLS.

Council bill No. 3—To change the name of Peter Halverson, and council bill No. 5, to extend the time for the payment of the delinquent taxes of 1882, had their first reading.

#### HOUSE BILL.

No. 1, To vacate a portion of Phillips avenue, Sioux Falls, had its second reading and went to the committee on counties and townships.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The speaker announced that he had appointed Clarence A. Webster, of Grand Forks, assistant sergeant-at arms. Mr. Webster came forward and was sworn.

Mr. Bauman moved that a committee of three be appointed to refer the governor's message to its appropriate committees. Lost.

The certificates of election of Lamb and Phillips, contestants from the seventh district, were placed by the speaker in the hands of the elections committee.

Mr. Pratt moved that the governor's message be made the general order for to-morrow. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Pyatt, the house, at 11 o'clock, a. m., adjourned to 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

#### Session Notes.

C. A. Webster who was to-day appointed by Speaker Williams assistant sergeant-at arms of the house, is the city editor of the Grand Forks Herald. The press of Dakota has very properly been well cared for in the organization of the legislature. Chief Clerk Henderson, of the council is from the Grand Forks Plaindealer, Assistant Clerk Quinn of the council is from the Fargo Republican, Engraving Clerk Mallahan is from the Elk Point Courier, Assistant Clerk Cressey of the house is from the Huron Leader and Mr. Webster makes the fifth editor on the list.

The bill of which Mr. Thompson, of Minnehaha, gave notice to-day will attempt to amend the license law in these particulars: An increase of the minimum sum required for a liquor license from two hundred to five hundred dollars; an increase of the maximum sum required for a liquor license from five hundred to one thousand dollars. Mr. Thompson also proposes to make some change in the bond requirements in connection with the sale of liquor. The bill if it becomes a law is not to go into effect until January 1, 1884.

Mr. Sterling gave notice to-day of a bill to locate the Dakota blind asylum at Huron. The people of Huron are desirous of securing this institution and are willing to do what is right in the way of grounds, &c. They argue further that Huron is on a dead level and there is no chance for the blind who come to their town to fall off from anything.

By next week the legislature will get down to business. The first ten days must necessarily be devoted to preparation and to the arrangement of the work of the session. Next Friday the members will inspect the insane asylum and that will close their rambles among public buildings.