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LEGISLATIVE RECORD
OF THE
Sixty-Eighth Legislature
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1897.

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Washington, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby extended to Hon. E. C. Stevens, superintendent of public buildings, for fitting the members' desks with Yale locks and keys.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act relating to a branch railroad track in Ashland and Sheridan plantation.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to amend the Private and Special Laws of 1893, relating to the Glidden Water Company.

An act authorizing the "Draper Company" to issue preferred stock and to hold stock and bonds of other corporations.

An act to authorize the United Gas and Electric Company of New Hampshire to hold property and do business in Maine.

An act to amend section 38 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relative to notice in probate proceedings.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend the charter of the Union Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

An act to change the name of the Kittery and York Electric Railroad Company.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve providing for State pensions for invalid soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphans, and the dependent children, parents and sisters of deceased soldiers and sailors eligible thereto under existing law.

TAKEN FROM TABLE AND REFERRED.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, the following were taken from the table and referred to the committee on interior waters:

Bill relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

Petition of White Bros. and 15 others of Danforth for amendment of charter of the Baskahegan Dam Company.

Bill to incorporate Shin Pond Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Monday, Feb. 1, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leach of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate passed in concurrence.

The Senate non-concurred with the House in referring to the committee on inland fisheries and game the petitions of A. M. Spear and 186 others of Gardiner for preservation of smelts in Kennebec river, of F. G. Sherman and 30 others and of D. S. Tasker and 118 others, all of Randolph, for the same, and referred said petitions to the committee on shore fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner the petitions were laid on the table pending reference in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to provide for filling vacancies in the board of directors of the Maine General Hospital.

An act to correct a clerical error in chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1891 relating to migratory fish.

An act to authorize the county of Androscoggin to make a loan and issue bonds therefor.

An act to amend section 17, chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to change of name in divorce proceedings.

An act to amend section 1, chapter 121 of the Revised Statutes, relating to forgery.

The following petitions, bills and resolves, were presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Petition of Charles F. Johnson and 50 others for amendment to the law relating to inspection of milk; of G. A. Kennison and 42 others for same; of Remi Plurd and 30 others of Grand Isle for additional term of supreme judicial court at Caribou; of committee of the Board of Trade of the city of Augusta with accompanying bill praying that the charter of said city may be amended and that the act be submitted to the legal voters of said city for their approval; of Charles M. Jones and 49 others for legislation relating to the Baker punitive chair; of Alonzo Walker and 45 others for same.

By Mr. Golder of Belgrade—Petition of John N. Bates and 213 others of Oakland for same; of J. C. Harding and 217 others of Oakland for same; of Mrs. Delia Williams and others, women of Oakland and vicinity, for same.

By Mr. Noble of Lewiston—Bill an act to amend chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of land for non-payment of taxes as amended by chapter 70 of the Public Laws of 1895; bill an act to establish the Maine Polyclinic.

By Mr. Williams of Augusta—Bill an act relating to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary; bill an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta.

By Mr. Moore of Deering—Petition of 31 residents of Deering for repeal of certain laws of 1895 relating to the distribution of electricity.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Petition of V. C. Penman and 10 others of Addison praying for the establishment of a municipal court for the western part of said county.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Bill an act to authorize the Madison corporation to purchase the property and franchise of the Madison Water Co. and to incorporate the Madison Village Corporation and Water Commission with accompanying petition.

By Mr. Wilson of Gorham—Petition of King S. Raymond and 38 others of Westbrook for repeal of law restricting the competition in supply of electrical power to towns and cities, and asking legislation for the generation and transmission of such power in Cumberland county.

By Mr. Martin of Liberty—Petition of T. P. Matthews and 25 others of Liberty asking for the passage of a bill to rid the county of pack peddlers.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Bill an act regulating the costs in municipal, police and trial justice courts; bill an act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal court of Biddeford and Saco.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Bill an act to amend section 19 of chapter 142 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls; re-

solve in favor of Maine Industrial School for Girls.

By Mr. Boynton of Sullivan—Bill an act to empower towns to elect superintendent of schools and pay superintending school committee for services.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Resolve in favor of the Maine School for Girls.

By Mr. Tarbell of Benton—Petition of E. H. Gould and 50 others of Clinton for equalization of school tax law.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Petition of George E. Williams and 150 others of Presque Isle for same.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newfield—Petition of L. O. Shaw and 30 others of Newfield for same.

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—Petition of L. W. Jose and 32 others of Dexter for same.

By Mr. Day of Turner—Petition of S. G. Shurtlief and 41 others of Livermore in favor of Leavitt Institute.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Tarbell of Benton—Petition of J. W. Simpson and 48 others in aid of petition of V. R. Tuttle and others relative to Waldo and Somerset Railway Company.

MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Gowell of Berwick—Bill an act additional to chapter 49 of the Revised Statutes, relating to mutual fire insurance companies.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield—Bill an act to provide for the navigation of the Kennebec river between Shawmut dam and the south line of Skowhegan.

By Mr. Jewell of Hallowell—Bill an act to incorporate the Misery Stream Dam Company.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Whiting of Norridgewock—Petition of John Pinkham and 89 others for aid in building highway in town of Starks and Anson.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Luce of New Vineyard—Petition of Andrew Keene and seven others of East Madrid, for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Franklin county for 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Ames of Jefferson—Petition of W. E. Jackson and 29 others of Jef-

person, for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Lincoln county for 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. McIntire of Rockport—Petition of J. B. Packard and 40 others of Camden, for liberal appropriation for protection of fish and game for 1897 and 1898.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Petition of Charles E. Patten and 38 others of Bath, for the enactment of a law abolishing all devices of every description for the taking of smelts except by hook and line; of J. H. Myers and 11 others of Dresden, Lincoln county, relating to the taking of shad and alewives from the Eastern river in Dresden; remonstrance of Charles P. Small and 34 others, against transferring to the Winnegance Mill Dam Company the right to catch bass in Winnegance creek.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Gowell of Berwick—Remonstrance of John Gowell and 183 others of Berwick, against the proposed division of Berwick.

By Mr. Gardner of Dennysville—Remonstrance of W. I. Crane and 21 others of Whiting, against division of said town.

TAXATION.

By Mr. Holmes of Addison—Petition of Levi Leighton and 41 others of Columbia Falls, asking for additional aid for public schools, also to reduce the sum to be raised by towns for the same; of J. E. White and 46 others of Columbia, for same; of F. G. Coffin and 54 others of Harrington, for same.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Bill an act relating to the taxation of real estate mortgaged.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Macomber from the committee on the Eastern Maine insane hospital, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine insane hospital. Printed under rule.

Mr. Murray from the committee on military affairs, on petition of Col. Elijah Walker, reported a resolve for marking the position held by the Fourth Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg. Printed under rule; also reported re-

solve for an appropriation for marking the position held by the Third Regiment of Infantry, Maine Volunteers, on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

Resolve providing for the payment to the city of Rockland of amount deducted from said city's proportion of the school fund for the year 1896 on account of an imperfect school return.

An act to legalize the doings of the county commissioners of Penobscot county in making temporary loans, and to authorize said county to borrow money and issue bonds.

An act to amend the charter of the Maine Trust and Banking Company.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to repeal section 42, of chapter 140, of the Revised Statutes, relating to resentencing of convicts sentenced to the State prison.

An act to change the name of the Sanford Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

An act relating to the expenditures of the railroad commissioners.

An act to amend section 31, chapter 83, Revised Statutes, relating to unpaid executions issued by deceased trial justices.

An act to amend section 6, chapter 78, Revised Statutes, relating to the general term of the county commissioners' court of Hancock county.

Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson.

An act additional to the act of 1868, chapter 43, to establish a ferry across the Penobscot river between Ayer's falls and Marsh rips, as amended by act of 1880, chapter 221.

On motion of Mr. Merrill of Portland, the above act in regard to the ferry across the Penobscot river, was laid on the table.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend chapter 136, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to contributions by husbands and fathers to support of wives and children.

An act to legalize the lease of the Old Town Street Railway Company.

An act to extend the charter of the Maine Live Stock Insurance Company.

An act in addition to and to amend chapter 634, Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50, Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Hampden and Winterport Electric Railway and Light Company.

An act to amend section 11, of chapter 224, of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, relating to the Augusta municipal court.

An act to repeal chapter 503, of the Private and Special Laws of 1828, to regulate the taking of fish in Narraguagus river.

An act to empower the Portland Elevator Company to lay a railroad track, lease its franchise, and other purposes.

An act to amend an act establishing a municipal court in the city of Waterville.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb of Eastport,

Adjourned.