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An act to extend the charter of the Eastport Bridge Co.

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accept conveyances upon trusts in public burial places and providing for the re-cord of deeds of burial lots.

An act to incorporate the Miserv Stream Dam Co.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of the Gorham State ziormal school.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion by Mr. Morrill of Cumber-land, a message was sent to the Governor requesting the return to the Senate of Senate document No. 61, resolve in favor of State pension agent expending money for examination of claims under direc-tion of the Governor and Council. The resolve being returned to the Sen-ate, upon Mr. Morrill's motion the votes

were reconsidered whereby the same was finally passed and was passed to be en-grossed.

Mr. Morrill offered the following Mr. Morrill offered the following amendment: Amend title by striking out the word "agent" and inserting the word "clerk"; also in the first line of the re-solve, amend by striking out the word "agent" and inserting "clerk"; also in the second line of the resolve, strike out the word "four" and insert the word "three."

Amendment adopted and bill passed to

Amendment adopted and bill passed to be engrossed as amended. On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumber-land, bill an act to authorize the county commissioners of Cumberland county to negotiate a loan for the payment of land damages incurred by the widening of the highway known as Forest avenue, in the city of Deering, in said county, was ta-ken from the table and referred to the committee on legal affairs.

On motion by Mr. Grindle of Hancock, bill an act to authorize the Infusorial bill an act to authorize the initialian Earth Co. to lower the waters of Noyes pond, in the town of Bluehill, during cer-tain months of the year, was taken from the table.

Mr. Grindle offered amendment B. Amend by striking out in lines 5, 6 and 7, the words, "for the term of 15 years from the date of the approval of this act"; also by striking out in lines 9 and 10, the words, "during said term." The amendment was adopted and the bill person to be approved a model of the

bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Poor of Oxford, bill an act to provide for the examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of the State, was taken from the table and tomorrow assigned for further consideration.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscogcin, bill an act to amend section 2, of chapter 58, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 94, of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to election of mem-bers of the board of agriculture, was ta-lean from the table mod the account time ken from the table, read the second time and passed to be engrossed. On motion by Mr. Savage, bill an act

authorizing cities and towns to accept

conveyances of burial lots in trust and to

conveyances of burial lots in trust and to provide for recording such conveyances, was taken from the table. Mr. Savage: This morning, the Senate has passed to be engrossed in concurrence House document No. 143, and upon exam-ination and comparison of that bill with the bill which the Chair now holds in his hand, I find them to be identical. By some oversight someone has introduced the same bill at two different times, and referred it to two different committees. I move to take this from the table, in or-der to make the further motion that it may be placed on file.

may be placed on file. The bill was taken from the table and placed on the files.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Thursday, March 4, 1897. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wyman of Augusta. Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 308 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, as amended by section 1, chapter 222, of the Private and Special Laws of 232, 1891.

This bill was passed to be engrossed in the House, and in Senate amended and passed to be engrossed. The House re-considered the vote whereby this bill was

considered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, and adopted Sen-ate amendment "A." On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, the bill was laid on the table pending its passage to be engrossed. The following Senate bills were read

and assigned:

An act to incorporate the Rangeley Water Co.

An act to provide for the retirement of police officers of the city of Portland upon half pay. An act to incorporate

the Mechanic Falls Trust and Banking Co. An act for the protection of beaver.

Resolve in favor of Bluehill academy. Resolve in favor of Parsonsfield Semi-nary of Parsonsfield, Me.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred.

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford—Bill an act to amend section 12 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes relating to the mort-

gaging of ward's estate by guardians. By Mr. Sanborn of Sanford-Remon-strance of Howard Frost and two others, citizens of Sanford, against the establish-ment of the Sanford municipal court.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan-Bill an act to regulate the use of bicycles.

EDUCATION.

By Dudley of Mr. Brookton-Resolve in favor of the town of Topsfield on account of error in school returns.

By Mr. Blanchard of Wilton—An act to amend section 112 of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 37, of the Public Laws of 1891 and by chapter 121 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to normal schools and the Madawaska training school.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Purington of Topsham—Petition of Alvah Mallett of Topsham and 37 others for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale and analysis of concentrated commercial feeding stuff.

By Mr. Cushman of Andover—Petition of L. P. Newton of Andover and 22 others for the enactment of a law regulating the inspection of grass seed. By Mr. Currier of Farmington—Petition of Fred C. Hale of New Sharon and 51 others for the enactment of a law to regulate the sale of concentrated commer-cial facing stuff

cial feeding stuff. By Mr. Moore of Moscow-Petition of George Bray of Bingham and S others for same

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Burrill of Corinna-Remon-strance of George M. Barrows and S9 others of Newport against granting the exclusive right to the Nahmakanta Steam Boat Company, to navigate certain lakes.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Talbot of Lewiston-Bill an act to provide additional close time for fishing.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Lane of St. George-Remon-strance of S. G. Davis and 52 others against any change in the present lobster law.

STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MECHANIC ARTS.

By Mr. Smith of Hampden—Petition of the students of Hampden academy and others asking that the name of the State College be changed to that of the Univer-sity of Maine.

PLACED ON FILE.

By Mr. King of Caribou-Petition of Charles E. Dow and 48 others of Maple-ton for a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes.

By Mr. Young of Hiram—Petition of John B. Pike and 24 others asking that the sale of cigarettes be prohibited. By Mr. Walton of Skowhegan—Petition of W. H. Weston and 24 others of Russell Post, G. A. R., of Skowhegan, against appropriation in favor of Soldiers' Home at Newport at Newport.

By Mr. Pearl of Bangor-Resolutions of the Bangor Woman's Christian Tem-perance Union on the anti-cigarette bill.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell of Newfield.

Ordered, That when this House ad-journs, it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

On resolve of Mr. Fogler of Rockland. Ordered, That leave of absence for five days be granted to Representative Leven-saler of Thomaston.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Smith for the committee on judiciary, on petition, reported bill an act relating to the April term of the supreme judicial court in the county of Aroostook. Printed under rule.

Mr. Smith for the same committee re-ported in a new draft and ought to pass, bill an act to incorporate the Nort' yrn Development Co. Printed under rule. Mr. Walton for the committee on legal

Mr. Walton for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought to pass on bill an act to permit the Good Will Home Asso-ciation to increase its capital and en-large its purposes to include aid for needy girls. Printed under rule. Mr. Rowell for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to establish a commission of pub-lic works in the city of Deering

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Mr. Boynton for the committee on legal

Mr. Boynton for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Union & War-ren Electric Light and Power Co. Mr. Boynton for the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act granting additional powers to the Long Pond Water Co., incorporated under chapter 524, of the Private and Special Laws of the year 1885. Printed under riile

Mr. Murchie for the committee on rail-roads, telegraphs and expresses, on bul an act additional to chapter 51, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the trans-portation of bicycles as baggage, reported legislation thereon inexpedient.

ed legislation thereon inexpedient. Mr. Kaler for the same committee, re-ported in a new draft and ought to pass, bill an act to amend the charter of the Fryeburg Horse Railroad Co. Printed under rule. Mr. Saunders for the same committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend and extend the charter of the Ellsworth Street Railway Co. Printed

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in favor of the Maine industrial School for Girls. Printed under rule. Mr. Kaler for the committee on rail-roads, telegraphs and expresses, reported ought to pass on bill an act to extend the charter of the Kennebec & Franklin Rail-way. Printed under rule.

Mr. Gilman for the committee on eduand and Training school of the State. Mr. Burns for the committee on educa-

tion, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend section 19, of chapter 142, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the Maine Industrial School for Girls. Printed under rule.

Mr. Whelden for the committee on tax-ation, on petitions praying for additional aid for public schools and to reduce the sum to be raised by towns for the same, reported that same be referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Pope for the committee on taxa-Mr. Pope for the committee on taxa-tion, reported ought to pass on bill an act to amend section 1, of chapter 26, of the Private and Special Laws, relating to taxation of certain plantations. Printed under rule.

Mr. Macomber for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, re-ported ought to pass on bill an act to amend an act incorporating the Saco River Telegraph and Telephone Co.

River Telegraph and Telephone Printed under rule. Λ , Young for the committee on tax-ation, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to abate the taxes of the west half of township No. 4, Range 5, west of the Kennebec river, Somerset county. Mr. Mason for the committee on shore faboring on petition, reported bill an act

mi. Mason for the committee oil shore fisheries, on petition, reported bill an act relating to the taking of alewives in Bag-aduce river and Walker's pond. Printed under rule.

Mr. Britton for the committee on man-ufactures, on bill an act providing for a topographical survey and map of Maine, reported that same be referred to the next Legislature. Mr. Patten fo

Mext Legislature. Mr. Patten for the committee on library, reported ought not to pass on resolve relating to a loan of State re-ports to the town of Monson. Mr. Pope for the committee on manu-factures, reported ought to pass on bill an act to incorporate the Lubec Electric Light and Power Co. Printed under rule. Mr. Hill for the committee on legal af-fairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, bill an act to amend chapter 229. of the Private and Special Laws of 1849, entitled an act incorporating the trustees' fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maine, as amended by chapter 311, of the Laws of 1864, as amended by chapter 214, of the Laws of 1880, and as amended by chapter 106, of the Laws of 1895. Frinted under rule. Mr. Fogg for the committee on military effoire apported in a poor dwoft and

affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asy-lum. Printed under rule. Mr. Spear for the committee on rail-

roads, telegraphs and expresses, reported ought to pass on bill an act to extend the charter of the Lewiston, Augusta & Camden Railroad Co. Printed under rule.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to amend section 6, of chapter 413, of the Private and Special Laws of 1850, entitled an act to incorporate the city of Hallowell.

An act amending section 23, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 216, of the Public Laws of 1857, chapter 212 of the Public Laws of 1859, and chapter 216, of the Public Laws of 11,23, relating to free high schools.

of 1:35, relating to free high schools. An act to incorporate the Franklin, Somerset & Kennebec Railway Co. An act to incorporate the Sunnyside Cemetery Association. An act relating to chapter 189, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Milbridge Water Co.

Resolve in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland, Me. Resolve in favor of the town of Bruns-

wick.

Resolve providing for the preservation of the regimental rolls in the adjutant general's office.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Farmington Corporation.

Corporation. An act to repeal the bounty on bears. Mr. Wheeler of Gilead: I rise to pre-sent a protest against the enactment of this bill. The reasons which I will give are briefly stated. Even with the exist-ing bounty on bears, they are decidedly on the increase in my vicinity, and also, I believe in the northern and northwest-I believe, in the northern and northwest-ern part of the State. The animals are constantly making great depredations on our stock, sheep and voung cattle, and so forth, in my own town. During the months of this last fall, they have made an attack on animals as large as a 3-year-old colt, and the animal escaped greatly damaged. I therefore move an indefinite postponement of this measure. The motion was agreed to and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to grant the commissioner of inland fisheries and game authority to destroy mink in and around all fish hatcheries in the State.

An act to amend section 7, of chapter 249, of the Public Laws of 1893.

Mr. Merrill of Portland, offered amend-ment "A," to amend the title by adding the words, "relating to the use of purse and drag seines in State waters." The amendment was adopted and the bill on omended when wered the bar

bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

An act to extend the rights and privi-leges of the Underwood Co.

An act relating to waiving the provi-sions of a will by the widow of the testator, and to wills in which no provision is made for the widow of the testator and the interest which the widow of the testator and in the estate of the testator in such cases. An act establishing the Maine Schoof

for the Deaf.

On motion of Mr. Hutchins of Penob-scot, this bill was laid on the table pend-

and the state of the state of the state pend-ing its passage to be engrossed. An act relating to chapter 136, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Sabattus Wa-

ter Co. An act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Public Works. An act in relation to the disposition of unclaimed baggage by common carriers. Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, offered amendment "A." to amend said bill by inserting the word "fifty" after the word "chapter," in the first line of section 2. The amendment was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended. amended.

An act relating to the Portland Safe Deposit Co.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act relating to the Old Town municipal court.

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

Resolve in favor of the committee on State prison.

Resolve in favor of the Bangor Children's Home.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General hospital.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Bidde-ford, resolve in favor of the Hospital of the Society of the Sisters of Charity of Lewiston, Me., was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gen-there the resolve was designed for theman, the resolve was assigned for Thursday of next week, Mr. Hamilton stating that Mr. Noble of Lewiston, who had charge of the bill, was unable to be present, today.

present, today. On motion of Mr. Macomber of Au-gusta, bill relating to the use of com-pressed air was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gen-tleman, it was passed to be engrossed. On motion of Mr. Rounds of Paris, bill an act to prohibit the manufacture and scale of cicarettes was taken from the

sale of cigarettes was taken from the table.

Mr. Rounds moved that the bill be put upon its passage.

The bill was then read once.

Mr. King of Caribou: The question has been raised as to the constitutionality of this bill and it has been suggested that it be referred to the committee on the It doe referred to the committee on the judiciary for their decision in regard to that point; and I move that it be re-ferred to the committee on the judiciary. Mr. Rounds of Paris: I am not the au-thor of this bill but I might say a word in explanation. The question was raised before our committee the committee for

In explanation. The question was raised hefore our committee, the committee on temperance, and we concluded to report this bill and place it before the House for consideration. If this is referred to the committee on judiciary I don't know how it is settled by doing that. They are not a committee who are to deter-mine the constitutionality of any ques-tion; it is simply a matter of commiton tion; it is simply a matter of opinion; and the only way to determine its con-stitutionality, as I understand it, is to pass the bill here in this Legislature and let it so the current for to the supreme court for and let it go their decision.

We will be just as much in the dark after the judiciary committee have re-ported as we are now. Many of the lawyers in the State have been consulted in regard to this matter and they think it is constitutional in the sense that the prohibitory law is constitutional; and I call for the yeas and nays on the mo-tion to refer it to the judiciary committee.

Mr. King of Caribou: I have here a letter from Ex-Judge Symonds of Port-land, which I would like to read before this is put to vote. "I can only give you an impression in reply to your re-wards bout the approach signation quest about the proposed cigarette law. I have only just returned home and have

had no opportunity for investigation. But as a matter of recollection and im-pression I should not suppose it competent for one state to impose such an petent for one state to impose such an absolute prohibition against interstate commerce as the proposed bill under-takes to do. At all events it would be well for the bill to receive the careful attention of a legal committee like that upon the judiciary, before its passage." It seems to me this is not a question of the passage or non-passure of this

of the passage or non-passage of this bill; it is simply a question of its legality and constitutionality; and I see no good reason for putting a bill like this on the statute books if it is not constitutional. I do not wish this to be referred for a hearing as to the merits or demerits of the bill, but simply for their opinion upon this matter. It simply retards the bill for a few days, that is all. I hope it will he referred.

Mr. Hamilton of Mattawamkeag: If we could get a decision from the judi-ciary committee which would be legal and binding for future time, a final de-cision on this question, there would seem to be some object in referring it to. that committee; but as no less an au-thority, than the supreme court of the that committee; but as no less an au-thority than the supreme court of the United States can determine the con-stitutionality of this bill it seems to me to be a waste of time to refer it to the judiciary committee. There is one thing we do know, that the sentiment through-out the State of Maine is overwhelmingly in favor of this bill. Very nearly 2000 petitions have come before the Legisla-ture in its favor while less than 400 have remonstrated against it. and several of ture in its favor while less than 400 have remonstrated against it, and several of the remonstrances have been signed by only one individual. I believe we are ready to deal with this question now and I certainly trust that this bill will not be sent to the judiciary committee. I think it would delay the bill without ac-complishing anything as the decision of that committe would not be final. I hope the motion to refer will not prevail

the motion to refer will not prevail. Mr. Boynton of Sullivan: If I have been correctly informed the attorney general of the State has been consulted in regard to this matter and his advice is that this bill be put upon its passage and let its fate be what it may; and I favor the motion to refer the bill to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Pattangal of Machias: I feel at present very friendly towards the mo-tive of this bill but I feel very much in doubt in regard to its constitutionality. Of course the decision of the judiciary committee on that point would not be binding; but their opinion is of value to us in determining how to vote on a meas us in determining how to vote on a meas-ure. It seems to me, if what the gen-tleman from Sullivan (Mr. Boynton) tleman from Sullivan (Mr. Boynton) says is true, that the attorney general ad-vises the passage of this bill, that it is a peculiar suggestion to make to this House. I do not think it is hardly his province to advise this House whether or not to pass a bill. It would seem to me that a bill of this importance—and it is important—a bill that is designed to work important—a bill that is designed to work important reforms, should be gone at

carefully. We certainly do not desire here to pass a law that is unconstitu-tional, if this is an unconstitutional measure. If it is not, the strongest ar-gument against the bill is removed; and it seems to me, as a friend of the bill, that we should desire its committal to a legal committee for advice upon the point

legal committee for advice upon the point of its constitutionality. Mr. Andrews of Garland: Brothers and sisters, as an advocate of temper-ance, as one who has joined almost every temperance organization since the every temperance organization since the time of the Washingtonians, I can say today that I am in favor of this bill. I see that we have quite a number of rep-resentatives here from our lady friends and they are always on the side of tem-perance. I believe to quibble with this matter or delay it would not be for our advantage nor to the advantage of this bill as a temperance measure. I esteem our attorney general, bis advice is very our attorney general, his advice is very good indeed, and I think it is our best course to follow those whom we feel are strongly in favor of temperance in re-gard to this great issue. I represent the town of Dexter from which we have a petition here from our noble men and excellent women, a petition of about 230 names; I also represent Garland, a tem-perance town, which has sent petitions here. All over the State of Maine our of this measure. Let us do all we can to pass this bill and risk the legality of it.

Mr. Boynton of Sullivan: The attorney general is in the House and he has just informed me that he has not expressed any opinion on the constitutionality of this bill, and I rise to make this explana-tion as due to him. I was misinformed.

tion as due to him. I was misinformed. Mr. Talbot of Lewiston: I have the greatest respect for the judiciary com-mittee of this Legislature, made up as it is from the ablest attorneys in the State, but I submit that there are some things which common people have an opinion upon as well as those gentlemen. I do not know just the individual opinion of that conmittee in relation to many laws that are now on the statute books. This bill was referred to the temperance com-mittee. We have the opinion of that committee. It is in the same class of temperance. It is in the same class of temperance. It is not have he have held that these were unconstitutional, but Maine has always held that we have the right to prohibit the manufacture and the right to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquors. The cigarette bill is in the same line. I do not know of a smoker but who will vote to annihilate the cigar-ette. It ought to be an outlaw in every civilized community. We cannot pass legislation which is too radical against such things as this. I have no fear of the supreme court of our State or nation the supreme court of our State or nation of certurning any legislation of this kind. I think we are capable of expressing our own opinion without being advised by the judiciary committee: and I sincerely hope that the motion to refer whi not prevail. Mr. Winslow of Portland: If it is un-constitutional to pass this bill, I will say

to the House that we already have a law to the flows that we all any have a law on the statute books very much of the same character. Two years ago, the House passed a bill prohibiting the man-ufacture and sale of a spurious kind of ufacture and sale of a spurious kind of confectionery, and while that bill was under consideration there was only one voice raised against it. It received prac-tically a unanimous passage in the House and Senate. As regards the cigarette it-self, I regard it a very dangerous thing. self, I regard it a very dangerous thing. I have heard it said that there were very few young men who would begin the drinking habit by taking strong drink. They begin by using small beers, so to speak, of a very mild and harmless c.ar-acter, and gradually the habit of taking the social drink is fastened upon them and after a while they become confirmed drinkers. I think the same rule applies to the use of the graduates to the use of the cigarettes. I see in my city a great many young men puffing cig-arettes. It is only a question of a few years when they will become confirmed smokers or users of tobacco. I believe it is a very bad habit and that if this Legis-lature can do anything to save our. boys in this respect we ought to do it. As re-gards the constitutionality of the bill, I believe we ought to pass it, and if the constitution of the United States inter-feres with the moral sentiment of the State of Maine, then we had better have the constitution of the United States changed. to the use of the cigarettes. I see in my changed.

Mr. Hamilton of Mattawamkeag: It appears to me that this determining the Tt constitutionality of a measure is a very great question. We had a sample of it great question. We had a sample of it in regard to the income tax, a law which was passed by the United States Con-gress, and after a great expenditure of money in preparing to collect that tax, it was carried to the supreme court of the it was carried to the supreme court of the United States and decided to be unconsti-tutional by a majority of one vote; and if this deciding the constitutionality of a measure is so great a question as that, measure is so great a question as that, and there are so many different opinions and there are so many unterent opinions as to its constitutionality. I ask you what would be the value really of having the opinion of the judiciary committee in this case. It certainly can be nothing but an opinion.

Mr. King of Caribou: I simply wish to say that I do not smoke cigarettes and I did not raise this question from any per-sonal interest. It was simply a question that a number of good lawyers had dis-oursed and it score cluber too had to cussed, and it seems almost too bad to put such a law on the statute books if it is unconstitutional. I have no interest beyond that in this matter, and I am wil-ling that the yeas and nays should be called.

Mr. Walton of Skowhegan: I intro-duced this bill for the purpose of having the matter agitated. I believe that the agitation of this measure is important for the good of our boys. I myself have known of several instances where the use of the cigarette has resulted in the complete wreck of the boy. There is, as has been suggested, a law upon the statute books, today, in regard to this very mat-ter, that they shall not be sold to boys under 16 years of age. If this law would 11.

be unconstitutional, that also is uncon-stitutional. As a lawyer I suppose I may claim to know something about con-stitutional motivers I do not a labout consuitutional. As a lawyer 1 suppose 1 may claim to know something about con-stitutional matters. I do not claim to know all about this matter, but I do know that the question which is raised here is a very grave one. The claim is made that it is unconstitutional, for the reason that while you can prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquor, you do it upon the ground that the man may become so intoxicated that he will injure other peo-ple, but that if he takes poison and in-jures himself he does not necessarily af-fect other people; and that on that ac-count he has a right to use any kind of poison to destroy himself, soul and body. But I take issue with those who make that claim upon that ground. I say that anything a person takes which breaks down his constitution, which destroys his anything a person takes which breaks down his constitution, which destroys his intellect, which makes him a wreck, body and soul, is a matter which the people of the State of Maine have an interest in and which they have a right to legislate upon, and that as police legislation we have a right to pass any law in regard to such matters, because the germs of dis-ease which are umplanted in a person not such matters, because the germs of dis-ease which are implanted in a person not only affect his children after him, and so in respect to such matters the people of the State of Maine as well as the people of all other states have a deep and abid-ing interest. And so I say let us pass this law. The judiciary committee can-not give it any attention. Members of that committee have said to me: "We have all we can do now: we cannot give that committee have said to me: "We have all we can do now; we cannot give this matter any attention." Let us pass this law. Let this question be deter-mined. Then we will have it determined as the liquor law was determined by the court to which it should go. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Cari-bou (Mr. King) will not prevail.

The question being upon the motion of Mr. King of Caribou, to refer the bill to the committee on the judiciary, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was lost by a vote of 16 for to 105 against.

When the name of Mr. Burns of West-When the name of Mr. Burns of West-brook, was called, that gentleman said he wished to explain his position on this question. I favor the bill if it is consti-tutional, but if there is any doubt about it and we can get any light upon that subject, I shall favor submitting the bill to the judiciary committee. Yea-Austin, Burns, Burrill, Coffin of Shapleigh, Golder, Guernsey, Hancock, Kaler, King, Merrill of Portland, New-comb, Pattangall, Peirce, Prince, Rodick, Shepard.-16.

Shepard.-16.

Nay—Ames, Andrey Blanchard, Boynton, Ayer, Bither. Britton, Blanchard, Boynton, Briggs, Britton, Brown, Burnham, Burse, Burton, Chand-ler, Chatto, Coffin of Thorndike, Conant, Cook, Cox, Cram, Currier, Cushman, Day, Dickey, Dudley, Durgin, Edmunds, Fer-nald of Levant, Floyd, Fogg, Fogler, For-est, Fuller, Furbush, Gagnon, Gardner, Garvin, Goodrich, Goodwin, Gowell, Ham-ilton of Biddeford, Hamilton of Matta-wamkear, Hathorn, Hill Holbrook wamkeag, Hathorn, Hill, Holbrook, Holmes, Houghton, Hurd, Hussey, Hutchinson, Jewell, Jones, Kinsman, Kneeland, Knowlton of Port-

land, Lane, Larrabee of Sebago, Lincoln, Littlefield of Kennebunk, Littlefield of Vinalhaven, Longley, Luce, Macomber, Martin, Mason, Maxwell, McIntire, Mer-rill of Bluehill, Mitchell, Moore of Deer-ing, Moore of Moscow, Murchle, Murphy, Palmer, Patten, Pearl, Penley, Philbrook, Pope, Pratt, Purinton, Reed, Rounds, Rowell of Kittery, Sanborn, Saunders, Sawyer, Searls, Shaw of Saco, Smith of Hampden, Smith of Masardis, Smith of Presque Isle, Spear, Staples, Stevens, Talbot, Tarbell, Thurston, Tolman, Wal-ton, Wheeler, Whiting, Winslow, York, Young.-105. Young.-105.

Absent-Daggett, Davis, Donnell, Fer-nald of Poland, Gilman, Greenleaf, Hathnald of Poland, Gilman, Greenleaf, Hath-away, Knowlton of Newburg, Levensaler, Littlefield of Belfast, Maxey, Murray, Noble, O'Neil, Plummer, Robinson, Row-ell of East Livermore, Sewall, Shaw of Cumberland, Simpson, Starbird, Stetson, Thompson, Thurlow, Violette, Weeks, Whelden, Williams, Wilson.-29. Mr. Merrill of Portland, offered an amendment to add in line four after the word "cigarette" the words "cigar or tobacco in any form."

word "cigarette" the words the tobacco in any form." Mr. Merrill of Portland: I wish to say merely in reference to this amendment that I feel that the bill is a good one as it stood. I voted to refer it to the judiciary committee merely on the ground of its legality, but now as that motion is negatived I shall vote in the affirmative. But the bill does not go far enough. I notice that about this State House to-bacco is used and it is very noxious, and I think that some of the tobacco which is used is as noxious and as deleterious as cigarettes. Now I think that the members of this House, even if it deprives them of some comforts or pleasures, would be willing to go the entire length in this reform if they go at all. It is no more than just, it is no more than right, and I think it would be a great advance in this direction. I therefore move that when we vote upon this amendment it be taken by yeas and nays. (Laughter.) The question being on the adoption of

the amendment offered by Mr. Merrill of Portland, the yeas and nays were ordered

Portland, the yeas and nays were ordered and the amendment was lost by a vote of 42 for to 77 against. Yeas-Austin, Ayer, Burrill, Chatto, Coffin of Shapleigh, Conant, Cram, Cur-rier, Cushman, Dudley, Fernald of Le-vant, Furbush, Gagnon, Gardner, Golder, Gowell, Guernsey, Hamilton of Biddeford, Hutchins, Kaler, King, Kinsman, Lane, Longley, Luce, Maxwell, Merrill of Port-land, Moore of Moscow, Murchie, New-comb, Pattangall, Peirce, Prince, Ro-dick, Sanborn, Searls, Shaw of Saco, Stevens, Whiting, Winslow, York, Young, Yeas-42. Stevens, Yeas-42.

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Jewell, Jones, Kneeland, Knowlton of Portland, Larrabee, Lincoln, Littlefield of Kennebunk, Littlefield of Vinalhaven, Macomber, Martin, Mason, McIntire, Merrill of Bluehill, Mitchell, Moore of Deering, Murphy, Palmer, Penley, Phil-brook, Pope, Pratt, Purinton, Reed, Rounds, Rowell of Kittery, Saunders, Sawyer, Shepard, Smith of Hampden, Smith of Masardis, Smith of Presque Isle, Spear, Staples, Talbot, Tarbell, Thurston, Tolman, Walton, Wheeler, Wilson. Nays-77. Absent-Burse, Daggett, Davis, Don-nell, Fernald of Poland, Gilman, Green-leaf, Hathaway, Knowlton of Newburg, Levensaler, Littlefield of Belfast, Maxcy, Murray, Noble, O'Neil, Patten, Pearl, Plummer, Robinson, Rowell of E. Liver-more, Sewall, Shaw of Cumberland, Simpson, Starbird, Stetson, Thompson, Thurlow, Violette, Weeks, Whelden, Wil-liams. Absent-31. The bill was then read a second time

Thurlow, Violette, Weeks, Whelden, Wil-liams. Absent-31. The bill was then read a second time and was assigned for tomorrow at nine

o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, resolve making an appropriation for the Penobscot tribe of Indians 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. Hamilton of Bidde-ford, resolve relating to Indian town-ship, Washington county, 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. Holbrook of Bruns-wick, bill granting right to Susan S. B. Spring to build and maintain a dam was taken from the table, and on further motion by the same gentleman pending its third reading it was committed to the committee on phene for bring. committee on shore fisheries. On motion of Mr. Winslow of Portland.

Adjourned.

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