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**STATE OF MAINE.**  
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## HOUSE.

Wednesday, March 24, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Thayer of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act to amend chapter 258 of the Public Laws of 1893 as amended by chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1895 relating to the taxation of savings banks.

In Senate passage to be engrossed refused.

Mr. Merrill of Portland, explained the bill and moved that the House non-concur in the action of the Senate and that this matter be referred to the next Legislature.

A division being had the motion was adopted by a vote of 85 for to 2 against.

The order naming the time when committees shall finally report, came from the Senate amended by striking out all after the word "committees" and insert the following "except the committee on financial affairs be directed to report finally on or before Thursday, March 25th inst."

The House reconsidered the vote whereby this order was adopted, and the order was then given a passage in concurrence as amended.

Order relating to railroad commissioners.

Passed by the House, amended in the Senate, the vote in the House insisted upon, Senate amendment insisted upon in the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Wilson the speaker appointed a committee of conference consisting of Messrs. Wilson of Gorham, Walton of Skowhegan and Pattangall of Machias.

Resolve in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine.

In the House indefinitely postponed. In Senate passed to be engrossed in non-concurrence.

Mr. Shaw of Saco, moved that the House recede from its former action and concur with the Senate.

The motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Dickey of Ft. Kent moved that the House insist upon its former action and that a committee of conference be appointed.

The motion was agreed to, and the speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Murray of Pembroke, Rounds of Paris and Shaw of Saco.

Act to regulate the salary of the county attorney of Hancock county.

In Senate recommitted to the committee on salaries. The House receded from its former action and concurred with the Senate in recommitting this matter to the committee on salaries.

An act to incorporate Newfield Academy.

In Senate indefinitely postponed. The House receded from its former action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed and concurred with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Bill relating to the use of compressed air for power.

In Senate indefinitely postponed. The House receded from its action whereby it passed this bill to be enacted and concurred with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

An act to amend section one of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes relating to division fences.

In Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A" and Senate amendment "A."

The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed as amended. Senate amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act to increase the salary of the county attorney for the county of Cumberland.

In Senate re-committed in non-concurrence to the committee on salaries. The House reconsidered its former action whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed and concurred with the Senate in recommitting it to the committee on salaries.

Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of claims of Don A. H. Powers and Dr. A. G. Sirois against the State for services rendered in connection with the shooting of Game warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morris.

In Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A." House amendment "B" rejected in Senate. The House reconsidered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed as amended in the House and concurred with the Senate in the rejection of House amendment "B." The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

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

In Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A." The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed. Senate amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act to amend section 3 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children.

In Senate House amendment "B" rejected and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended by House amendment "A." The House reconsidered the vote whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed and concurred with the Senate in the rejection of House amendment "B." The bill was then passed to be engrossed.

An act to regulate the packing of sardines.

Passed to be enacted in both Houses. In Senate recalled from the executive department and passed to be engrossed and enacted in the Senate after the adoption of Senate amendment "C." The House reconsidered the votes whereby it passed this bill to be enacted and engrossed. Senate amendment "C" was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed.

Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

In this House the bill had been indefi-

nately postponed. In Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A."

Mr. Walton of S.owhegan, moved that the House insist upon its action in indefinitely postponing this resolve and that a committee of conference be appointed.

A division being had the motion was agreed to by a vote of 57 for to 5 against. The following Senate bills and resolves received their several readings and were passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

An act to change the time of holding the October term of the supreme judicial court of the county of Waldo.

An act to amend chapter 287 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the better protection of sheep.

An act relating to the employments of superintendents of schools.

An act amendatory of section 19 of chapter 12 of the Revised Statutes, relating to officers of religious societies.

An act to amend section 31 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1897, chapter 212 of the Public Laws of 1899 and chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, defining the course of study in free high schools.

Resolve in favor of the summer training school for teachers and the distribution of educational documents.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, this resolve was laid on the table pending its second reading and assigned for this afternoon.

Petitions, bills and resolves presented and referred.

#### PLACED ON FILE.

By Mr. Pierce of Frankfort—Petition of Henry Dawson and 11 others, of E. M. Billings Post, G. A. R. of Monroe, in favor of Maine Soldiers' Home.

#### JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Andrews of Garland—An act to prevent any exhibitions in the State of Maine of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons mill at Carson City through the agency of kinoscope.

By Mr. Davis of Steuben—Bill an act to prevent the reproduction of prize fights by photograph.

Mr. Davis moved that the rules be suspended and that this resolve be considered without reference to any committee.

Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, moved that the bill be referred to the committee on judiciary.

The question being on the reference of the bill to the judiciary committee, Mr. Davis called for a division.

A division being had the motion was agreed to by a vote of 59 for to 10 against.

#### ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Standish.

Ordered, That S. B. Luce of New Vineyard, be excused from further attendance at this session on and after March 26th, and that the clerk be instructed to

make up his pay and mileage in full to the end of the session.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Sewall of Bath, for the committee on federal relations on petitions reported resolve requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an appropriation for a dry dock at some port on the coast of Maine.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, the rules were suspended, the resolve was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Hill for the committee on legal affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to legalize the doings of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hill for the same committee, reported ought to pass bill an act to amend section 7, chapter 180 of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of the Protestant Episcopal church of Maine. Printed under rule.

Mr. Pearl for the committee on ways and means, on order of the Legislature, reported accompanying order, that the State assessors be directed to assess the State tax for the years 1897 and 1898, on the valuation as established by the State assessors for said years at the rate of two and three-fourths mills on the dollar for each of the said years 1897 and 1898.

Mr. Weeks for the committee on judiciary, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes relating to highways. Printed under rule.

Mr. Williams for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to authorize the Penobscot Central Railway to maintain a street railroad in the city of Bangor over a route to be fixed by the municipal officers. Printed under rule.

Mr. Murchie for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act additional to and amendatory of 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 Railway Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Walton for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass bill an act to amend chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1899 relating to hawkers and peddlers.

Mr. Archie for the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act to extend the charter of the Waldo and Somerset Railway Company. Printed under rule.

Mr. Rowell for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass bill an act authorizing and directing the treasurer of Franklin county to refund certain money to Perkins plantation.

Mr. Knowlton for the committee on judiciary, reported ought not to pass bill an act to amend section 9, chapter 142 of

the Revised Statutes, in relation to sentences to the Reform School.

Mr. Knowlton for the same committee, reported ought not to pass bill an act to amend section 27, chapter 734 of the Revised Statutes, relating to appeals in criminal cases.

Mr. Fuller for the committee on federal relations, on resolve relating to the Sperry bill, reported that the same be referred to the next Legislature.

Mr. Daggett for the committee on State lands and State roads, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill an act authorizing the land agent to sell certain public lands in Mars plantation. Printed under rule.

Mr. Hamilton for the committee on judiciary, reported ought to pass bill an act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York, and to amend section 54, chapter 80 of the Revised Statutes. Printed under rule.

Mr. Floyd for the committee on legal affairs, reported ought not to pass bill an act to authorize the correction of errors in proceedings for the collection of taxes.

Mr. Philbrook for the committee on county estimates, to which was referred the county estimates of the several counties of the State for the years 1897 and 1898, reported a resolve and that it ought to pass. Printed under rule.

#### READ AND PASSED TO BE EN- GROSSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

An act to amend section 8, chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 60 of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to paupers, their settlement and support.

An act to amend section 29, chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the support of paupers in unincorporated places.

An act to amend clause 26 of section 6, chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 141 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to corporations.

An act in relation to political caucuses in cities.

An act relative to the use of wide tires. Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, offered an amendment to add section 3, "The provisions of this act shall not apply to cities."

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, the bill was laid on the table pending its passage to be en-grossed and assigned for this afternoon for further consideration.

An act to amend section 6, chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 73 of the Public Laws of 1891.

An act to incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Company.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to give to the Oxford Light Company certain powers not granted by the general law.

An act to correct a clerical error in an

act to amend chapter 30 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to liens on buildings, approved March 17, 1897, and being chapter 232 of the Public Laws of 1897.

An act to amend section 11 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to probate courts.

An act to amend chapter 184 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Castine Water Company.

An act to amend sections 59, 60 and 61 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes relating to the taxation of insurance companies.

An act to extend the charter of the Portland and Yarmouth Electric Railway Company and enable it to cross navigable tide waters.

An act to amend section 6 of chapter 132 of the Public Laws of 1891 relating to punishment for intoxication.

An act to amend section 12 of chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the mortgaging of ward's estate by guardians.

An act to amend section 3 of chapter 150 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, entitled an act in relation to the municipal court of the city of Portland.

An act to repeal chapter 182 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the taking of fish from Bungeaneaut pond.

An act additional to section 104, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to the duties of the State superintendent of schools.

An act additional relating to the appointment of a recorder for the Bath municipal court.

An act to establish the salary of the judge of probate in the county of Piscataquis.

Resolve relating to the Maine Gettysbury commission.

Resolve in favor of the city of Calais.

Resolve in favor of Olaf H. Nilson.

Resolves providing for uniforms, camp and garrison equipage for Company M, First Regiment, National Guard State Militia, and Company M, Second Regiment, National Guard State Militia.

Resolve in favor of heirs of John Robertson.

Resolve in favor of Pennell Institute.

Resolve in favor of the town of Topsfield.

Resolve for the purpose of repairing the church of the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

An act to incorporate the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railway Company and to authorize municipalities in Cumberland county to aid in the construction of its railway.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill relating to the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, offered amendment "A," by inserting after the words "gives away" in the fourth line the words "to any minor under the age of 21 years."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, offered amendment "B," to insert after the

words "offers for sale" in the third line the words "or brings into this State."

Mr. Hamilton called for a division on the adoption of the amendment.

A division being had the amendment was lost by a vote of 30 for to 52 against. The bill was then read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill relating to navigation in the Kennebec river between Shawmut dam and the south line of Skowhegan.

Mr. Pearl of Bangor, moved the indefinite postponement of this bill. There is a corporation known as the Good Will Farm which owns ground on the opposite shore from the farm of about ten acres known as the "Pines." They have held assemblies upon this ground for the last few years and they cross the river at this point. This bill grants to the Shawmut Navigation Company the sole right to navigate the Kennebec from Shawmut to the point named in the bill. I make this motion in order that there shall not be taken from the Good Will Farm any rights which they now enjoy.

The question being on the indefinite postponement of the bill, the motion was agreed to.

An act to incorporate the Ashland Water Company.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, moved the indefinite postponement of this bill, stating that he did so at the request of Mr. Smith of Masardis, who is absent on account of sickness.

The motion was agreed to.

Bill relating to granting to Georges River Mills the right to develop and sell electrical power.

Mr. Macomber of Augusta, offered an amendment which was adopted, and the bill was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Macomber the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Resolve relating to travelling libraries.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of Portland, this resolve was assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to traveling libraries.

On motion of Mr. Shepard of Buxton, this bill was assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to annexation of Deering to Portland.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, this bill was assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to the privileges of graduates of the Maine State College.

Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, explained that the object of the bill was that he graduates in the department of pharmacy can go before the State board of pharmacy and take an examination.

Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, stated that he had asked the gentleman from Machias to offer an amendment covering the point he has suggested, but as the bill now reads it is legislating for students outside of this State and is broad enough to cover every line of work. The students should stand upon the work which they can do and not be bolstered up by the action of the Legislature.

Mr. Stetson of Bangor, said that the

bill was made broad enough to cover other departments that may be created in the future. We ask only what is granted to other institutions of the State.

Mr. Shepard of Buxton, said he did not see any reason why students from the Maine college should not have a chance to have a fair trial before the different boards.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, the motion was lost.

The bill was then read twice, and on motion by Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill relating to the changing of the name of the State college to that of the University of Maine.

Mr. Stetson of Bangor, said that this bill was to make the name conform to the present character of the institution. It is a disadvantage to students to graduate from an agricultural college when coming into competition with the graduates of other institutions, especially with institutions founded under this same Morrill act. They ask that you will grant them a name which will be in keeping with the present character of the institution and in accordance with the spirit of the times.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, said that if the name was changed to that of the University of Maine future Legislatures will be appealed to do much more for the State college than has ever been done before, and the friends of the college will use as an argument that the wisdom of the Legislature of 1897 saw fit to attach the name of the University of Maine to that institution. If the name were to be changed to that of the Maine State college, I would vote for it. I have an idea that graduates of Bates can sell their services even though they come from a college. If you give to this college the title of university, there will not be another Legislature but what will be asked to establish courses in law, medicine and theology and the post graduate courses which universities offer to those who come within their walls, and appropriations will be called for and insisted upon. I object to the bill in its present form.

Mr. Shepard of Buxton, said that this seemed a small subject to discuss, whether we change the name of the State college or not. President Harris has more than doubled his college in about three years. Even if he does make that college into an immense university, it does not seem to me that it will be any great damage to the State, and if the students ask to have the name changed, and it is not going to cost a cent, I believe we ought not to vote against it.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, said that this matter recalled the time when we changed the name of Waterville college. The same discussion took place. Waterville college was a useful name, but they wanted it changed. This institution will receive more money by this change, because it has a broader sound and will

attract more students. If the graduates will stand higher in the estimation of the public when they come out from that institution, I say, in the name of God, let us change the name of that institution.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, said he did not believe that the opposition to this change of name arose from jealousy, but from a misunderstanding of the change of name. Every time we ask for appropriations we are met with the charge that our college is sailing under false colors, that we call it an agricultural college in order to get the farmer vote. We would like to take those false colors down. We desire the change of name which shows the full breadth of its courses. Out of 38 or 39 colleges founded under the Morrill act, all but six or seven bear the name of universities. Our graduates come into competition with graduates of other state universities. When we had no tuition the people seemed to desire that the numbers of the college should be kept down because of the expense to the State. With tuition it is desirable to the taxpayers to increase the number of students. This title of university as a matter of advertising will increase the number of students. We desire to have a name broad enough to cover the charter of that institution.

Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, said that the question could be summed up in two statements: By changing the name to the Maine University we give it a name to which I believe the institution has no right at the present time. While they have seven or eight courses, those courses are of such rank that it is impossible to compare them with the university work of any university in New England at the present time. They tell us now that the graduates of that institution secure the very best situations. By making this change we are going to make it possible for President Harris to add course after course to that institution until we shall have all the various departments of the large Western universities, and the State is not in a financial condition at the present time to allow this to be done. Large sums would have to be appropriated if the name is changed.

The question being on the indefinite postponement of the bill, Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, offered amendment "A," to strike out the words "University of Maine where they occur and substitute the words "State College of Maine."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Talbot of Lewiston: Having taken a deep interest in the college, it may be expected that I give some expression of my views on this question of the change in name, and I desire to say that I do not regard it of as much importance as do either its friends or opponents. The act of Congress of 1862 is the charter of the college, and it is therein very carefully described and defined. Under whatever name it may have it would be the same. A fear has been expressed that the department of agriculture and mechanic arts would, by the change in

name, be made secondary and simply an annex to the college. I think the act of Congress of 1867, known as the "Hatch act," establishing the Agricultural Experiment Station, is a safeguard against this. The faculty desire the change, the students want it, and the alumni want it. I have not taken so much interest in this, believing that the institution would be the same whatever its name. The Speaker knew very well when he assigned me to the State college committee that I did not feel that I should have the position, but finding myself so assigned, I entered faithfully upon the work of ascertaining all I could about the institution and its needs. It is doing a great work. We have stood by it and given it deserved financial support, which will be remembered by us with pleasure.

The question being to indefinitely postpone the bill, Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, called for a division.

A division being had, the motion was lost by a vote of 49 for to 59 against.

The bill was then read twice, and on motion of Mr. Stetson of Bangor, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Co.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Smith offered an amendment, to add section 2, "This act shall take effect when approved."

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

Bill relating to the examination of teachers was assigned for this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lincoln, bill relating to the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Co. was taken from the table.

Senate amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

The Speaker appointed as a committee on conference on resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane hospital, Messrs. Smith of Presque Isle, Hill of Portland, and Fogler of Rockland.

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

#### Afternoon Session.

#### ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lincoln, Ordered, That on and after Friday, March 26, 1897, A. M. Tolman be granted leave of absence, and that the clerk be instructed to make up his pay in full.

On motion of Mr. Gilman of Houlton, Ordered, That on and after Thursday, March 25, 1897, Maxim P. Gagnon, representative from Frenchville, be excused from further attendance upon this Legislature, and that the clerk be directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Burton of Union, Ordered, That Milton Thurston be excused from further attendance on and

after March 25, 1897, and that the clerk be requested to make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Burton of Union, Ordered, That A. V. Martin be excused from further attendance on and after March 25, 1897, and that the clerk be requested to make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Larrabee of Sebago, Ordered, That N. D. Smith be excused from further attendance at this session on and after Thursday, March 25, and that the clerk be requested to make up his pay and mileage to the end of the session.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Weeks for the committee on judiciary, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, bill an act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange, No. 316, was organized. Printed under rule.

Mr. Pattangall for the committee on education, reported in a new draft and ought to pass, bill an act to amend section 4, of chapter 22, of the Public Laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 206, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of truant officers. Printed under rule.

Mr. Burton for the committee on salaries, reported ought not to pass, bill an act regulating the salary of the county and State officers for a period of years.

Mr. Mason for the committee on shore fisheries, on petitions praying that there be established and maintained two or more hatcheries for the propagation of lobsters, reported an order authorizing the commissioners of shore fisheries to make investigations and report to the next Legislature.

#### READ AND PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

An act to amend section 60, chapter 27, of the Revised Statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors.

An act to amend the charter of the Waldo Street Railway Co.

An act to amend chapter 221, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, which is an act to incorporate the Long Pond Dam Co.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Calais.

An act to amend section 42, of chapter 92, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of dams and reservoirs.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform school.

Resolve in favor of granting aid in repairing and maintaining Babbit Ridge road in the town of Moscow.

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

Resolve in aid of building a bridge over Dickey brook in Frenchville in the county of Aroostook.

Resolve in favor of Children's Aid Society of Maine.

Resolve in favor of an appropriation for the town of Hollis.

Resolve in favor of breakwater at Mat-tawamkeag bridge.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolves in aid of the Maine Gettysburg commission.

Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Resolve in aid of the Little Samaritan Aid Society of Portland, Me.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Bill relating to insolvency.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, this bill was assigned for tomorrow morning.

Bill relating to the Portland Railroad Co.

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Calais, the rules were suspended, this bill was given its several readings and passed to be engrossed.

#### BILL RELATING TO THE USE OF BICYCLES.

Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, said that the pending question was the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill and he hoped it would not prevail. One of the provisions of the bill is that bicycles shall not be ridden on a sidewalk; another defines what is meant by a sidewalk; others provide in regard to the carrying of an alarm bell. The chief objection to the bill is that it provides for a registration instead of a tax. It is claimed that bicycles should be taxed as other property is taxed, and we would like to do that if it was possible. But while in small towns these bicycles may be taxed, we learn from the municipal officers of large towns and cities that they find it impossible to do this. They say that the expense of taxing the bicycles would more than out-balance the benefits, and as a result all through the State they are not taxed except in a few scattering towns. The League of American Wheelmen are very anxious for good roads and they are in favor of this bill on that account. We have a bill which provides that the State board of agriculture shall impart information and disseminate knowledge throughout the State concerning the building and maintaining of the high-ways, and it was understood that this bill and the bill before us in regard to the taxing of bicycles should go on together, and that from the tax on the bicycles should be obtained the money which will more than pay for the additional expense in regard to this communication of knowledge. In the bill we are now considering \$1 is paid by the owner of every bicycle. Of that 50 cents goes into the town treasury. Forty cents goes to the State treasury, amounting to \$3500, which is appropriated under the bill of which I spoke in the interest of good roads. Ten cents, the remainder, goes to the clerk or officer appointed for procuring the registration and the collecting of the money. It is found in cities and large town that the only way to get anything from the owners of bicycles is by registration. In small towns it may be said that bicycles



can be taxed, but we are legislating for the State. The bill does not take effect this year. It does not go into effect until the first of January next. I hope the motion to indefinitely postpone will not prevail.

Mr. Holmes of Addison, said that he differed with the last speaker when he said that large towns and cities were not able to collect taxes of wheels. It may not be possible to tax them all, but a great deal of personal property escapes taxation. Many people who own bicycles are not really able to do so. They will manage to pay one instalment and by this bill you say to them that they must pay another dollar. I believe in taxing property according to its value. If it is worth \$100 tax it as such, if it is worth \$10 tax it as such and not show any partiality.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, division being had the motion was lost by a vote of 38 for to 42 against.

Mr. Holmes of Addison, offered an amendment, to strike out sections 2, 3 and 4; strike out in section 10, line 5, the words "one-half" and "complaint" and also in the sixth line the words "and the other half"; also all of the seventh line; strike out all of section 14; strike out the first and second lines and first word in the third line of section 16; strike out all of sections 17 and 18; strike out all after the word "effect" in the first line of section 19 and add the words "when approved."

Mr. Holmes of Addison, called for the yeas and nays on the adoption of the amendment.

The call was not seconded.

A division being had the amendment was adopted by a vote of 51 for to 42 against.

Mr. Stetson of Bangor, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed and called for the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays being ordered the motion to indefinitely postpone was adopted by a vote of 111 for to 7 against.

Yea—Ames, Andrews, Blanchard, Boynton, Briggs, Britton, Brown, Burns, Burrill, Burse, Burton, Chandler, Chatto, Coffin of Sharpleigh, Conant, Cook, Cox, Cram, Cushman, Daggett, Davis, Day, Dickey, Durgin, Edmunds, Fernald of Levant, Floyd, Fogg, Forest, Fuller, Furbush, Gagnon, Garwin, Gilman, Goodrich, Goodwin, Gowell, Greenleaf, Hamilton of Biddeford, Hamilton of Mattawankeag, Hancock, Hathaway, Hathorn, Hill, Holbrook, Holmes, Houghton, Hussey, Hutchins, Hutchinson, Jewell, Jones, Kaler, King, Kneeland, Knowlton of Newburg, Knowlton of Portland, Larrabee of Sebago, Levensaler, Littlefield of Kennebunk, Luce, Macomber, Martin, Mason, Merrill of Bluehill, Merrill of Portland, Mitchell, Moore of Deering, Moore of Moscow, Murchie, Murphy, Murray, O'Neil, Palmer, Pattangall, Patten, Pearl, Peirce, Penley, Philbrook, Plummer, Pope, Pratt, Prince, Reed, Robinson, Rounds, Rowell of Kittery, Sanborn, Sawyer, Searis, Sewall, Shaw of Saco, Shepard, Simpson, Smith of Hampden,

Spear, Staples, Starbird, Stetson, Stevens, Talbot, Tarbell, Thompson, Thurston, Tolman, Walton, Wheeler, Williams, Wilson, Winslow—111.

Nay—Burnham, Coffin of Thorndike, Currier, Littlefield of Vinalhaven, Shaw of Cumberland, York, Young—7.

Absent—Austin, Ayer, Bither, Donnell, Dudley, Fernald of Poland, Gardner, Golder, Guernsey, Hurd, Kinsman, Lane, Lincoln, Littlefield of Belfast, Longley, Maxcy, Maxwell, McIntire, Newcomb, Noble, Purinton, Rodick, Rowell of East Livermore, Saunders, Smith of Masardis, Smith of Presque Isle, Thurlow, Violette, Weeks, Whelden, Whiting—32.

Mr. Philbrook for the judiciary committee, reported ought to pass on bill an act to prevent the reproduction of prize fights by photographs.

On motion of Mr. Philbrook the rules were suspended and the bill received its three readings.

Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

A division being had the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost by a vote of 23 for to 65 against.

The bill was then passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

Mr. Philbrook for the judiciary committee, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to prevent any exhibition in the State of Maine of the Corbett-Fitsimmons mill at Carson City, through the agency of the kineotoscope, as another bill covering the same subject has been reported. The report was accepted.

Mr. Hill for the committee on legal affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass bill to incorporate the Somerset Traction Company.

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

Mr. Chatto, for the committee on salaries, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to increase the salary of the county attorney of the county of Cumberland. Report accepted.

Mr. Murchie of Calais, presented remonstrance of Frank L. Allendale, against establishment of West Washington municipal court. Placed on file.

Bill relating to the examination of teachers.

The pending question was Senate amendment "A" and also a motion for the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Hill of Portland, offered an amendment to amendment "A," to add the following section 8: "This act shall not apply to cities and town or union of towns in which the superintendent of schools devotes his entire time to superintendence."

The amendment was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of amendment "A" as amended, the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Shepard of Buxton, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

An act to establish travelling libraries. Mr. Sewall of Bath, moved that this bill be indefinitely postponed. There is not such a call for this bill as to warrant

its passage. I had hoped that this Legislature might give to our library the attention it deserved. I hope the next Legislature will appoint a committee who will make it their business to investigate the condition of the State library, and to take such an inventory of stock as any business man will take, from time to time, and see whether the books on the shelves correspond to the books catalogued as belonging there. I make that statement without any reflection on the present committee or the State librarian. The library is a valuable one. It is in a large measure what it was designed to be, a library of reference, a library to remain here under the roof of the building for the use of the members of the Legislature and for the people who care enough about it to make the trip here to consult it. Everything relating to the history of the State is in the library, manuscripts and documents, volume upon volume. I believe this bill justifies the invasion of this library to the serious detriment of the State. I know it excepts books for library and reference only, but that exception is altogether too large or too small. All the books I believe are for library use and reference use only and should be only so used. The appropriation which follows this of \$1000 for two years provides for the purchase of new books. It does not protect these valuable books from being carted over the State in this experimental way, and it opens the way for buying popular fiction which should not be in the library in any event but which would be called for if this bill should pass, and you will have changed the character of that library from one of worth to one of cheap and popular literature which has no place in the building. I hope you will feel justified in supporting my motion to indefinitely postpone this bill.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, said that he had not examined this bill with very great care. We were somewhat in doubt until now what subjects had been occupying the mind of the gentleman from Bath during the last six weeks. I wish to assure him, that should there be any changes in the political future of some members of this House, and should those who desire to serve their country in foreign lands be disappointed and consequently return to the next House, if I am in a position to exercise any influence I think I could pledge the gentleman from Bath (Mr. Sewall) that he should be the chairman of the next library committee.

Mr. Floyd of Brewer: Our committee received many petitions asking for a hearing on the subject of travelling libraries. At the hearing a large number of persons gave us the experience of various states which had tried this matter of travelling libraries, and the committee decided unanimously that it would be well for us to make an experiment along this line. The purpose of this act is to enable people living in small communities, by a slight assistance of the State and the State librarian, to have the means of bringing books, small numbers

at times, which they may use in their neighborhood in place of libraries which they are not able to establish themselves. Another object of the bill is to arouse in different communities an interest that they might have libraries of their own. It was shown to the committee that the advent of the travelling library in many places had resulted in the establishment of a local library. I don't think there is any danger that our State library can suffer very largely from the passage of this act. As this matter is in the hands of the Governor and Council and the State librarian it seems to me that it is perfectly safe for us to try the experiment, and I think it may be productive of good.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, the motion was agreed to.

Resolve relating to travelling libraries.

The question being on the passage of the resolve to be engrossed, the passage to be engrossed was refused by the House.

Bill relating to the annexation of Deering to Portland.

Mr. Moore of Deering, offered amendment "A."

The amendment was adopted and the bill was read three times and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

The committee of conference to which was referred bill in relation to the sale of pressed hay, reported that the same ought to pass.

Th report was accepted and the bill was passed to be engrossed.

An act to provide for the printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and to regulate voting at State and city elections.

In Senate passed to be engrossed. In the House amended by House amendment "A," and indefinitely postponed. The Senate insists on its former action.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, the House receded from its action in indefinitely postponing this bill.

The House reconsidered the vote by which House amendment "A," was adopted, and concurred with the Senate in the passage of the bill to be engrossed.

Mr. Hutchinson of Auburn, presented resolve in favor of Frank E. Southard.

On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, the rules were suspended and the resolve was read twice and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Young for the committee on salaries, reported ought not to pass on bill an act to regulate the salary of the county attorney of Hancock county. Report accepted.

Bill relating to the use of wide tires. Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

After some discussion by Messrs. Hamilton of Biddeford, Andrews of Garland, Shepard of Buxton, Dickey of Fort Kent, Boynton of Sullivan, and Starbird of Litchfield, the motion to indefinitely postpone was adopted.

Resolve in favor of summer training schools for teachers and the distribution of educational documents.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, offered amendment "A," to add to the resolve the

words: "That the Governor and Council be hereby authorized to draw their warrant from time to time for the expenditure of said sum upon the presentation of bills properly vouched by said superintendent elect."

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

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Bangor, the House reconsidered the vote whereby it concurred with the Senate in passing to be engrossed bill relating to regulation of voting for State and city elections.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Bangor, the House voted to adhere to its former action.

On motion of Mr. Coffin of Shapleigh, Adjourned.