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OF THE
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ever discussion we are to have upon it will be in order and everybody will understand that it is to come up at that time.

Mr. Weeks: I do not know that there will be any discussion upon it. I do not know that my colleague or myself will oppose the resolve, but I should very much prefer to have the matter remain as it is until my colleague returns.

Mr. Plummer: Mr. President, I would like to have the sense of the Senate upon that. Whether we are to make progress with our business here or whether we are to have things tabled at their very inception, and the table lumbered up with business. There is no disposition to rush the thing through, but simply to get it where it can be handled openly and readily, and I would like the sense of the Senate upon that motion.

The question being upon the motion to lay the resolve on the table, eight voted in the affirmative and eight in the negative. There being no vote, the motion was lost. The resolve was then given its first reading and assigned.

On motion by Mr. Blanchard of Franklin,

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Friday, Jan. 13, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gibson of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence

Petition of Wm. J. Wheeler and Joseph H. Stewart for a corporation to be known as the South Paris Water Company for domestic and other purposes was tabled on motion of Mr. Donham of Hebron.

A communication was received from the secretary of State transmitting the expenses entailed upon the State by the Australian ballot law since its adoption, which was tabled for printing on motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle.

Petitions, bills, etc., presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Chase of Portland—Petition of A. D. H. Gilchrist and others of Portland, in favor of repeal of 26th amendment to constitution of Maine relating to manufacturing and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Petition of C. H. Willis and others of Portland

Petition of Wyer Green and others of Portland.

Petition of Clyde W. Pierce and others of Portland, in favor of same.

Subsequently on motion of Mr. Manley of Augusta, to vote whereby these petitions were referred to the committee on judiciary was reconsidered and on motion of same gentleman petitions were referred to the committee on temperance.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of 14 members of Waldo county bar for increase of salary of justices of the supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Harris of Auburn—Bill an act to authorize the municipal court of Lewiston to naturalize.

By Mr. Merrill of Skowhegan—Bill an act to authorize the Skowhegan Electric Light Company to issue bonds.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Chase of Portland—Petition of E. S. Means and 455 others for an amendment of Section 1, Chapter 298 of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to itinerant vendors.

By Mr. Gould of Pittston—Petition of Elton W. Allen and 90 others for a

modification of the law relating to election of road commissioner.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Bill an act to amend Chapter 136 of the Public Laws of 1897.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—An act to amend Section 1, of Chapter 436 of the Special Laws of 1834, entitled, "an act to incorporate the city of Bangor, approved February 12th, 1834."

By Mr. Chase of Portland—Bill an act to provide for the appointment of a State highway engineer to improve the public roads, and to define his powers and duties.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of Frank A. Perkins and 45 others for an appropriation in favor of the Children's Aid Society of Maine.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Blackstone of Perham—Bill an act to amend Section 3, of Chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893 as amended by Section 1, Chapter 295 of the Public Laws of 1897.

Resolve in favor of East Corinth Academy.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Sutherland of Biddeford—Petition of Co. G, 1st Maine Regiment, M. V. M., for relief and reimbursement of amount charged for clothing.

By Mr. Brown of Falmouth—Resolve in favor of Adjutant General John T. Richards.

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

STATE LANDS AND STATE ROADS.

By Mr. Farrell of Van Buren—Resolve in favor of repairing a road leading from Van Buren to Caribou, Aroostook county, at a point in Cyr plantation leading to Conner plantation.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Dawson of Monroe—Resolve to re-stock with smelts the brooks, tributaries to the Penobscot river between the north and south lines of the town of Winterport.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Petition of Tomah Joseph and 27 others for an appropriation for road from Peter Dana's Point to Turnpike road.

Petition of the Governor of the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians and eight

others for a location of the line between their reservation and the town of Perry.

WALDO COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Hill of Belfast—Petition of W. P. Thompson and 10 other members of the Waldo county bar in relation to the salary of the register of probate for Waldo county.

Petition of W. P. Thompson and 11 other members of the Waldo county bar in relation to the salary of the judge of probate for the county of Waldo.

Bill an act to fix the salaries of the judge and register of probate for the county of Waldo.

KNOX COUNTY DELEGATION.

Bill an act to increase the salary of the register of probate of the county of Knox.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the judiciary committee inquire into the expediency of altering or amending the present ballot laws, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle,

Ordered, The Senate concurring, that the judiciary committee inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of disclosure commissioner and making probate courts disclosure courts, and abolishing imprisonment for debt, and report by bill or otherwise.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Resolve authorizing a temporary loan for war purposes and appropriating the same.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Bennett of Hollis: Mr. Speaker, I have a resolution here which I would like to read, and later on I shall move that the rules of the House be suspended and that the same have a passage:

Resolved, That we extend to the American Red Cross Association and its honored president, Miss Clara Barton; to the many nurses, doctors and agents of the heroic Red Cross army, who served during the Cuban war, underwent great privation and suffered severely from hunger, thirst, fever and malarial diseases; and to the women

of all auxiliary societies, who upheld her hands and rendered possible all her admirable and humane work; to the volunteers who served their country in the peaceable ranks of the Red Cross without money and without price; to all persons in every part of the world who have contributed money and supplies with a munificence never known before in the history of the world; to all transportation companies who have aided in distributing those generous gifts of the people free of charge, voicing the sentiments of the people of Maine, the House of Representatives desires to place on record their heartfelt thanks for these valuable services rendered.

God, in his infinite mercy permits men and nations to war with one another, a mercy past finding out, for what economy wars may have in the universal dominion of Heaven no man can tell.

He has also planted in the hearts of most women and some good men a sympathy for those in distress that would sooth every sorrow, alleviate every pain and bind up every broken heart, a sympathy so broad and deep that human malice and passion cannot encompass it.

And of the humane and philanthropic organizations for relieving misery, want and sorrow, that marks the closing years of this century, there is none so grand in its conception, so unselfish in its love, so merciful in its ministrations, as the Red Cross Society. (Applause). Its charity knows no enemies. The mantle of its mercy covers the whole world, wherever man falls and there is human woe and distress, whether caused by war, famine or pestilence, fire, flood or tempest. Its messengers fly on pinions swift as angels to relieve that distress. They have gone wherever our flag has gone. No climate is so damp, no peril so great, that they will not face it. And many of our brave boys would be sleeping in Cuban soil, many a mother would now be sitting in darkness listening for the footsteps of the boy that would never come home, but for its blessed ministrations. Not only have they bound up the wounds of our bleeding soldiers, but thousands of starving women and children, the helpless victims of that cruel butcher whose name I will not

speak, victims of a cruelty so savage and brutal that it would make a Torquemada or an Alva blush, have been fed and nourished. No word of mine or act of this House can add a leaf to the laurels they have already won. Their credits are written in the hearts of this people and are registered in the account books of Heaven in letters of light that will shine into the hearts of men to the latest generation.

But I do know that I voice the sentiment of my constituents, and that the people of this great State will thank us for acknowledging that the higher sympathies of their natures are deeply touched by such disinterested devotion to principles of justice and mercy.

On motion of Mr. Wilson of Gorham, the petition of George I. Trickey and others, and of A. D. Sargent and others, for increase of salaries of judges of the supreme judicial court, were taken from the table and referred to the judiciary committee.

On motion of Mr. Hopkins of Deering, bill an act in reference to the annexation of Deering to Portland, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on towns.

Mr. Guernsey of Dover: I move to reconsider the vote whereby the House passed the order, yesterday, in regard to an additional supply of postage stamps. I think the vote should be reconsidered, otherwise we might go down into history as a stamp Legislature.

The motion was agreed to.

On motion of the same gentleman, the order was then indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Noyes of Pownal, Adjourned.