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

1897.

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Mr. Savage for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass, bill an act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Co.

Also, ought to pass, bill an act in relation to disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers.

Mr. Stearns for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass, bill an act relating to chapter 136, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Sabattus Water Co.

Mr. Drummond, for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass, bill an act relating to the Portland Safe Deposit Co.

Mr. Clason for the committee on education, reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of Bluehill Academy.

Mr. Walls for the committee on education, reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Seminary.

All the above reports accepted and tabled for printing under rule.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act relating to the Old Town municipal court.

Mr. Clason of Kennebec, offered amendment A. Amend by striking out section 7. The amendment was adopted, bill read the second time as amended and passed to be engrossed.

An act to authorize the town of Richmond to purchase the property and franchises of the Richmond Water Co. and to incorporate the Richmond water commissioners.

An act to confirm the organization of the Hathorne Fancy Forging Co., and to change its name to that of the Hathorne Manufacturing Co.

An act to organize the plantation of Criehaven.

A message was received from the House by its clerk, requesting the return to that branch of Senate Document No. 61, resolve relating to the State pension agent. On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, said document was taken from the files and returned to the clerk of the House.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act relating to the staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec, bill an act to amend sections 1 and 2, of chapter 316, of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Waldo, was taken from the table.

Mr. Clason offered the following amendment: Amend the title so that it shall read: An act to amend sections 1 and 2, of chapter 316, of the Public Laws of 1885, relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Waldo. Further amend so that section 1 shall read: "Section 1 of chapter 356, of the Public Laws of 1885, is hereby amended, as follows," etc.

Amendments adopted and bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, bill an act to create a lien on spool timber and bars was taken from the table, read once and tomorrow assigned.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, bill an act to amend an act to incorporate the Meduxnekeag hospital was taken from the table.

Mr. Stearns offered the following amendment: Amend section 1 by striking out after the word "of" in the first line the words, "said act," and adding in place thereof the words, "chapter 144 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895."

Amendment adopted, bill read the second time as amended and passed to be engrossed.

SPECIALLY ASSIGNED.

On motion by Mr. Pike of York, resolve in favor of the Gorham State Normal school was taken from the table and specially assigned for further consideration, Tuesday, March 2.

On motion by Mr. Merrill of Somerset, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hayden of Augusta. Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act to establish a board of fire commissioners for the city of Auburn.

An act to amend section 44, of the chapter 27, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 253, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to intoxicating liquors.

Resolve in favor of Simon B. Gates.

An act to enable the town of Dexter to establish a system of water works and sewerage.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Hospital.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

In the House this resolve was indefinitely postponed. In the Senate it was recommitted in non-concurrence to the committee on Eastern Maine Insane Hospital. The House receded from its former action and concurred with the Senate in recommitting this resolve to the committee on Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

An act to extend the rights and powers of the corporation organized December 16, 1892, under the Revised Statutes of Maine, chapter 55, on "The Bangor General Hospital," and now named "Eastern Maine General Hospital."

This bill was passed to be engrossed by the House, in Senate it was amended by Senate amendment "A." The House receded from its action whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed in concurrence as amended.

An act to authorize the Auburn and Turner Railroad Company to make a loan.

This bill was passed to be engrossed by both House and Senate, and passed to be enacted by the House. In Senate it was amended by Senate amendment "A." The House receded from its action whereby it passed the bill to be enacted and engrossed, Senate amendment "A" was

adopted, and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act to amend chapter 293 of the Private and Special Laws of 1880 entitled an act to incorporate the Canton Bridge Company.

On motion of Mr. Brown of Milton Plantation, this bill received its three several readings and was passed to be engrossed as amended under suspension of the rules.

Resolve in favor of George M. Coombs. Resolve making an appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

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

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred.

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Fogler of Rockland—Petition of W. O. Holman and 71 others for amendment to the constitution of the State prohibiting the appropriation of money for sectarian purposes; of E. R. Chaples and 39 others for same.

By Mr. Gowell of Berwick—Remonstrance of John R. Goodwin of Wells and 414 others against granting authority to the county commissioners of York county to lay out a highway across the Webhannet river in Wells.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Merrill of Bluehill—Bill an act to amend chapter 153 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889 relating to the Bluehill Water Company. (Received under suspension of rules.)

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Bill an act to amend chapter 73 of the Public Laws of 1891, to provide for the recording of assignments of wages when the assignor is commorant in an unorganized place.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Guernsey of Dover—Petition of J. J. Carr and 37 others of Dover, for equalization of school tax.

By Mr. Smith of Masardis—Petition of F. W. Stuart and 49 others of Mars Hill for same.

By Mr. Tolman of Carroll—Petition of A. E. Clay and 14 others of Lakeville, for same.

By Mr. Mitchell of Newfield—Petition of L. E. Burbank and 10 others of Parsonsfield for same.

By Mr. Prince of Yarmouth—Petition of E. G. Blanchard and 31 others of Yarmouth for same.

By Mr. Luce of New Vineyard—Petition of Daniel Swett and 14 others of Free-man for same.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Holbrook of Brunswick—Petition of F. S. Soule and others asking for a law to prevent the trapping of foxes; of Leslie A. Lee and others of Brunswick for same.

By Mr. Ayer of Vassalboro—Petition of J. H. Hunnewell and others of China, in favor of an act to prevent the trapping of foxes; of T. J. Starkey and 59 others of

Vassalboro, for same; of J. William Lamb and 60 others of Clinton for same.

STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MECHANIC ARTS.

By Mr. Cushman of Andover—Petition of G. R. Wiley and 40 others of Bethel, praying for a liberal appropriation for the State college.

TEMPERANCE.

By Mr. Edmunds of Corinth—Petition of Amos J. Shorey and 50 others of Charleston asking that the bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of cigarettes be given a passage.

By Mr. Reed of Harmony—Petition of S. M. Davis of Hartland and 50 others for same.

By Mr. Garvin of Acton—Petition of Albert F. Lane and 23 others of Lebanon for same.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Petition of A. S. Ladd and 46 others of Calais for same.

By Mr. Rowell of Kittery—Petition of George A. Densmore and 119 others of Kittery for same.

By Mr. King of Caribou—Petition of Stanford Mitchell and 24 others of Caribou for same.

By Mr. Day of Turner—Petition of A. M. Fogg and 50 others of Hebron for same.

The following petitions were received and ordered placed on file:

By Mr. Garvin of Acton—Petition of Rev. F. B. Nelson and 13 others of Lebanon, in favor of allowing women the right to vote in municipal elections; of Elizabeth J. Cowell and 15 others of Lebanon for the better protection of girls.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Whiting for the committee on ways and bridges, on petition of B. F. White and others praying for the repeal of chapter 246 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the width of tires of wheels on Greenfield road in the town of Greenbush, reported that this petition be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. Whiting for the committee on ways and bridges on petition of B. F. Dennison of Freeport and 280 others, relative to all trees and shrubbery growing within the limits of streets and highways, reported that this petition be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Mr. Knowlton for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to amend chapter 159, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, granting Ernest E. Abbott and Curtis E. Moore the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock.

Mr. Knowlton for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to repeal chapter 159, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895.

Mr. Knowlton for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Ferry Company.

Mr. Fernald for the committee on mines and mining, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to provide for the geological and mineralogical survey of the State.

Mr. Fogler for the committee on judiciary reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Deer Isle Water Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Knowlton for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass on bill an act granting Ernest E. Abbott the right to establish and maintain a ferry between Sullivan and Hancock. Printed under rule.

Mr. Whelden for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Searsport Water Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Blanchard for the committee on education, reported ought to pass on bill an act relating to instruction in the use of tools and in cooking in public schools. Printed under rule.

Mr. Burns for the committee on education, reported in a new draft and ought to pass resolve in favor of North Yarmouth academy. Printed under rule.

Mr. Levensaler for the committee on education, on petition of the trustees of the Lee Normal academy, praying for an appropriation of \$1200 a year for two years, reported resolve in favor of Lee Normal academy. Printed under rule.

Mr. Blanchard for the committee on education, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the East Corinth academy. Printed under rule.

Mr. Gilman for the committee on education, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, resolve in favor of Leavitt institute. Printed under rule.

Mr. Gilman for the committee on education, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of Monmouth academy. Printed under rule.

Mr. Fernald for the committee on State Reform school, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the State reform school. Printed under rule.

Mr. Fernald, for the committee on State reform school, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of the State reform school. Printed under rule.

Mr. Holbrook, for the committee on agriculture, reported ought to pass on 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. Printed under rule.

Mr. Gowell, for the committee on education, reported ought to pass on resolve in favor of Calais academy. Printed under rule.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to authorize Frederick A. Staples to build and maintain a wharf in the tide waters of Piscataquis river in the town of Elliot in the county of York.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 303, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1, of chapter 232, of the Private and Special Laws of 1891.

Mr. Young of Hiram, offered amendment "A," to add to the title the words: "Relating to tolls on logs and lumber in Thorn brook, south branch of the Piscataquis river."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act to extend the charter of the Waterville & Wiscasset Railroad Co.

An act authorizing towns and cities to establish sinking funds.

An act relating to the extension of time of charter of Bluehill Trust and Banking Co.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act relating to the staff of the Commander-in-chief.

Resolve relating to the publication of a map of the State of Maine.

Resolve to secure the proper enforcement of the inland fish and game laws and to aid in the propagation of inland fish and game.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The special assignment for today was resolve in favor of the Sisters of Charity Hospital of Lewiston.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, stated that Mr. Noble, who had charge of this resolve was sick and unable to attend, and at his request moved that the resolve be taken from the table and Thursday of next week be assigned for its consideration.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, resolve in favor of Lucinda Barrows was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Weeks of Fairfield, bill an act to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the vote whereby the House passed this bill to be engrossed was re-considered and the bill was re-committed to the committee on agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Penobscot, the motion was re-considered whereby it was voted to re-commit resolve in favor of State pension agent expending money for examination of claims under direction of Governor and Council to the committee on pensions, with instructions to report explanatory statement of facts.

The Speaker informed the House that the bill was in possession of the committee, and the clerk was directed to carry a message to the Senate to recall the bill.

The bill having been returned to the House, the motion for re-commitment to the committee on State pensions having been re-considered by the Senate, the House re-considered the vote whereby the bill was re-committed to the committee on State pensions in concurrence.

Mr. Winslow of Portland: At my request, the gentleman from Penobscot moved the re-consideration of the vote, and at his request I desire to make a statement of facts in regard to the money called for by this resolve. It is not an

additional appropriation, but it simply authorizes the pension agent to expend a portion of the money already appropriated by the pension department, in order that he may investigate all claims for pensions. This is absolutely necessary. Claims are coming to his office from all parts of the State, and I am sorry to say that in some instances these claims are misrepresented; but, as perhaps some of you know and some do not know, these claims have to be renewed annually and conditions are constantly changing. A person who was last year eligible for a State pension, may not be, this year. For instance, the pension agent received in his mail, this morning, applications of six individuals in one town, and he told me that it would be absolutely necessary for him to visit that town and to visit each of those individual claimants in order that no injustice may be done to anyone and that all who were entitled to pensions should receive them. This being the case, I move that the resolve be now put upon its passage.

The motion was agreed to and the resolve was then read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, bill relating to sale of pressed hay was taken from the table.

Mr. Dickey said that by this bill nobody is obliged to mark their hay unless the purchaser can prove that the seller agreed to mark it. It repeals all acts in regard to marking hay; and I move that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burse of Pittsfield, resolve in favor of the town of Hollis was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman, the resolve was read a second time and was passed to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ayer of Vassalboro, Adjourned.