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

1897.

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Ordered, That the committee on legal affairs be required to examine into the expediency of having bells attached to horses drawing teams with wheels after dark.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Merrill for the committee on agriculture reported resolve of Somerset County Grange in favor of the cash versus the labor system for repairing highways, that the same be referred to the committee on judiciary. Report accepted and resolve referred.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to contributions by husbands and fathers to the 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 to amend an act establishing a municipal court in the town of Waterville.

An act in addition to and to amend chapter 634 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 50 of the 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 Narragagus river.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln, Senate document No. 31, an act to provide for the preservation of deeds now in Lincoln county relating to land in Kennebec county in Kennebec Registry, was taken from the table and given its first reading.

Mr. Clason of Kennebec, moved to amend by striking out section 4 of said bill. The amendment was adopted and the bill as amended assigned for its second reading tomorrow.

On motion by Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis, Senate document No. 24, a communication from the committee appointed under resolve of 1895 relating to rates and price of board at the Insane hospital, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Insane hospital.

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

HOUSE.

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gibson of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate passed in concurrence.

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

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.

The following bills, petitions, etc., were presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner—Petition of Mrs. J. A. Hodgkins and 42 others of Gardiner, praying for municipal suffrage for women; of Hon. Frederick Robie and others of Gorham, for same; of Estelle M. Brainard and 62 others for same.

By Mr. Knowlton of Portland—Bill an act to extend the rights and privileges of the Underwood Company.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Petition of Horace M. Leighton and 25 others of Columbia Falls, for establishment of a municipal court in the western part of Washington county; bill an act to amend section 45 of chap-

ter 140, Revised Statutes, relating to the State prison.

By Mr. Daggett of Smyrna—Bill an act to amend section 33 of chapter 24, Revised Statutes, relating to paupers.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Pratt of Woodland—Petition of Turner Willey of Washburn, and others asking for a change in the insolvency law.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Petition of David A. Howe of Presque Isle, and 81 others for same.

By Mr. Simpson of York—Bill an act additional to chapter 51, Revised Statutes, relating to transmission of bicycles as baggage.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Bill an act to amend section 55, chapter 113, Revised Statutes, relating to poor debtors' disclosure.

By Mr. Moore of Deering—Bill an act to amend chapter 506 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled an act to incorporate the city of Deering; bill an act to establish a commission of public works in the city of Deering; bill an act to amend section 6 and 9 of chapter 18, Revised Statutes, relating to ways.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Pearl of Bangor—Petition of George .. Stevens of Bangor, and 550 others, for change of by-law of the Eastern Maine General Hospital.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newfield—Petition of C. S. Whitten and 13 others of Burnham in favor of school tax bill.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—Petition of L. A. Packard and 28 others of Jay for same.

By Mr. Moore of Deering—Petition of John E. Sawyer and 40 others of Deering in favor of Westbrook Seminary.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of G. F. Cook of Casco, and 60 others, in favor of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Hutchinson of Auburn—Petition of W. S. Badger and others, trustees of Augusta Savings Bank, asking for reduction of tax on savings banks.

By Mr. Wilson of Gorham—Petition of Frederick Robie and others, trustees of the Gorham Savings Bank, for same.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield—Petition of C. G. Totman and others, trustees of the Fairfield Savings Bank, for same.

By Mr. Jewell of Hallowell—Petition of Hallowell Savings Institution for same.

By Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick—Petition of G. C. Yeaton and others, trustees of South Berwick Savings Bank, for same.

By Mr. Shaw of Saco—Petition of R. Jordan and others, trustees of Saco Savings Bank of Saco, for same.

By Mr. Kneeland of Searsport—Petition of R. G. Hodgdon and others, trustees of Boothbay Savings Bank, for same.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Hussey of Guilford—Bill an act to amend section 4, chapter 308, Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1, chapter 232, of the Private and Special Laws of 1891.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Stevens of Cutler—Petition of George Gardner and 58 others for an appropriation for roads and bridges in the town of Cutler.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Hussey of Guilford—Remonstrance of Charles Nichols and others of Greenville, against any change in the open season for killing moose, deer and caribou.

By Mr. Coffin of Shapleigh—Petition of H. M. Littlefield of Waterboro, for repeal of chapter 224, of the Laws of 1891, prohibiting the taking of fish in Little Ossipee pond and its tributaries.

By Mr. Burton of Union—Petition of A. B. Harding and 21 others of Union, for appropriation for sufficient warden service in Knox county, for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Fernald of Levant—Petition of H. D. Harvey and 17 others, for a close time on Harvey's pond in Levant.

By Mr. Reed of Harmony—Petition of E. S. Reed and others of Harmony, for sufficient appropriation for warden service in Somerset county, for the years 1897 and 1898.

By Mr. Kneeland of Searsport—Remonstrance of E. A. Buker and 111

others of Searsport, against any change in the law regulating the taking of salmon in Penobscot river.

By Mr. Cushman of Andover—Remonstrance of W. S. Marble and others of Ranegley, against the guide license bill.

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot—Remonstrance of H. J. Wood and 112 others against any change in the law regulating the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river; remonstrance of William G. Heath and 44 others against same.

By Mr. Murray of Pembroke—Bill an act to limit the amount of white perch to be taken in Meddybemps lake in the county of Washington.

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot—Remonstrance of Mark C. Devereux and 44 others, against any change in the law regulating the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river.

By Mr. Pearl of Bangor—Resolve in favor of an appropriation to J. F. Gerity & Co. of Bangor, for the purpose of disseminating illustrated views of our game, fish and summer resorts.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Merrill of Blue Hill—Petition of Francis D. Long and 24 others of Blue Hill for repeal of section 8 of chapter 243 of the laws of 1893, prohibiting the taking of smelts by purse or drag seines in the waters of Blue Hill bay; of Otis M. Candage and 27 others of Blue Hill for same.

TEMPERANCE.

By Mr. Murray of Pembroke—Petition of Henry A. Sprague and others of Charlotte for prohibition of manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

TAXATION.

By Mr. Holmes of Addison—Petition of M. J. McRay and 33 others of Harrington in favor of the school tax bill.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Stetson of Bangor, Ordered, That Wednesday, February 10, 1897, after 11 o'clock, be set apart for the delivery of eulogies upon the late Ex-Governor Daniel F. Davis.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot,

Ordered, That the committee on education be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending our school laws that towns may have the power

to elect a school supervisor or superintendent and invest him with the authority to employ, examine and certify teachers and inspect and manage schools and furnish school supplies, and with the advise of the committee as for reasons now set forth in the statutes, discharge teachers and suspend or expel disorderly pupils.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler of Gilead, Ordered, That the committee on the judiciary inquire into the expediency of so amending that portion of section 38 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to poll taxes, as to establish a uniform rate of poll taxes throughout the State, and report by bill or otherwise.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

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

This bill was amended in the Senate by Amendment A, striking out the word "reimburse," in line 16, and inserting the word "repaid." The amendment was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended in concurrence.

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

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

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

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

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.

On motion of Mr. Talbot of Lewiston, this act was laid on the table.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to fix the term of office of the police officers of the city of Auburn.

On motion of Mr. Maxwell of Richmond,

Adjourned.