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## SENATE.

Thursday, March 25, 1897.

The Senate met according to adjournment and was called to order by the president.

Journal of yesterday read and approved. Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

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

This bill came from the House on its first reading and was assigned this afternoon.

An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. This bill came from the House on its first reading and was tabled on motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, pending adoption of Senate amendment, offered by Mr. Walls of Knox.

The order relative to making railroad commissioners office elective instead of appointive which was passed in the House and amended in the Senate, came back from the House, that branch rejecting the amendment and calling for a committee of conference, with the following members appointed on the part of the House: Messrs. Wilson of Gorham, Pattangall of Machias and Walton of Skowhegan. The Senate joined the following committee: Messrs. McCullough, Sharp and Morrill.

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

This bill passed to be engrossed in the Senate and indefinitely postponed in the House, the Senate having insisted and called for a committee of conference, came back from the House, that branch adhering and refusing to join a committee.

Mr. Clason of Kennebec said that there were several amendments to the law that he thought were right and should be adopted, but as there was unfortunately a commission attached to it, and that seemed unpopular with the other branch, he would move that the Senate adhere.

The Senate voted to adhere.

An act to provide for the examination of candidates for positions as teachers in the public schools of this State.

This bill passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Grindle of Hancock, moved to recede and concur with the House, and stated his reasons for so doing, that when the bill first appeared, there were some features in it that led him to make inquiry of those who had experience in school matters and that he had found that their judgment was rather against the bill.

He believed he was acting in the interests of his constituents when he voted against this bill. He did not consider it fair to the smaller places or just in that

it did not require the examination of all candidates for teaching. The title that should clearly define it would be "an act to give teachers' certificates to graduates of colleges, normal schools, academies, seminaries and high schools without examination and to provide for the examination of all other candidates."

The Senate receded and concurred in the indefinite postponement.

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

This resolve passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House amended by amendment A. The vote was reconsidered passing the resolve to be engrossed, amendment adopted in concurrence and resolve passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act to amend section 5 of chapter 225 of the Private and Special Laws of 1895, relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Company.

This bill, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House amended by amendment A. The vote was reconsidered passing the resolve to be engrossed, amendment adopted in concurrence and resolve passed to be engrossed as amended.

#### HOUSE BILLS PASSED TO BE EN- GROSSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES.

The following bills came from the House on their first reading and were read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of gas and electric companies for lighting, heating, manufacturing and mechanical power.

An act in relation to political caucuses in cities.

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

An act to amend section 29 of 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 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 incorporate the Wiscasset and Moosehead Lake Telegraph and Telephone Company.

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

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

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

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

Resolve requesting the senators and representatives in Congress from Maine to exert their influence to secure an ap-

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

The following resolve read twice in the House and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules was read and passed in concurrence.

Resolve in favor of Frank E. Southard. An enabling act for the annexation of Deering to Portland. As amended.

### ORDERS.

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

Ordered, That the committee of the 67th Legislature to which was referred the resolve inquiring into the expediency of purchasing the homestead of the late James G. Blaine, to be preserved by the State as a memorial building, be given further time and that they be instructed to report by bill or otherwise to the next Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, it was

Ordered, That Senator Olcott B. Poor be excused from further attendance at this session from and after this day, and that his pay and mileage be made up in full to the end of the session.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Engel for the committee of conference to which was referred the Resolve of the Legislature relating to the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, reported that said committee had been unable to agree.

Mr. Engel said that as this Senate had several times wisely and humanely voted that something should be done to take care of the insane, in order to prove that they meant what they said, he would move that the Senate further insist and appoint another committee of conference.

The Senate so voted and the chair appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate Messrs. Stearns, Parsons and Ferguson.

Mr. Morrill for the special conference committee on Resolve in favor of the Soldiers' Home in Maine reported that the committee had been unable to agree. Report accepted.

Mr. Merrill, chairman of the joint standing committee on Agriculture made the final report of that committee, that they had acted on all matters referred to them. Report accepted.

Mr. Savage for the committee on Judiciary reported "ought to pass" Bill an act to amend section 13 of chapter 366 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled An act to incorporate the Livermore Falls Water Company. Report accepted and on motion by Mr. Savage the bill was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Stearns for the committee on Judiciary reported "ought to pass" Resolve to amend the constitution. Report accepted and on motion by Mr. Savage was tabled for printing.

### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to prevent the use of diseased meat for food purposes.

An act amendatory and additional to Chapter 47 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 61 of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to Loan and Building Associations.

The following bills came up on their first reading, were read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

An act relating to suits on promissory notes.

An act to regulate the admission to practice of attorneys, solicitors and counsellors, to provide for a board of examiners, and to repeal all conflicting acts.

### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

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

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

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

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

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, 1879, and being chapter 232 of the Public Laws of 1897.

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 the Bunganaut pond.

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.

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

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

### FINALLY PASSED.

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

Resolves in aid of the Maine Gettysburg commission.

Resolve relating to the Maine Gettysburg commission

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

Resolve in favor of breakwater at Mattawamkeag bridge.

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

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

Resolve in favor of the city of Calais.

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

Resolve in favor of the town of Topsfield.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of Pennell institute.

Resolve in favor of the State Reform school.

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

Resolve in favor of the Little Samarian Aid society of Portland, Maine.

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

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

Resolve in favor of the heirs of John Robertson.

Resolve in favor of Olaf H. Nilson.

An act to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day.

This bill came up by special assignment, the pending question being indefinite postponement.

Mr. Stearns, of Aroostook, said that this bill seemed to him to be entirely unnecessary legislation. It is that kind of a law which furnishes employment and the means of obtaining fees to a class of persons who would be encouraged under it to make complaints for prosecutions at the public expense. If this is proposed for the purpose of preventing a person from making a noise on Sunday, there are other noises that are equally objectionable. If for the purpose of preventing the killing of game on Sunday, then it would have been better to enact a bill providing that Sunday shall be a close time. If it is designed to procure the better observance of the Lord's Day, we already have enough statutes upon that subject.

The Senate thereupon voted to indefinitely postpone the bill.

#### AGRICULTURAL SEEDS.

Bill an act to regulate the sale of agricultural seeds came up by special assignment, the pending question being the second reading.

Mr. Savage moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed. He stated that in his opinion enough experiments of that sort had already been tried. This bill is absolutely new in legislation. If a storekeeper having seeds on sale for general purposes, sells these seeds not knowing whether it be for seed or for food, he is exposing himself to peril, under the provisions of this bill. I understand that it is impossible to obtain from the wholesale dealer out of the State these goods

with any guarantee whatever of freedom from foreign matter.

Mr. Merrill of Somerset, said that the farmers were represented here by petitions signed by hundreds of them, asking for the passage of this bill. It is not experimental legislation, but has been tried in many other states and upon our own statute books there were many similar laws for the protection of other things. He referred to the law guaranteeing the purity of milk and cream, and said that this law proposed is not nearly as stringent as that one. When a farmer buys clover seed, the percentage of purity of that clover seed should be stamped upon the package containing it. There are many dealers who are opposed to it because they do not like to have their business bothered with, as they term it. And yet I believe that instead of driving out business it will tend to bring business in. It is the foul seeds that the farmer wishes to be protected from, which overrun their fields with obnoxious weeds, and if they reap these for one year, they reap them year after year. These seeds can be rendered comparatively pure by screening. A large class of dealers buy the poor seeds and sell them for good ones. You can obviate this by stamping upon the package the quality of seeds it contains, with a guaranty of the same. The bill provides that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any persons selling seeds for food. It is simply for the man that is selling for seed.

To guard against petty malice or prosecuting for any evil purpose, it is provided that when the director of the Experiment Station becomes cognizant of any violation of the provisions of this act, he shall report such violation to the secretary of the board of agriculture, who shall prosecute the party thus reported. There is a safeguard thrown around the dealers then. There is nothing in the bill that will harm any honest man, but it will prove of great benefit to the farmers of the State.

Mr. Savage said that while section 7 of the bill makes it the duty of the secretary of the board of agriculture to prosecute violations of the law, it does not exclude any other citizen of the State from prosecuting.

Mr. Roberts of Oxford, spoke in favor of the bill. In view of the fact that many of the objectionable features of the original bill had been stricken out to meet the wishes of the dealers, he was surprised that they should come here and demand that the whole measure be killed, after the concessions that had been made to them. Representing the farmers, who constitute the largest class of voters in the State, he would say that it was their earnest desire to have this measure passed.

Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, spoke in opposition to the bill, reading several letters from large wholesale dealers outside the State, saying that such a law would practically prohibit the shipment of seeds by them into the State, because the provisions were so stringent.

Mr. Roberts replied that these letters probably referred to the original bill,

which had been altered to meet the wishes of the dealers.

Mr. Salley of Somerset, advocated the measure as necessary for the protection of the farmers of the State from the foreign seeds which injure the hay and grain crops.

Mr. Savage withdrew his motion to indefinitely postpone. The bill was read the second time, and on motion by Mr. Roberts the yeas and nays were ordered upon the question of passing the bill to be engrossed.

Yea—Billings, Ferguson, Grindle, Hargraves, Hurd, McCullough, Merrill, Parsons, Poor, Reynolds, Roberts, Salley, Sharp, Witham.

Nay—Chamberlain, Clason, Engel, Heald, Hinkley, Maxwell, Morrill, Pike, Reynolds, Savage, Stearns, Walls, Weeks, Wyman.

And 14 voting in the affirmative and 14 in the negative, a tie resulted.

The President threw a casting vote, voting in the affirmative, and the bill was thereupon passed to be engrossed.

#### **CHANGE OF NAME, MAINE STATE COLLEGE.**

Bill an act to change the name of the Maine State College, specially assigned for today, was taken from the table.

This bill came from the House, the majority report of the committee, "ought to pass," accepted.

The question was upon concurrence with the House.

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, moved an acceptance of the minority report, "ought not to pass."

This bill, he said, could not make a university of the State College by changing its name, because its curriculum and scope are not that of a university. It would indicate an intention on the part of the trustees to go on adding departments at the expense of the State, necessitating constantly increasing appropriations.

Mr. Parsons of Piscataquis, advocated the bill. It would be in the interest of helping the graduates of the college to advance in their several professions, as they came into competition with those who had graduated from universities, whose training was no more efficient than that of our State College. He thought the fears of the senator from Androscoggin, in regard to future increased demands upon the State for the support of the college were groundless.

Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, spoke in favor of the bill.

The question was upon non-concurrence with the House in the adoption of the majority report, favoring the change of name of the State College to the University of Maine.

Mr. Stearns moved that when the vote be taken, it be taken by yeas and nays were ordered.

Yea—Savage, Sharp, Walls.

Nay—Billings, Chamberlain, Engel, Ferguson, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Merrill, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Reynolds, Reynolds,

Roberts, Salley, Stearns, Weeks, Witham, Wyman.

Absent—Clason, Drummond, Morrill, Simpson.

The motion was thereupon lost, the majority report accepted, and the bill read once.

On motion by Mr. Parsons, read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Savage, the bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes was taken from the table and tomorrow specially assigned.

On motion by Mr. Witham of Cumberland, bill an act relating to the election of duties of school committees, was taken from the table and this afternoon assigned.

On motion by Mr. Witham, bill an act to amend section 13 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes of 1883, as now amended, relating to election qualifications and compensation of school committees, was taken from the table and this afternoon assigned.

On motion by Mr. Heald of Kennebec, it was

Ordered, That there be paid the sum of \$25 to each of the porters and night watchmen in the State House for extra services rendered during this session of the Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Clason of Kennebec, it was

Ordered that the sum of \$50 be paid to Walter B. Clark for his services as messenger to the committee on legal affairs, for the year 1897.

#### **PASSED TO BE ENACTED.**

An act relating to the transportation by common carriers of property the title of which is in dispute.

An act to set off a part of the town of Rome and annex the same to the town of Belgrade.

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

Mr. Savage, chairman of the committee on judiciary, submitted the final report of said committee, that it had acted on all matters referred to it. Report accepted.

On motion by Mr. Savage, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Fred W. Lee, of Augusta, the sum of \$300 for services as clerk and stenographer rendered to the judiciary committee.

Ordered, That the sum of \$50 be paid to Chapin Lydston, for his services as messenger to the committee on judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, bill an act to authorize the Brewer Light and Power Company to transact business within the city of Brewer, was taken from the table and tomorrow morning assigned.

On motion by Mr. Walls of Knox, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

#### **Afternoon Session.**

The Senate was called to order by the President at 3 o'clock P. M.

On motion by Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, the vote was reconsidered whereby bill relating to the annexation of Deering to Portland was passed to be en-

grossed as amended. The vote was reconsidered whereby House amendment "A" was adopted in concurrence. Mr. Savage then offered the following amendment to House amendment "A."

Add after the figures 1898 in the 14th line the following words: "Or in case either city shall not hold its annual meeting in March, 1898, a special meeting may be called and held during said month, for the purposes named in this charter."

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

(Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, in the chair.)

Mr. Stearns, chairman of the committee of conference, to which was referred the resolve relating to the Eastern Maine Insane Hospital, reported that said committee had been unable to agree. The report was accepted.

On motion by Engel of Penobscot, bill an act to incorporate the Nahmakanta Improvement and Navigation Company was taken from the table and tomorrow morning specially assigned.

House bills passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

The following bills came from the House on their first reading, were read the second time under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed.

An act to repeal chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, relating to insolvency proceedings.

An act to legalize the doings of the Saccarappa Aqueduct Company.

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.

An act concerning the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners.

This bill passed to be engrossed in the Senate, as amended by Senate amendment "A," came from the House passed to be engrossed as further amended by House amendment "A." The vote was reconsidered passing the bill to be engrossed, House amendment "A" adopted in concurrence and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. McCullough, chairman of the committee on conference to which was referred the order relating to election of railroad commissioners, reported that said committee had been unable to agree. Report accepted.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, it was

Ordered, That there be paid to Maurice W. Russell the sum of \$50 for his services as messenger to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses for the year 1897.

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 up on its first reading, and on motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, was laid on the table.

#### PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to amend section 8, of 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 60, of chapter 27, of the Revised Statutes, relating to intoxicating liquors.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, and the same was laid on the table.

An act to amend section 18, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of 1833, as now amended, relating to election, qualifications and compensation of school committees.

On motion by Mr. Witham of Cumberland, this bill was taken from the table and amended by adding to section 3 the words, "except private and special laws authorizing towns and cities and incorporated districts to choose school committees other than those herein provided for." The bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, it was voted that when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet at 7.30 this evening.

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

This bill came up on its final reading and on motion by Mr. Grindle of Hancock, was laid on the table pending enactment.

#### PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend chapter 118, of the Public Laws of 1891, relating to the registration of vital statistics.

An act to establish the standard weight of a bushel of parsnips.

An act to regulate the packing or sandines.

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

An act to amend section 13, of chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the election of town officers.

An act to legalize the acts of Riverside Cemetery Association of Cornish.

An act to incorporate the new City hall commission of Waterville, under the name of the City Hall Commission.

An act to incorporate the Wilton Electric Light and Power Co.

An act to establish the Sanford municipal court.

An act to incorporate the Little Spencer Dam and Improvement Co.

An act to establish wards and ward lines in the city of Augusta.

An act relating to the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

An act in relation to the duties and compensation of the State prison physician.

An act relating to the Portland Railroad Co.

An act to permit the Matten & Sherman Railroad Co. to sell or lease its road.

An act to amend sections 4 and 5, of chapter 636, of the Private and Special Laws of 1871, establishing a municipal court for the city of Lewiston, as amended.

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



Resolve in favor of Potter Academy of Sebago.

Resolve providing for the expenses of the Governor and staff while attending the ceremonies relating to the formal transfer of the Grant monument to the city of New York.

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

This bill came up by special assignment and on motion by Mr. Witham of Cumberland, was re-assigned, this evening.

An act to incorporate the Damariscotta and Bristol Telephone Company.

This bill came up on its first reading and was read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve laying a tax on counties in the State for the years 1897 and 1898.

This bill came from the House on its first reading. House amendment A was adopted in concurrence, the bill read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Resolve for amendment to the constitution relating to election of senators to fill vacancies. This resolve came up on its first reading.

On motion by Mr. Clason, the rules were suspended and the resolve read the second time.

The Chair: The constitution requires that an amendment shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote, and the Chair will direct the secretary to call the roll. The Chair sees no member of the judiciary committee present who reported this bill, and with the consent of the Senate will make just a word of explanation. Under the constitution as it exists at present, upon the death of a senator, the vacancy must be filled by a choice from one of the next two candidates. Upon the death of a senator from one political party it would then be necessary to choose a member from the other party to fill his place, and this resolve merely submits the question to the people for a new election. The secretary read the roll and the result was as follows:

Yea—Chamberlain, Clason, Engel, Ferguson, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hinkley, Hurd, Maxwell, McCullough, Merrill, Morrill, Parsons, Pike, Poor, Reynolds, Reynolds, Roberts, Salley, Savage, Sharp, Weeks, Witham.—24.

Absent—Drummond, Simpson, Stearns, Walls, Wyman.—5.

Twenty-four voting in the affirmative and none in the negative, resolve was passed to be engrossed according to the constitutional requirements.

Resolve authorizing the land agent to sell certain public lots in Moro plantation.

This resolve came up on its first reading, was read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Clason, chairman of the committee on legal affairs, made the final report of that committee that they had acted on all matters referred to them. The report was accepted.

On motion by Mr. Clason, the Senate then took a recess until 7.30 o'clock.

### Evening Session.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 7.30 P. M.

Papers from the House disposed of in concurrence.

### HOUSE BILLS READ AND PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

The following bills came from the House on their first reading, and were read the second time under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed:

An act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York, amending section 54, of chapter 80, of the Revised Statutes.

An act amendatory and additional to chapter 18, of the Revised Statutes, relating to repairs of highways.

An act to legalize the proceedings by which Palmyra Grange No. 316, was organized.

An act to amend section 7, of chapter 180, of the Private and Special Laws of 1869, relating to the organization of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maine.

An act additional and amendatory to 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 Railroad.

An act to extend the charter of the Valdo and Somerset Railway Company.

An act to amend section 5, of chapter 22, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the filling of vacancies in the office of truant officers.

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

An act for the assessment of a State tax for the years 1898, amounting to the sum of \$905,179.49.

The majority and minority reports on An act authorizing the United Indurated Fibre Company of New Jersey to generate and supply compressed air and electric power were received.

Majority report, "ought not to pass," signed by Messrs. Savage, Drummond, Knowlton, Fogler, Hamilton and Philbrook.

Minority report, "ought to pass," signed by Messrs. Stearns, Weeks and Smith.

On motion by Mr. Savage, the bill was laid on the table and tomorrow morning specially assigned.

An act repealing section 87, of chapter 11, of the Revised Statutes of 1883, and acts amendatory thereto, and substituting therefor an additional section to said chapter regulating the manner of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees and school superintendents.

On motion by Mr. Witham of Cumberland, this bill was taken from the table.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, the Senate non-concurred in the

adoption of House amendments A and B. Mr. Reynolds offered the following amendment:

Amend the title so that the same shall read as follows: "An act regulating the manner of electing town superintendents and defining the powers and duties of school committees."

Section II. Amend by striking out section 1.

Section III. Renumber section 2 as section 1. Strike out the figures "127" in the third line of section 2, renumbered section 1, and substitute therefor the figures "123," strike out all between the word "meeting" in the 11th line of section 2, renumbered section 1, and the word "section" in the first line of section 3.

Section IV. Renumber section 3 as section 2.

Section V. Insert a new section. Section 3. This act shall not apply to cities. The amendment was adopted and bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds, an act to amend section 60 of chapter 27, of the Revised Statutes relating to intoxicating liquors, was taken from the table and passed to be engrossed.

An act to amend section 2, of chapter 168, of the Private and Special Laws of 1891, relating to the Oxford Village Corporation.

On motion by Mr. Roberts of Oxford, this bill was taken from the table. Mr. Roberts offered the following amendments:

"Amend by striking out all after the word 'improvements' in the 12th line, down to and including the 23d line; and also strike out all after the word 'improvement' in the 40th line down to and including the 51st line."

Mr. Savage of Androscoggin, spoke in opposition to the amendment, favoring the bill as reported by the judiciary committee.

Mr. Roberts spoke in defense of the amendment.

The amendment was adopted, and the bill read once.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, the bill was read the second time under suspension of rules, and passed to be engrossed as amended.

On motion by Mr. Engel of Penobscot, Ordered, That H. J. Noble and C. E. Morrison be paid the sum of \$75 for extra and efficient services on the elevator.

On motion by Mr. Hinkley of Franklin, Ordered, That the sum of \$25 be paid to Walter D. Bean for extra services rendered the committee on inland fisheries and game as messenger.

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

## HOUSE.

Thursday, March 25, 1897.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber of Gardiner.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act to change the time of holding terms of the supreme court in the county of Washington.

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 for the better preservation of highways and commodious public travel.

In Senate passed to be engrossed by House amendments "A" and "B" and Senate amendments "A" and "B." The House had already accepted Senate amendment "A." The House reconsidered the vote whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment "B" was adopted and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

An act relating to fraternal beneficiary organizations.

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 enforce the payment of State and county taxes on timber and grass on reserved lands in this State.

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 incorporate the Hartland Trust and Banking Company.

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

An act relating to the appointment and duties of disclosure commissioners.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, offered amendment "A," by inserting in line 13 of section 4 after the word "affairs" the words "where the plaintiff or his attorney of record resides in one county and the debtor in another, the debtor may be commanded to appear in any county where the plaintiff resides."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Philbrook offered amendment "B," to strike out the word "ten" where it occurs and substitute the word, "five."

The amendment was lost.

Senate amendment "A" to the bill was adopted.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, said that he believed that the old rule was a good one. Seems to me to be better to leave the matter as it is and not appoint these commissioners in every county at great expense. In Aroostook it costs a man to go and disclose more than enough to pay the debt. I move the indefinite postponement of the bill.

Mr. Hamilton of Biddeford, said that the purpose of the bill was to remedy the evils which the gentleman from Fort Kent suggested. A party brought before the commission is to be brought where the disclosure commissioner resides or the next town so that they cannot be dragged all over the county. I believe