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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE.

Friday, Feb. 12, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. George of Gardiner. Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Boynton of Sullivan—Bill an act to amend chapter 159, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to Sullivan and Hancock ferry.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Bill an act to establish the West Washington municipal court.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland—Bill an act to amend the charter of the city of Rockland.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act authorizing the town of Wayne to raise money to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its incorporation.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Bill an act to amend sections 9 and 14, of chapter 106 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the issue and serving venires.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Holbrook of Brunswick—Petition of J. B. Pinkham and others of Harpswell Neck, asking for a village corporation.

By Mr. Boynton of Sullivan—Petition of Moses Harkins and others to be incorporated for the purpose of supplying the town of Sullivan with pure water. Bill an act granting additional powers to the Long Pond Water Company.

By Mr. Gowell of Berwick—Bill an act to amend section 3, of chapter 137, of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 313, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the relief of poor debtors.

By Mr. Palmer of Bangor—Bill an act to amend the charter of the city of Bangor.

By Mr. Cook of Casco—Petition of William M. Cook and eight others of Casco, for incorporation of Green Grove Cemetery Association in Casco.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Bill an act to permit the Good Will Home Association to increase its capital and enlarge its purpose to include aid for needy girls.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Smith of Masardis—Petition of William S. Leavitt and 27 others for equalization of school tax; of Benjamin R. Walker and 48 others for same.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Petition of W. A. Vinal and 50 others of Ashland; of I. M. Hill and 19 others in favor of Westbrook seminary.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Holbrook of Brunswick—Petition of E. S. Skolfield and others of Harpswell, asking for a charter for an electric, steam or power railroad.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner—Petition of T. J. Carr and others, trustees of Gardiner Savings Institution, for reduction of tax on savings banks.

By Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford—Petition of the trustees of Biddeford Savings Bank for reduction of tax on savings banks.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Patten of Amherst—Petition of John F. Gregg and 22 others of Hancock county, for a bounty on wild cats; of Ernest E. Rome of Hancock county, and 15 others for same.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Petition of E. G. Howard and 31 others of Ashland, asking that Elbridge G. Dunn, Jr., be given the exclusive right to navigate Portage lake in Arrostook county, by steam or electricity.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Bill an act to incorporate the Machias Dam and Improvement Company.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. McIntire of Rockport—Petition of James Morton and 175 others, citizens of Knox county, to prohibit hunting dogs from running at large in close time.

By Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford—Bill an act to amend section 41, of chapter 40, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 148, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to fisheries; petition of Carlos Heard, mayor of Biddeford, and 180 others asking for right to fish below lower falls in Saco river; of Samuel L. Lord, mayor of Saco, and others for same.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Mason of Bristol—Remonstrance of Orin E. McFadden and 10 others of Dresden, against any change in the law regarding weir fishing on Kennebec and Eastern rivers; remonstrance of J. H. Wade and 58 others of Perkins against same; remonstrance of Fred R. Reed and 10 others of Dresden, against same.

By Mr. Cox of Randolph—Petition of Hon. P. O. Vickery and 13 others of Augusta, in favor of better protection of smelts in Kennebec river.

By Mr. Levenseler of Thomaston—Remonstrance of T. S. Singer and 218 others against any change in the law relating to taking smelts from Georges river.

By Mr. Britton of Bucksport—Remonstrance of Alva Parker and 62 others of Bucksport, against any change in the law relative to taking salmon in Penobscot bay and river; remonstrance of Harvey Heath and 46 others of Verona, against same; remonstrance of George W. Abbott and 60 others of Bucksport, against same.

By Mr. Roderick of Eden—Remonstrance of George C. Hardy and 202 others against any change in the law regulating the taking of clams.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot—Remonstrance of Michael Stinson and others

against passage of an act to incorporate Swan's Island Plantation into a town; remonstrance of C. H. Joyce and 108 others against same.

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Cox of Randolph—Petition of J. B. Ripley and others of Pittston, to refund commutation money paid during the late war.

By Mr. King of Caribou—Resolve in favor of the town of Caribou to reimburse said town for supplies furnished paupers.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Resolve in favor of the city of Calais.

PENSIONS.

By Mr. Tolman of Carroll—Petition of Fred A. Rich and 9 others for military pension for Alden Clifford.

LABOR.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Petition of N. Charland and 32 others of Waterville, for shorter work day for women and minors; of William Hamm and 27 others of Waterville, for same; of L. L. Libby and 29 others of Waterville, for same; of A. W. Merrill and 14 others of Waterville, for same.

Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner, presented a resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual for the years 1897 and 1898, and moved that the rules be suspended and that the resolve take its two readings at the present time and be passed to be engrossed. The motion was agreed to, and the resolve was read twice and was passed to be engrossed.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Lewiston, Ordered, The Senate concurring, that when the Senate and House adjourn they adjourn to meet on Monday afternoon next, at 4.30 o'clock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Weeks, from committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta. Printed under rule.

Mr. Weeks moved that the rules be suspended and that this bill have its three readings at the present time and be passed to be engrossed. The bill was then read three times and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Hamilton, from the committee on the judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act in addition to an act to incorporate the Pepperell Manufacturing Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hamilton, from the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Laconia Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Smith, from the judiciary committee, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature, reported bill an act to amend section 7, of chapter 136, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 308, of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to the return of fines and forfeitures collected by trial justices and

judges of municipal and police courts. Printed under rule.

Mr. Knowlton, from the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act to extend the powers of the International North and South American Transportation Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Philbrook, from the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to authorize the Dexter and Newport Railroad Company to issue bonds and to make a mortgage securing the same and to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Company to guarantee the payment of said bonds. Printed under rule.

Mr. Philbrook, from the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill an act giving notaries public jurisdiction throughout the State.

Mr. Boynton, from the committee on legal affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass on bill an act to amend section 5, of chapter 180, of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of parishes of the Protestant Episcopal church. Printed under rule.

Mr. Boynton from the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend sections 3 and 3, of chapter 86, and section 17, of chapter 31, of the Revised Statutes, relating to service of trustee writs. Printed under rule.

Mr. Murchie, from the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported in a new draft bill an act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Electric Railroad to make a loan and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hutchinson, from the committee on mercantile affairs and insurance, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to continue in force sections 19, 20 and 21, of chapter 49, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee on education, on bill an act to amend sections 6 and 119, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, reported that same be printed and re-committed to the committee on education.

Mr. Hill, from the committee on legal affairs, on petition reported bill an act to create a lien on leather. Printed under rule.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Company to lower the waters of Noyes' pond in the town of Bluehill, during certain months of the year.

An act to repeal chapter 109, of the Private and Special Laws of 1853, relating to the taking of pickerel in certain ponds.

Resolve for the payment of back salary of a guard at the State prison.

Resolve in favor of the town of Linneus.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, this resolve was laid on the table pending its second reading.

An act to establish a bounty on wild cats.

Resolve relating to a settling lot in Drew plantation.

On motion of Mr. Goodrich of Maxfield, this resolve was laid on the table pending its first reading.

An act to extend the charter of the Castine Railway and Navigation Co., and to amend its charter and certain additions thereto.

On motion of Mr. Saunders of Ellsworth, the rules were suspended and the bill was read three times and was passed to be engrossed.

An act to incorporate the town of Oakfield.

An act to provide for the navigation of the Kennebec river between Shawmut dam and the south line of Skowhegan.

Resolve in favor of Lincoln plantation, No. 5, Range 2, in Oxford county.

An act to further prevent forest fires and to facilitate the gathering of statistics relative to the amount of inland fish and game taken and killed in the State, and for the further protection of inland fish and game and for the registration of guides.

Mr. Merrill of Portland, offered an amendment to insert in line 6, section 4, after the word "dollar," the words, "for the benefit of the State."

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Newcomb of Eastport, the bill as amended was laid on the table, and Tuesday of next week was assigned for its consideration.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act additional to and amendatory of an act entitled an act to incorporate the Maine Telephone Co.

An act additional to and amendatory of chapter 48, of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled an act to incorporate the Winterport Ferry Co.

An act to divide the town of Deer Isle and incorporate the town of Stonington.

An act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

An act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Co., for an additional two years.

An act authorizing the city of Lewiston to refund a part of its debt.

An act enabling the town of Yarmouth to build and maintain a bridge across tide waters between the islands of Cousins and Little John's, in said town of Yarmouth.

An act to incorporate Newfield Academy.

An act to ratify and confirm the organization and acts of the New Portland & Eustis Telephone and Telegraph Co., and to make legal and valid certain doings of said company.

An act in relation to suits by organized, unincorporated societies and associations.

An act to amend chapter 160, of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to the State liquor commissioner.

An act to ratify and make valid the doings of the First Baptist Society of New Gloucester, and to authorize the sale of its meeting house and lot.

An act additional to chapter 51, of the Revised Statutes, relating to railroads.

An act in addition to chapter 55, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the in-

corporation of libraries, charitable societies and other like corporations.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to establish a sinking fund for the county of Kennebec.

An act to amend section 4, of chapter 124, of the Revised Statutes, relating to polygamy.

An act to amend section 1, of chapter 207, of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to the clerk of the judicial courts in Piscataquis county.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Lewiston, the resolve in favor of the Central Maine General hospital was taken from the table.

Mr. Noble said that he held the written consent of Col. Fogler that this resolve might be taken from the table at any time by its friends, and that Mr. Fogler had further informed him that he had investigated the subject matter of the resolve thoroughly and that he thought the institution was a meritorious one and deserving of the aid embraced in the resolve.

On further motion of Mr. Noble, the vote was reconsidered whereby Tuesday of next week was assigned for the consideration of this resolve, and it was then passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Talbot of Lewiston, Adjourned.