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OF THE
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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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TAXATION.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Bill an act to amend section 6, of chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to exemption of property of widows from taxation.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Savage of Andros-coggin, it was

Ordered, The House concurring, that the judiciary committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of changing the manner and time of the service of writs and to report by bill or otherwise.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company.

An act to amend section 55, of chapter 38, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 174, of the Laws of 1889, in relation to the sale of pressed hay.

An act relating to service of process on foreign corporations acting as trustees under mortgages.

An act relating to the extension of the charter of the Atlantic Shore Line Electric Railroad Company.

An act to amend an act to amend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Company.

An act in relation to voluntary trusts. An act to amend section 2 of chapter 60, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 179, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to libels for divorce.

Mr. Savage of Andros-coggin, moved to amend by striking out the last section. Amendment adopted and bill read and assigned as amended.

TABLED.

The following bill came up for its first reading and on motion by Mr. Engel of Bangor, in behalf of Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, was tabled pending second reading.

An act authorizing the Governor and Council to execute a contract for water for the Maine State prison.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Reynolds, for the committee of legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill an act, to change the name of the St. Lawrence Street Congregational parish of Portland. Report accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioners of sea and shore fisheries.

An act to amend section 1, of chapter 75, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 157, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to title by descent.

An act to incorporate the Shin Pond Dam and Improvement Company.

Resolve in favor of the town of Jefferson.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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

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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal school was taken from the table, read once and tomorrow assigned.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Penobscot, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Monday, Feb. 15, 1897.

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

The following Senate bills were read and assigned:

An act to incorporate the Vinalhaven Water Company.

This bill was amended in the Senate by Senate amendment A. The amendment was adopted in concurrence and the bill was read and assigned.

An act relating to the charter of the Godfrey Falls Dam Company.

An act to amend section 9, chapter 315, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the salary of the assistant librarian of the Maine State library.

An act to amend chapter 274, of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, entitled an act to fix the salary of the recorder of the municipal court for the city of Portland.

An act relating to the salary of the county commissioner of Cumberland county.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Noble of Lewiston—Petition of George D. Babbit, treasurer of the Maine Pulp and Paper Company for right to generate and sell electric power in the cities of Lewiston and Auburn; an act to incorporate the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Company.

By Mr. Merrill of Portland—Bill an act to make Pride's bridge across Presumscot river in the county of Cumberland a county bridge; bill an act to extend the charter of the Cumberland Illuminating Company.

By Mr. Burton of Union—Bill an act to authorize the Georges River mills to develop, sell and use electrical power and to transmit by electricity for lease or sale heat, light and power.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Bill an act relating to and amendatory of chapter 213 of the Special Laws of 1891 entitled an act to incorporate the York Light and Heat Company.

By Mr. Williams of Augusta—Bill an act relating to and amendatory of chapter 29, of the Special Laws of 1891, entitled an act to incorporate the Kennebec Light and Heat Company.

By Mr. Littlefield of Vinalhaven—Petition of William P. Frye, N. Dingley, Jr., O. B. Cheney, Cyrus Greeley, J. F. Boothby, R. C. Pingree and 560 others,

asking that homoeopathic treatment be allowed in the Eastern Maine insane hospital.

By Mr. Winslow of Portland—Petition of Frank B. Clark, Rev. C. W. Parsons, M. A. Blanchard, Rev. F. C. Rogers, Mrs. George B. Bagley, Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, Rev. J. Luce, Mrs. A. O. Clark and 50 others, for same.

By Mr. Williams of Augusta—Petition of W. Scott Hill and 1310 others, praying for suitable homoeopathic medical treatment at the new insane hospital being erected at Bangor.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Burse of Pittsfield—Petition of George E. Kimball and 56 others of Pittsfield, asking for some legislation to equalize and regulate freight rates.

By Mr. Kinsman of Cornville—An act to secure the better observance of the Lord's day.

By Mr. Williams of Augusta—Bill an act to incorporate the Oxford Light Company.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Williams of Augusta—Resolve in favor of a fire proof brick vault in the State Capitol.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Chatto of Brooksville—Petition of C. H. Perkins and 28 others, in regard to the Wiggin school tax bill, so-called.

By Mr. Murphy of Lyman—Petition of Jacob Smith and 70 others of Lyman, for equalization of school tax.

By Mr. Pope of Manchester—Petition of G. K. Hastings and 60 others, for same.

By Mr. Hurd of Northport—Petition of Miles Pease and 38 others, for same; of M. B. Hunt and 37 others, for same.

By Mr. Smith of Hampden—Petition of W. H. Wheeler and 32 others, for same.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield—Petition of W. S. Simpson and 14 others of Fairfield, asking for the regulation and equalization of freight rates.

By Mr. Burse of Pittsfield—Petition of S. B. Penney and 70 others of Canaan village, in favor of petition of V. R. Tuttle and others, for extension of charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railroad Company.

By Mr. Pearl of Bangor—Remonstrance of Sidney J. Grant and 48 others of Bangor, against granting by the Legislature of rights to street railroads to make use of the streets of the city of Bangor, without permission of the city government.

By Mr. Rowell of Kittery—Bill an act to amend the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway.

By Mr. Weeks of Fairfield—Bill an act to extend the charter of the Kennebec and Franklin Railroad; bill an act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railway.

MERCANTILE AFFAIRS AND INSURANCE.

By Mr. Merrill of Portland—Bill an act to amend section 26, of chapter 49, of the Revised Statutes, relating to insurance.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Merrill of Portland—Bill an act to incorporate the Mercantile Trust Company.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Fernald of Poland—Bill an act to amend section 2, of chapter 287, of the Public Laws of 1893, entitled an act for the better protection of sheep.

By Mr. Potter of Amherst—Petition of E. W. Debeck and 19 others of Hancock county, for a bounty on wild cats.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Daggett of Smyrna—Remonstrance of Portage Lake Manufacturing Company and 58 others, against granting to Elbridge G. Dunn the exclusive right to navigate Portage lake.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Kneeland of Searsport—Remonstrance of James Treat and 34 others, relating to the taking of salmon with drive nets in Penobscot river above tide waters.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Kneeland of Searsport—Remonstrance of J. F. Hitchborne and 88 others against the proposed law relating to closing weirs on the Penobscot river 48 hours of each week.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Remonstrance of C. H. Segars and 43 others of Dresden, asking that no change be made in the law relating to taking of smelts from the Kennebec river.

By Mr. Pattangall of Machias—Bill an act to amend section 46, of chapter 40, Revised Statutes.

By Mr. Chatto of Brooksville—Petition of S. L. Condon and 140 others for the enactment of a law prohibiting the taking of migratory fish with net or seine in the waters of Penobscot bay within half a mile of land in the town of Brooksville.

By Mr. Purington of Topsham—Bill an act to regulate the catching of smelts in Kennebec river.

By Mr. Hurd of Northport—Remonstrance of S. H. Duncan and 144 others against closing of weirs 48 hours of each week in Penobscot river.

By Mr. Purington of Topsham—Bill an act to regulate the taking of clams in the town of Georgetown.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Goodrich of Maxfield—Bill an act to repeal acts incorporating the town of Maxfield.

CLAIMS.

By Mr. Kneeland of Searsport—Petition of Josiah I. Browne for reimbursement for recruiting.

By Mr. Austin of Milford—Resolve in favor of William Scott.

TEMPERANCE.

By Mr. Ames of Jefferson—Petition of Miss Addie C. Ames of Jefferson, and 48 others, asking for a more stringent law in regard to the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

LABOR.

By Mr. O'Neil of Biddeford—Petition of Edward Mace and 27 others of Water-

ville, in favor of a shorter work day for women and minors.

SAGADAHOC COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Bill an act authorizing the rebuilding of the Merrymeeting bay bridge and the Arrow-sic bridge, both in Sagadahoc county, free county bridges.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville,

Ordered, That the resolutions upon the death of Hon. Daniel F. Davis and the memorial exercises thereon, held in the House of Representatives, Feb. 10, 1897, be prepared in pamphlet form, and that 1000 copies be printed for distribution.

On motion of Mr. Noble of Lewiston, Ordered, That the clerk of the House be directed to make up the pay of the officers of the House the same as at the last session.

On motion of Mr. Greenleaf of Southport,

Ordered, That the use of Representatives' hall be granted to the committee on sea and shore fisheries, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16, to be occupied for a hearing relating to the smelt fisheries in Kennebec river.

On motion of Mr. Briggs of Auburn,

Ordered, That the use of Representatives' hall be granted to the committee on agriculture for a hearing on the matter of bovine tuberculosis in Maine, its causes and present condition, and methods of suppression of the disease, on Thursday evening, Feb. 18, at which time Mr. N. J. Bacheider, secretary of the New Hampshire Board of Cattle Commissioners, will give his experience in the prevention and management of the disease in that state. All legislators are invited to be present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Blanchard for the committee on education, in regard to report of the State superintendent of schools containing certain suggestions concerning necessary changes in the present school law. reported bill an act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes, as now amended, relating to the public schools. Printed under rule.

Mr. Longley for the committee on State prison, on petition of Joseph M. Long and others, praying that a reformatory prison for women be established, reported leave to withdraw.

Mr. Williams for the committee on financial affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, resolve in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine. Printed under rule.

Mr. King for the committee on interior waters, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, bill an act to incorporate the South Branch Improvement Co. Printed under rule.

Mr. Noble for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act to authorize the city of Eastport to issue bonds. Printed under rule.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to repeal so much of chapter

461 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, entitled an act granting additional powers to the inhabitants of school district No. 5 in the town of Kennebunk and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, as relates to the maintenance of schools and schoolhouses.

An act to create a lien on leather. Upon motion of Mr. Wilson of Gorham, this bill was laid on the table pending its second reading.

An act in addition to acts to incorporate the Pepperell Manufacturing Co.

An act in addition to acts to incorporate the Laconia Co.

An act to authorize the Auburn & Turner Railroad Co. to make a loan.

An act to extend the powers of the International North and South American Transportation and Express Co.

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.

An act to authorize the Dexter & Newport Railroad Co. to issue bonds and to make a mortgage securing the same, and to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Co. to guarantee the payment of said bonds.

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 fines and forfeitures collected by trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts.

An act to amend sections 3 and 8 of chapter 86, and section 17 of chapter 81, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the service of trustee writs.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, this bill was laid upon the table pending its first reading.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to authorize the Infusorial Earth Co. 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.

An act to establish a bounty on wild cats.

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.

Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, offered amendment "A," which was adopted, and on motion of Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, the bill was laid on the table pending its first reading.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act authorizing and empowering the Ashland Manufacturing Co. to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Aroostook river.

An act authorizing and empowering the Katahdin Pulp and Paper Co. to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river.

An act authorizing and empowering the Piscataquis Falls Pulp and Paper Co. to erect and maintain piers and booms in the Penobscot river.

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

An act authorizing the Ashland Manufacturing Co. to erect dams and make improvements upon the Big Machias river in the county of Aroostook.

An act to amend chapter 207, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the Vinalhaven Telegraph and Telephone Co.

An act to amend section 8, chapter 49, of the Revised Statutes, providing for the investments of the capital and other assets of stock insurance companies incorporated in this State.

An act concerning the Portland & Rumford Falls Railway and the Rumford Falls & Buckfield Railroad Co.

An act to prevent the unreasonable obstruction of public travel over the Penobscot river.

An act to increase the salary of the judge of probate of the county of Knox.

An act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco bay, and bridges over tide water in the town of Harpswell.

An act to amend the charter of the city of Westbrook.

An act to authorize the Maine Central Railroad Co., its successors and assigns, to construct and maintain a wharf and boat house in Lake Maranacook, in the towns of Readfield and Winthrop.

An act to amend section 59, paragraph 6 of said section, of chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to town, village and city bylaws and ordinances.

An act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Aroostook river and its tributaries above the mouth of Beaver brook.

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 to amend rule 4 of section 1, of chapter 75, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 157, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to descent of real estate.

An act to amend chapter 160, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the State liquor commissioner.

An act extending the charter of the Bangor Boom Co.

An act in addition to chapter 53, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the incorporation of libraries, charitable societies and other like corporations.

An act to amend the charter of the city of Augusta.

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

Resolved, That the sum of \$213.15 be paid from the State treasury to E. B. Weeks, to defray the expense of committee on Eastern insane hospital from Augusta to Bangor and return.

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

Resolve in favor of appropriation for the Maine Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Resolve in favor of the Penobscot Tribe of Indians.

Resolve in favor of the Training and Normal school at Fort Kent.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, resolve in favor of the town of Linneus, was taken from the table.

Upon further motion by the same gentleman, this resolve was read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot, resolve in favor of the temporary home for women and children at Deering, was taken from the table, and upon further motion by the same gentleman, this resolve was read a second time and passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, the vote was reconsidered, whereby the order was passed relating to the printing of 1000 copies of the memorial exercises held in the House of Representatives on Feb. 10, 1897.

Mr. Philbrook: I desire to say in explanation of this action that I was requested to present this order to the House and did so, and that since the order was presented and adopted by this body, I am told that it is desirable that those who have the matter in charge in the Senate should so arrange the order in the Senate and the order in the House that the exercises of both bodies may be printed together.

I, therefore, desire that this matter shall lay upon the table until an arrangement has been made satisfactory and I therefore, move that this order lie upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, Adjourned.