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OF THE
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propriation for a dry dock at some port on the coast of Maine.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane hospital.

Resolve to enable the State librarian to complete additional sets of York Deeds.

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

Resolve in favor of the purchase and distribution of photographic views.

Resolve in favor of Frank E. Southard.

Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim of Don A. H. Powers and A. G. Sirois, M. D., against the State for services rendered in connection with the shooting of Game Warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morris.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Auburn, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Friday, March 26, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Ringold of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act regulating the manner of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees and school superintendents.

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.

Pending the adoption of Senate amendment "A," on motion of Mr. Walton of Skowhegan the bill was laid on the table.

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

In Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendments "A" and "B."

The House has non-concurred in the adoption of Senate amendments "A" and "B" and the Senate has adhered. The House receded from its position whereby it denied the adoption of Senate amendments "A" and "B" and concurred with the Senate in their adoption.

On motion of Mr. Palmer of Bangor, pending the passage of the bill to be engrossed, it was indefinitely postponed.

An act to authorize the Brewer Light and Power Company to transact business within the limits of the city of Bangor.

In Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence. The House receded from its position whereby it passed this bill to be engrossed and concurred with the Senate in indefinitely postponing the bill.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, presented an act to amend a clerical error in chapter 259 of the Public Laws of 1897 relating to the recording of attachments of personal property.

On motion of Mr. Pattangall the rules were suspended, the bill received its first and second reading.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Ft. Kent the bill was laid on the table pending its third reading.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, presented a resolve appropriating \$1500 for the year 1897 and \$1500 for the year 1898 to care for

the unfinished buildings of the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton the rules were suspended, the resolve received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed.

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 169 of the Private and Special Laws of 1891 relating to the Oxford Village Corporation.

This bill came from the Senate, and in the House was read three times and passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

ORDERS.

Orders were presented and passed excusing the following members from further attendance at this session on and after today: R. H. Reed of Harmony, W. E. Sanborn of Sanford, George H. Smith of Presque Isle, S. H. Garvin of Acton, Eben S. Goodrich of Maxfield, G. H. Mitchell of Newfield, B. B. Larrabee of Sebago, James E. Coffin of Shapleigh, T. J. York of Nobleboro.

Orders were presented and passed excusing the following members from further attendance at this session on and after tomorrow: Albert J. Ames of Jefferson, J. M. Hutchins of Penobscot, and H. W. Golder of Belgrade.

Mr. Jewell of Hallowell, presented the following order:

Ordered, that the sum of fifty dollars be paid from the State treasury to each of the following named parties, laborers and night watch at the State House for extra services during the legislative session: H. M. Breen, C. E. Pettingill, Fred Brown, Joseph Fasset, D. W. Pettingill, J. M. Libby, E. Pedder, O. I. Stone, J. A. McDonald, W. H. Holmes, E. D. Cram, F. W. Miller, C. W. Weymouth, John Jones, W. L. Stevens and O. O. Stetson.

On motion of Mr. Searls of Chelsea, this order was laid on the table pending its passage.

An act to repeal chapter 177 of the Public Laws of 1889 as amended by chapter 194 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the extirpation of contagious diseases among cattle.

The bill was read the first time.

Mr. Jewell of Hallowell, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Pending action on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill was laid on the table on motion of Mr. King of Caribou.

Mr. Williams for the committee on financial affairs, reported in a new draft and ought to pass resolve in favor of the ex-Governor King lot in Oak Grove cemetery in the city of Bath.

This resolve received its two several readings and was passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

Resolve in favor of the Maine cattle commission.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, withdrew amendment "A."

Mr. Holbrook of Brunswick, offered amendment "B," to add after Senate amendment "A" the following: "and further provided that no part of this appropriation shall be paid to the commis-

sioners until they have made, recorded and published rules and regulations and had them approved by the Governor in accordance with section three of an act to extirpate contagious diseases among cattle."

The amendment was adopted. Mr. King of Caribou, offered amendment "C," to add the following: "No further amounts shall be expended by said commission unless by a special authority of the Governor and Council."

The amendment was adopted. Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, offered amendment "D," to add to the resolve the following, "provided that there shall first be paid from said appropriation to the owners of animals heretofore slaughtered by said commissioners such sums as the Governor and Council find to be due them under the provisions of law; and provided further that no part of said appropriation shall be paid to any of said commissioners for expenses or services heretofore expended or rendered unless the same were expended and rendered in accordance with the provisions of section 19 of chapter 2 of the Revised Statutes."

The amendment was adopted. Mr. Shaw of Saco, offered amendment "E" to strike out from the second and third lines the words "ten thousand dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the words "fifteen thousand dollars;" strike out of the fourth line the words "five thousand dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the words "ten thousand dollars."

Mr. Walton of Skowhegan, moved that the bill lie on the table.

The motion was not agreed to. The question being on the adoption of amendment "E," the amendment was lost.

The resolve was then read the first time.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, offered amendment "F," to strike out the words "ten thousand dollars" in the second line of the resolve and substitute therefor the words "five thousand dollars."

The amendment was lost. The resolve was then read a second time and was passed to be engrossed under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. King of Caribou, bill relating to the extirpation of contagious diseases among cattle was taken from the table.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, by unanimous consent withdrew this bill.

Mr. Briggs of Auburn, by unanimous consent withdrew the bill represented by him relating to the extirpation of contagious diseases.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to incorporate the Harpswell Village Corporation.

An act to revise and consolidate the Public Laws relating to sea and shore fisheries.

An act additional to the charter of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York Street Railway.

An act to authorize the Bath Gas and

Electric Company to issue additional bonds.

An act additional to the act incorporating the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

An act to authorize the St. John River Bridge Company to erect and maintain four toll bridges across the St. John river.

An act to amend sections 11 and 14 in chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes relating to agricultural societies.

An act relating to the manufacture, sale and shipment of lime.

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

An act relating to the jurisdiction of the municipal courts of the cities of Biddeford and Saco.

An act to incorporate the town of Swan's Island.

An act to incorporate the town of Perham.

An act authorizing the town of Lebanon to contract with the city of Rochester, New Hampshire, to supply the village of Lebanon with water for fire and domestic use.

An act to amend paragraph four of section 6 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the taxation of estate and property of religious societies.

An act to amend chapter 116 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the schooling of children in unorganized townships.

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

An act relating to transfers of stock.

An act relating to the employment of superintendents of schools.

An act to amend section 3, chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1893, as now amended, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children.

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

An act additional to section 88 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1893, as now amended, relating to returns of town superintendents.

An act to amend section 32 of chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the compensation of surviving partners.

An act to amend section 45 of chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the inspection of milk.

An act authorizing the construction of a town way or highway over and across the tide waters of Webhannet river in Wells.

Mr. Murray of Pembroke, moved that when the House adjourns it be to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

The motion was agreed to.

On further motion by Mr. Murray, Adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

On motion by Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, bill relating to the recording of attachments of personal property, was taken from, and on further motion by the same gentleman the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Papers from the Senate.

An act in relation to the compensation of the sheriff of the county of Aroostook. The Senate indefinitely postponed in non-concurrence. The House receded from its former action and concurred with the Senate in the indefinite postponement of the bill.

An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

The Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "A," making the bill apply only to minors.

Mr. Hamilton of Mattawamkeag, moved that the House insist upon its former action and that a committee of conference be appointed.

After discussion by Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, in favor of the amendment, and Hamilton of Mattawamkeag, against it, the motion to insist upon the former action of the House, was agreed to.

Mr. Hamilton of Mattawamkeag moved that a committee of conference be appointed.

A division being had the motion was agreed to by a vote of 61 for to 11 against.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Burns of Westbrook, Hamilton of Mattawamkeag and Burton of Union.

Mr. Walton of Skowhegan moved to take from the table, bill to regulate the matter of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees and school superintendents.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate and House amendments "A" and "B" were rejected and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules as amended by Senate amendment "A."

On motion by Mr. Walton, Senate amendment "A" was adopted.

Mr. Walton offered amendment "C" by adding to section 3 the following, "nor to towns authorized by special laws to employ or choose superintendents in manner otherwise than as herein provided."

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

ORDERS.

Orders were presented that the following members be excused from further attendance at this session, and that the clerk be ordered to make up their pay and mileage in full to the end of the session:

Messrs. Wheeler of Gilead, Littlefield of Kennebunk, Fogg of Freeport, Rounds of Paris, Penley of Greenwood, Burnham of Edgecomb, Sawyer of Wales, Merrill of Bluehill, Brown of Milton plantation, Cook of Casco, Murphy of Lyman, Boynton of Sullivan.

On motion of Mr. Sewall of Bath,

Ordered, That George H. Fisher, William J. Smith and Fred A. Stevens, messengers, Walter I. Neal and Harry P. Hawes, mail carriers, J. F. Frederick and Louis J. Bram, folders, and Randolph C. Noyes, doorkeeper, be allowed \$50, and that Walter D. Bean, doorkeeper, and Henry J. Mitchell and Henry W. Delano, pages, be allowed \$25 for extra services in addition to their pay already ordered,

and the clerk be directed to make up their pay accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Murray of Pembroke, Ordered, That when the House adjourns it be to meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to regulate the sale of agricultural seeds.

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

An act to amend section 55, of chapter 38, Revised Statutes, as amended by chapters 100, Public Laws of 1887, 212 of the Public Laws of 1889, and 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, defining the course of study in free High schools.

An act to amend section 29, of chapter 24, 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 prevent the use of diseased meat for food purposes.

An act to amend chapter 366, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Co.

An act to amend section 8, chapter 319, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, entitled an act to incorporate the Somerset Traction Co.

An act for the better preservation of highways and accommodating public travel.

An act for the assessment of a State tax for the year 1897, amounting to the sum of \$905,179.49.

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An act to amend section 5, chapter 226, of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Co.

An act to prevent the reproduction of prize fights by photographs.

An act to amend clause 26, of section 6, of 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 to amend an act entitled an act to establish the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

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.

An act in reference to trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

An act to incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Co.

An act to incorporate the South Portland Trust and Banking Co.

An act to amend chapter 65, of the Public Laws of 1895, entitled an act in relation to State taxes on organized plantations, taxed by the State as wild lands.

An act additional to chapter 31, of the Revised Statutes, relating to sales of property deposited in public warehouses on which the charges thereon shall not have been paid.

An act to amend section 1, of chapter 22, of the Revised Statutes, relating to division fences.

An act to authorize the Georges River Mills to develop, sell and use electrical power and to transmit by electricity for use, lease or sale, heat, light and power.

An act to amend chapter 30 and chapter 40, of the Revised Statutes, relating to inland fisheries and game.

An act to repeal certain old and obsolete Private and Special Laws, relating to close time for fishing in public waters of the State.

An act to incorporate the Chain Lake Dam and Improvement Co.

An act to determine the privileges of graduates of the State college.

An act to change the time of holding the October and January terms of the supreme judicial court in the county of Washington.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Insane Insane hospital.

Resolve to provide for the extinguishment of the claim of Don A. H. Powers and A. G. Sirois, M. D., against the State for services rendered in connection with the shooting of Game Warden E. O. Collins by Charles Morris.

Resolve in favor of the purchase and distribution of photographic views.

Resolve to enable the State librarian to complete additional sets of the York Deeds.

Resolve in favor of Frank E. Southard.

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

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.

SENATE PAPERS.

An act to prevent incompetent persons from conducting the business of apothecaries.

In the Senate passed to be engrossed as amended by Senate amendment "D." The House reconsidered the vote by which this bill was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed. Senate amendment "D" was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. Winslow of Portland, presented the following order:

Ordered, That all members of the present Legislature who serve until the close of the session shall receive \$25 extra compensation. (Applause.)

Mr. Winslow then withdrew his order by unanimous consent.

Mr. Levensaler of Thomaston: I wish to extend to each and every member of this House my kindest regards, especially to the Speaker for the fairness and impartiality with which he has presided over our deliberations. I would further state for the minority party that we recognize the courtesy which he has ex-

tended us. We recognize the fact that he has treated both Trojan and Tyrian without discrimination. It gives me pleasure to present the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this House are due and hereby are extended to the Speaker for the indulgence, dignity and justness with which he has presided over the deliberations of this House.

I move the passage of the resolve.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent: I wish to say to the House that I second this resolve most heartily. In my legislative experience we have had great and learned men as Speakers of this House, but we never had a man who presided with more impartiality and more honor or one who has pushed our business forward faster. I do not believe that any member here can find any fault whatever and I think that they will all say that we have had perhaps as good a presiding officer, as dignified and honorable a man, as Maine has ever had. This will probably be the last time that I shall ever be present at the close of a Legislature; and the last time is always sad to me. The district which I represent is almost out of the State. There on the St. John river, on the border of our State, some 20 years ago I commenced to build up our schools, and I thank the members for what they have done for me. One thing I wish might have been done at this session, a resolve passed giving us a hundred dollars to fix up an old land mark, our blockhouse at Fort Kent. Somehow or other the committee on military affairs thought it ought not to be done. I do not want to have it rot down. It is a building that has been managed by such men as General George B. McLellan, General Hancock, General Burnside, General Pope, and all the great men connected with the late unpleasantness with the South. It has been preserved by my hands. I was appointed by old General Jessop as quartermaster to take charge of the United States property there. It has become dear to me in consequence. I bought the barracks and fitted it up for a house to live in. I sleep in the same room where General Pope and General Hancock and all those boys slept, and I would not swap it for any house in Maine because it is that building, and it is beautifully situated. If any of you ever go there I would be most thankful to receive you and I think I could convince you that the blockhouse ought to be preserved.

But to return to the matter under discussion, I think we have a right to congratulate ourselves upon having had such a man for our presiding officer. And I wish also to say of our clerk that I know of no better one in any Legislature that I have been in, and I have been in a good many different Legislatures in different states. When I leave this House I expect it will be my last farewell to this hall. My age reminds me, now nearly 87, that I should stay at home. My children have determined that I shall, and I promised them that I would. Circumstances may come up that I may return. (Applause.)

But in all probability I never shall. I thank you all a thousand times for your attention to my rambling remarks, and I assure the Speaker that I give my hearty indorsement to that resolve. And I would say to our reporters that James G. Blaine as a reporter sat where this reporter does and I had this seat, and Chief Justice Fuller as a reporter sat there, and old Mr. Dennett of York, who was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature before we were divided, sat in that seat. I watched the course of those two young reporters with the greatest interest. It is not ordinarily expected that two long hand reporters for a common newspaper will ever become President or chief justice of the United States, but such was really the case in regard to them, although the name of President was not accorded to Mr. Blaine but yet he was President in reality, (applause), a man whom I always admired, a man whom I was associated with more than any man in Augusta except James Bradbury, and I always admired him as a friend and a social man, and almost every week when he was at home I was in his house and spent an hour when going and coming from the Legislature. I hope that our reporters may take this same course and become as great men as they were. I don't believe any two reporters, and not shorthand, but longhand reporters, ever attained to such a height in the public estimation or to such a position as those two boys. (Applause).

Mr. Furbush of Lewiston: I feel that I would not be doing justice to myself if I were not to say a few words to express my appreciation of the gentleman who has so ably presided over this House. I know I voice the sentiment of every member when I say that the Speaker, by his courteous bearing and gentlemanly conduct, has won the respect and esteem of all the members of the House. When the announcement was made that he was to be a candidate for the Speakership I was more than gratified because I had made his personal acquaintance in the last Legislature, and knew he would fill the position with honor to the State and credit to himself. That he has done so all of us can testify; and as we leave here it will be with best wishes for his future prosperity and happiness; and I wish to convey to you all, to the Speaker, the clerk and other officers of the House, my best wishes for your future happiness. I heartily second the resolution that has been offered, and would move that when the vote is taken it be by rising, and I have no doubt that it will be unanimous.

Mr. Knowlton of Portland: In further seconding the resolution that has been presented, at the unanimous request of the associates of our Speaker, representing the district of Portland, I wish to express our appreciation for the able manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body during the present Legislature. This Legislature has been marked with several distinctive features from any other. The deliberations have been so conducted that there have

been no party lines at all. We have all united under our leader in working together for the benefit of all, and as we believed for the best interests of this State. During this term now closing there has been no appeal from any decision of the Chair. All of the rulings have been prompt, fair, and in everything we have distinctly understood what our rights were; we have known that our rights would be fairly protected and that everything we were entitled to would be guaranteed to us all. At the opening of the session, in the organization of this House, I had some pleasant things which I intended to say in regard to our Speaker, to those who had not had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with him in the past, but now all I had contemplated saying of his ability, integrity, fairness and courtesy, to satisfy those who were not acquainted with him, has been abundantly proved to you. In all of our deliberations we have been treated fairly and we appreciate all of the courtesies that have been extended by our Speaker, which have been uniform at all times; and I wish for you, Mr. Speaker, in the future the success which your ability and integrity merit.

Mr. Andrews of Garland: I felt perhaps that it would be right for me to say something here, as I was requested or invited to do so, and I most heartily would respond to that request or invitation. Before I came here it was thought by some of my friends that the trip down here might injure me somewhat. (Laughter.) In avoidripous I am some five or six pounds heavier; so I think I have held my own in this direction. At my boarding house there have been 21 of us. Our stay here has been very pleasant indeed. In this House I can say that every member here has always given me the respect which I expected and more perhaps than I deserved. And when I go from this place I shall go with a feeling somewhat of sadness mixed with joy. It gives me joy to meet again with my loved ones, but to part with those with whom I have formed so pleasant an acquaintance gives me also a feeling of sadness. I remember before the session that from the east and west and north and south I would get a letter asking me perhaps to help some one to obtain some official place, and many of those letters I never answered; I did not want to commit myself. I remember that I had one from the Speaker of our House who has so ably fulfilled this responsible office that I feel belongs to him; and I can say now, today, that if in four or six or eight years from now a letter should come to me to support him as our Chief Executive of this State, that letter would receive from me a most hearty and sincere response. (Applause and cheers.) I would say, in the place that I occupy, that this experience with our dear brother, for he has certainly endeared himself to us all, I feel it has been an advantage to me, and I shall try to be a better man all the days of my life, which perhaps will not be many. I feel that our Speaker has been an example to us, and I hope that we shall all emu-

late his efforts so that by and by, when the warfare of life is over, when our cares shall cease, that in a brighter clime we shall meet these with whom we have formed so pleasant an acquaintance, and when we shall meet on the other shore by and by, I hope that we may meet him there with all the rest. I hope this will be our happy lot. (Applause.)

Mr. Pearl of Bangor: At this time we stand upon the very threshold of the doorway through which we must very soon pass to our homes and our various avocations. It hardly seems possible that three months have elapsed since we first met in this hall. We have formed many acquaintances that will add much to the life that may be spared to us. In our business relations while gathered here we have had differences of opinion which are right, but I am sure as we part from each other we shall do so as true friends. I desire to say to every member of this House that I am very grateful to you for the courtesies I have received at your hands. And should you at any time ever visit the city of Bangor, you may be sure that you will find the latch-string of my office and my home out for any one of you. We have most certainly been wonderfully blest in our Speaker. The ability and the courtesy with which he has graced his high office has been much to our advantage and enjoyment. He has treated each and every one of us as friends and has filled the position to which he was called at the beginning of this session with dignity to himself, and I am sure that as we part with him we do so with sincere regret. And I feel also that we owe a debt of gratitude to the clerk and assistant clerk and to all the officers of this House, and I would not forget the courtesies that have been extended to us by the reporters of the various newspapers. There are others whom I would not forget in the few words I shall say at this time. I would not forget those over whom the dark cloud of sorrow has hovered during the weeks that we have gathered here, for such we have among our number; and I am sure that I voice the sentiment of every member of this House when I say to such: "To you our hearts go out in the deepest and truest sympathy."

And now, gentlemen, as we return to our various homes, let us do so remembering that we have tried to do right. Though we may have erred, in the future as life may be spared to us let us stand as true citizens of the good old State of Maine, striving in every honorable way to do what we can to promote her welfare. I am very glad to second these resolutions. (Applause.)

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville: In these closing hours of our Legislative life I find that we tune the sweetest harp-strings, and although there is a prelude of joy by reason of the fact that we are soon to meet those whom we have left at home, yet the songs soon modulate into the minor key as we realize that the parting soon must come upon us, which with all its joy we dread.

It is a solemn thing, sir, to pass a milestone in life, and today we are passing a milestone. This is the occasion and now is the time for some introspection to see if we can say to ourselves that, "We have finished a good work."

These are the times, gentlemen, when there can be found in retrospection, safety for the future and hope in the present.

We came here, I believe, thoroughly imbued with the sense of our duties. I think we came here fully realizing the responsibility which rested upon us. I think we came here with high hopes and high ambitions, and whatever we may have accomplished in our better moments and from whatever mistakes we may have been saved in our worse ones we owe much to the present Speaker of the House of Representatives. Himself a gentleman in every way, he has made us feel by his kindly presence, by his words of wisdom, his ability and his fairness that we were here for duty, that we were here for work, and where otherwise our feet might have wandered from the path and where otherwise our aims might have been wrong he has stood by us to guide us, to direct us and to uphold us, and so, gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to second this resolve, and to extend as a personal remark to him who has so ably presided over our doings this winter my own personal high and warm approbation and esteem. (Applause.)

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford: I once attended church—an Episcopal church; (laughter), and I there heard the congregation devoutly and in unison proclaim the passage from the Litany—"Oh Lord, we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and there is no good in us." But while it may be true that we, as a legislative body, "have done those things we ought not to have done, and have left undone those things which we ought to have done," it would hardly be fair to you, Mr. Speaker, to subscribe to the sentiment that "there is no good in us."

We came here nearly three months ago, most of us untrained and untried in legislative experience; we made many mistakes—we had grown rusty on our Parliamentary laws—we made the wrong motion at the wrong time. But you, sir, throughout this long session, with patience and perseverance have guided us through the mazes of legislation.

That we have been a business Legislature, and have formulated into law or consigned to oblivion in so comparatively a short time the very many measures which have demanded our attention is to a large degree due to the fact that we have had a "business Speaker"—one who not only had business to do but knew how to do it.

And while, as a member of this swiftly departing 68th Legislature, I bid you as its Speaker an official adieu, it is a personal pleasure to know that an acquaintance, formed long ago and broadened into friendship during these weeks, does not end as we go hence. And in the name of

that friendship I thank you for the courtesies and kindnesses you have accorded me.

No man, however indifferent, could have been here through this session without gaining and growing in knowledge and experience. These very contentions we have had upon the floor of this House—the arguments in which we have engaged—the war of words which we have from time to time carried on, have served to broaden our intellects and our judgment, and at the same time bring us nearer together as men. To me it has been a pleasant experience, and one to which I shall look back with a full measure of satisfaction. The hard thing about it all is that we must separate. Many of us are no longer boys; the afternoon sun is now shining in at our windows, and some of us are already gazing toward the sunset and thoughtfully contemplating the scene. Never again will we ALL meet together. Two years hence those who come back here will look upon many new faces. Two years hence we know not how many of us who, today, are looking forward to a pleasant return to a pleasant home, may have gone upon that long journey to our Last Home. So again I say, the hard thing about it all is, that we must part. But life is made up of meetings and partings—a mixture of pleasure and pain; pain because we have parted, pleasure as we review the events which brought us together and made us friends.

The cheerful man—the optimist, gathers the good fruit from the tree of life as he passes along. I have gathered some good fruit in the weeks I have been here with you, gentlemen.

And in concluding I can only express the hope that you will carry to your homes as pleasant recollections of "your Uncle Benjamin" as he will take to his home of you. (Applause.)

Mr. Hamilton of Mattawamkeag: I do not feel at this time as though I could refrain from saying a few words in behalf of this resolve. I want to say to the members of the House that my associations with you have been most pleasant during the three months that we have been here, and as it is drawing near the time when we are to say goodby and return to our several homes, and likely many of us never to meet again, I have been thinking while looking upon that group of pictures which I shall carry to my home, and as I shall there read the names of my associates here, that it will be with the feelings of the deepest friendship and regard for every member of this House and with a longing to once more clasp the hands of him with whom I shall part here so soon. In regard to him who has presided so ably over our deliberations during this session, I feel that all the qualifications for that position may not have been more completely combined in any one man to fit him for the position he has occupied as in our Speaker; and I have thought, with the gentleman from Garland, as I looked into the face of our Speaker, that I too would like to

support him for the future Governor of our State. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, when I go to my home I shall go with feelings of gratitude and kindness toward every one whom I have met in this Capitol during this session. If any of you should come to the humble town which I represent, I wish to say that I should be very grateful to have you visit me at my home, and I can assure you of a most cordial welcome. I take great pleasure in seconding the resolution. (Applause.)

Mr. Stetson of Bangor: I don't suppose that it would be hardly expected that the members of the Bangor delegation would be in condition to rise to their feet and make any remarks at the present time. Perhaps you may have realized the nervous strain and the final shock under which we have been laboring for the past month. A ray of hope for a moment flashed through my mind as the gentleman from Fort Kent appealed to the sympathies of the House, and I almost had an idea that I would rise in my place and ask for a reconsideration of the Bangor hospital resolve; but my better feelings showed me that it would be wrong, and I believe that the best thing for the Bangor delegation is to go to the Keeley cure and get a little nerve to settle our nerves. Gentlemen, we all believe in applying the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would that others would do unto you"; and we have the best of feeling toward every member of the House here present, for we believe that you have each tried to do you duty and what you thought was for the best interest of the State. As to our Speaker, I believe we can all agree that he has presided over this House in its deliberations with the utmost fairness, and I simply rise to second the passage of the resolution.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias: The debate on this resolution so far has been so one-sided that I feel a little out of place to engage in it. I have not been able, however, to find anything in the remarks of any of the gentlemen who have preceded me, to oppose. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to second the motion for the passage of this resolution. There is only one thing that could give me greater pleasure, and that thought came to me forcibly during the remarks of the gentleman from Garland, that if we could convert this assembly into a Republican State convention, I should be very glad to second the nomination of our Speaker for Governor of Maine. (Applause.) We shall all of us, I am sure, carry away with us from this House the pleasantest possible remembrances and feelings toward the gentleman who has presided over our deliberations, and I believe we shall carry away more than that, the pleasantest possible feelings toward one another. I shall recall with especial pleasure in my country home, when in the future I meditate on the doings of the 68th Legislature, the brilliant repartee of the gentleman from Waterville, the incisive wit of the gentleman from Biddeford, the eloquent profanity of the gen-

tleman from Fort Kent, (applause), and the rustic simplicity of my friend, the gentleman from Presque Isle; (Laughter) and the general remembrance that whatever the shortcomings of the House of Representatives of the 68th Legislature have been, lack of independence has not been one of them. I believe that the people of the State, to whom we return, whatever other opinion they may have of us, will credit this House with having been a conscientious, hard-working body of men. I believe we go away from here with honor. The mistakes we have made have been ours, and for the good we have done we are entitled to credit. I believe if ever a Legislature has registered its own will, in its votes, this Legislature has done so.

I do not desire to detain the House at this time. I do feel, however, that this resolve now under discussion is a subject upon which there can be no difference of opinion. (Applause.)

Mr. Talbot of Lewiston: I would not feel quite justified in remaining in my seat during these exercises. We are about to terminate this Legislature. It has been a diligent hardworking Legislature. We may have erred in judgment. We have been honest to our convictions and have done what seemed to us to be right. You, gentlemen, have an advantage over me, sitting as I do down here in this front seat. You have been able to see me, while I have not had the same privilege; but your names are familiar to me; the roll call I can almost call myself. Your names will always be remembered, and the most of you I recall from your countenances. It has been a very pleasant session. Everything has been done that could be done and the personal remembrances will be carried away with me as one of the most pleasant milestones in my life. But half has not been said in regard to our able Speaker. Many have presided here, who were able parliamentarians, skilled in the laws and usages of Legislatures, but there are few so skilled, that have that natural ability that they are able to preside so skilfully, so naturally and so correctly, and who at all times deal with such exact justice and fairness, that we have at all times felt that we have one who is not only versed in parliamentary usages but one who is well qualified for the position of this Chair. It has been to me a restful session, I have never desired to go out into the lobby for a rest or a change, for I have always felt that I was losing something if I was not in my seat, some points of parliamentary usages, some points of natural ability in conducting the business of this body. It is an unusual qualification I think that our Speaker has and I feel the joy of the gentleman from Garland in his wish that he may at some time reach the office of Chief Magistrate of this State, but knowing his eminent fitness and ability my ambition for him would be that he may some day reach the national House and be assigned to the national Chair now so ably filled by the distinguished statesman from his own district. (Applause).

Personally I desire to return to you my own thanks for the courtesies extended to me at all times; and even to the reporters, for if some have at times drawn upon their imagination, I know they did it innocently, and they are freely forgiven. Gentlemen, I most heartily join in seconding the motion for the passage of the resolution. (Applause).

Mr. Sewall of Bath: It only remains for me to nominate our Speaker for the Presidency. (Laughter.) The resolutions that have been presented have met with that ready response from the House that we all knew would be forthcoming, not only from those who have spoken but from those who have sat silent, but sympathetically in their seats. But if there is anything I have learned from my intercourse with the gentleman who has crowned an already successfully public career with a position second only in dignity to that of the Governorship itself, it is that no man less than he in this House desires to have what is said here to pass off into anything like fulsome eulogy; and if in what I say briefly it shall be addressed as much at least to my fellow members as it is to him, I know I shall do so with his fullest approbation.

Gentlemen, this is the last time we shall ever all be assembled together here. But few of us ever again will sit within these walls, but none of us I believe are so likely to do so as our oldest brother, the distinguished gentleman from Fort Kent. (Applause.) I believe he will be here when many of us are gone and forgotten, and that he will still be young when the rest of us are old.

Gentlemen, I came here a stranger to this House, more of a stranger I think than any one among you; for it had been my fortune, I will not say it has been my good fortune, to have lived a large part of my life beyond the limits of my State and to have been deprived of that acquaintance with her people which was my birthright. That acquaintance in common with others of you I have formed here, and with the rest of you I go forth a better citizen, prouder of my State, worthier of her citizenship and all that that name should imply; and I can assure you that there has not been a hand outstretched or a greeting given me which I have not reciprocated from the bottom of my heart; and if you will pardon this personal digression, when in pursuance of what I hope you will agree with me was an honorable ambition, I came to you fellow members, asking your indorsement, I met with such a reception that it gave me a gratification scarcely less than success if my ambition should be attained; and if while absent from you I was seemingly derelict to my duties here, I want to assure you that no one regretted it so keenly as I did, and I can only hope that if I realize my ambition I may in some degree, by service in another and perhaps a larger field, render compensation and atonement to my State and my country; and all I have to say now is that from you all who in personal intercourse and our official relations have

been kind and considerate beyond what I fear are my deserts, from our Speaker who, with the dignity and ability seldom equalled in that high office but never excelled, with an ease and a grace that comes not by acquirement but must be inborn and is necessary and a fit adjunct to any proper administration of the duties of that Chair—from you all I ask only, now as you go into the undefined and the unknown future, something in your hearts of a personal regard and esteem which I have and shall always have for you all. (Applause.)

Mr. Walton of Skowhegan: I cannot refrain from saying a few words in support of the resolution for several reasons. One is that I have been contending during a portion of this session upon the floor of this House, and perhaps if I should keep silent my silence might be misconstrued. Another reason is that I desire to say something to the members of this House collectively as I shall hope to do individually, of my appreciation of their kindness, of the delightful winter I have spent here with you and also to express to our presiding officer my appreciation of his ability, his courtesy and the satisfaction I feel that we have this winter done what good work we have done, because, as one of the gentlemen suggested, we have had a presiding officer who was a man of business. The gentleman from Bath arose as I did and he omitted one step which I intend to supply so far as our honored Speaker was concerned, and that is, that I was to suggest that I hoped to see him presiding over another body which required a Maine man to be its presiding officer, that it might get down to business, and I was to supply this link before the gentleman from Bath placed him in the Presidential chair; but unfortunately the gentleman from Bath was recognized first.

I have another thing to thank our Speaker for. Yesterday afternoon I had the pleasure, by his courtesy, of occupying the chair where I could look into your faces as you listened to the arguments, and as you were considering the question in regard to a matter about which a great deal has been said in regard to lobbying upon one side and the other; but I want to say that as I sat in that position, and I have our honored Speaker to thank for that courtesy, I had the opportunity of learning and fully understanding that this House was composed of gentlemen who were anxious to get at the exact truth, not men who had been lobbied with and who had made up their minds and who cared nothing of what was said on the other side, but as I sat there and looked into your faces I could see that you were anxious to do what was right and that you were listening to the arguments with an intention to vote conscientiously; and I am glad that I could have the privilege of looking into your faces and knowing it thoroughly as I believed it before.

It is a sad thing when we do almost anything for the last time. It is sad when we part with friends, and certainly we have many friends in this body. I fully appreciate the kindness which I have re-

ceived in this House. Certainly, gentlemen, we can all indorse every word that has been said in regard to our Speaker, and I would most heartily second the passage of the resolution. (Applause.)

Mr. Fogler of Rockland: The sentiments contained in the resolution presented by the gentleman from Thomaston meet my most hearty, my most sincere and my most unqualified approval; and I as heartily and as sincerely and as unqualifiedly concur in all that has been expressed here this afternoon by the gentlemen who have preceded me. The great ability displayed by the Speaker of this House in conducting its business affairs, his exact impartiality in all measures upon all occasions and under all circumstances, the courtesy which he has uniformly extended to every member, his great patience, his unflinching good nature, his kindly counsel and his valuable assistance to the members and especially to those who like myself came here wholly inexperienced in matters of legislation—all these command not only our confidence, our esteem and our respect, but impress upon our hearts feelings of profound gratitude and friendship. Personally I am under great obligations to the Speaker which I can never hope to repay. My associations with the members of this House have been very, very pleasant; and I shall always recall each and every member with feelings of the kindest friendship; and there will be no man who will have a warmer corner in my heart or a stronger claim upon my friendship than the distinguished Speaker of this House. Whatever the successes he may achieve in public or private life, and I hope he will achieve to all the positions for which he has been named this afternoon, whatever successes he may have in after life will always be hailed with joy by the members of this House.

And now, Mr. Speaker, for myself—and I know I am justified in saying in behalf of all those members who have not made their feelings known by their voice this afternoon—I tender you my sincere thanks for the eminent services which you have performed in this House and for the kindness which you have extended to its members; and I tender to you and to yours my best wishes through life. (Applause.)

Mr. York of Nobleboro: I wish to indorse what has been said in regard to the Speaker who has been so kind and courteous to us all. I would most heartily second, if I had an opportunity, the nomination made by my friend from Bath. (Applause.)

Mr. Cox of Randolph: This has been my first Legislative experience and it has been very pleasant, not only with the members but also with the Speaker. I fully approve the resolution that has been offered, and I indorse all that has been said by the previous speakers. (Applause.)

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, a rising vote was taken and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Speaker: Gentlemen of the House: Your kind and friendly words have

touched my heart. I have known for many weeks that I enjoyed your company, but I greatly under-estimated the esteem and regard to which you have now given expression. I thank you for your frank and generous speech. I wish to acknowledge my great obligation to you one and all for the constant support and assistance you have given me in the disposition of every matter upon which I have been called to act. I wish to acknowledge also my great obligation to our efficient clerk, upon whom I have daily relied, and to all the subordinate officers of this House for their courtesy and fidelity in the discharge of their duties. My friends, when you with absolute unanimity elected me your Speaker, you conferred a distinguished and a peculiar honor. For that a grateful heart shall ever testify my thanks and appreciation. With that election came responsibilities greater than I knew or realized. I tried to meet them fearlessly and conscientiously. You have seconded every effort heartily. Relying upon your assistance and friendship and upon the ultimate supremacy of right and honor, I have discharged the duties of this position to the best of my ability; and I lay this gavel down, conscious of no act performed by its authority that I would if I could recall. In this parting hour one truth we know: You are my friends and I am ever yours. (Long and continued applause.)

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the House be tendered to W. S. Cotton, clerk, and to E. M. Thompson, assistant clerk, for their uniform patience, courtesy and ability in the performance of their respective duties.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent: I have been here with our clerk for many years, and I never knew a better clerk. I never met one more efficient, and I think every member of the House will so testify; and I second the passage of the resolve.

Mr. Winslow of Portland: Two years ago, I was a member of the House of Representatives and I came here a Legislative matters; and when it came to the time for that body to separate I felt that I knew very little concerning the methods and ways employed to make our laws. I have been here this winter. I think I have added a little to the knowledge I gained at that time, and yet how broad is the field still unexplored; how much there is for us all to learn in the way of making laws that shall give satisfaction to the people of our State. I believe that in the heart of every one of us there is a consciousness that we have done our duty. I think we will all admit that it would have been impossible for us to accomplish what we have accomplished were it not for the unremitting toil and labor of those whom we choose to be our servants. They have served us faithfully and well. They are deserving of all the words of eulogy and encomium that have been pronounced upon them, and I take pleasure in seconding the resolution that has been offered in regard to our clerk. Personally I have for him

the highest regard, and he has been equally true and gentlemanly to every member as to myself. I had hoped, two years ago, to see him promoted to a higher office, but circumstances came up that made it seem wise to retain him in the present position; and I rejoice in this as far as we are concerned for we have been well served and he can wait. He possesses the qualifications for higher duties and higher responsibilities; and I trust that he in connection with our distinguished Speaker may sometime fill a wider and larger field of usefulness and serve the State of Maine in some higher capacity even as he has faithfully served the present and the past House of Representatives. (Applause.)

The question being on the passage of the resolutions, a rising vote was taken and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rounds of Paris, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the messengers, mail carriers, folders, doorkeepers and pages of this House for the faithful, efficient and kindly manner in which they each and all have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

The resolution was given a unanimous passage by a rising vote.

Mr. Hill of Portland, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due and are hereby tendered to the official reporters and the members of the press, who have been in attendance upon the sessions of this House, for the marked accuracy and fairness with which they have reported the proceedings of the 68th Legislature of Maine.

The resolution was given a unanimous passage by a rising vote.

Mr. Boynton of Sullivan, presented the following order:

Ordered, That the gavel used by the Speaker be presented to him.

Mr. Boynton of Sullivan: In common with the people which I represent, we can express better by our acts rather than by words the feelings which we have for those whom we love and respect. In rising to present to you this emblem of your office, Mr. Speaker, I can only say that I hope its possession will recall to your mind recollections as pleasant as those which we cherish toward you, and those which will linger with us so long as memory turns the pages of our minds. I can only say for myself, and I will say it for all, that from you we have learned in a deeper and wider and better sense the meaning of the grand old name of "gentleman." (Applause.)

The order received a passage.

The Speaker: The harp of friendship gives forth no monotone. It startles us and surprises us with its infinite variety and resources. I accept the gift with the greatest pleasure and as an emblem of your friendship. (Applause.)

On motion of Mr. Currier of Farmington,

Adjourned.

Evening Session.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend chapter 214 of the Private and Special Laws of 1883, entitled "An act to incorporate the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Company, as amended by chapter 74 of the Private and Special Laws of 1887, and by chapter 482 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, and by chapter 620 of the Private and Special Laws of 1893.

An act to prevent the throwing of slabs and other refuse into the Ellis river and its tributaries.

An act to enforce the payment of State and county taxes on timbers and grass on reserved lands in this State.

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

An act for the promotion of medical education and the prevention of unauthorized use of and traffic in dead human bodies.

An act to incorporate the Union Gas and Electric Co.

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

On motion of Mr. Burns of Westbrook, Adjourned.