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OF THE
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OF THE
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his party in the national House of Representatives.

His integrity, devotion to duty, love of right and justice, vast resources, sound learning, thorough mastery and comprehension of all questions relating to finances and tariff, commanded for him on all occasions an attentive hearing, and made him a recognized authority, not only among his friends, but also with his political opponents. It is my deliberate judgment that in reference to these subjects he has never had a superior and but few equals on the floors of Congress.

As a mark of respect, I have directed that all flags on public buildings be placed at half-mast, and also that the Executive department of the State government be closed during the day of the funeral services.

It is for this Legislature to take such further action in the premises as it shall deem fitting and proper.

(Signed) LEWELLYN POWERS,
Governor.

Mr. White of Androscoggin: In response to the communication received from His Excellency, announcing the death of the Hon. Nelson Dingley, I desire to offer the following order: When from some point of vantage we are permitted to look out over a mighty forest, we see scattered sparingly here and there a few trees towering above their fellows, like mighty rulers. So, here and there among their fellow men, occasionally there appears a great leader, commanding the attention and respect, the confidence and devotion of mankind.

Conspicuous among the distinguished men the State of Maine has produced, whose fame and field of action have not been confined to the limits of our own State or even of the nation, stands Nelson Dingley. Honest, able, learned, pure in private and in public life, he has endeared himself to the people and enshrined himself in their confidence and affection.

As a token of respect to his memory and in response to that silent sorrow which oppresses us all at his death, it is

Ordered, That a committee consisting of the President of the Senate and two senators on the part of the Senate, with such members as may join on the part of the House, be appointed to attend the funeral at Lewiston, Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 10 o'clock A. M.; that the secretary transmit a copy of this order to the family, and that as a further mark of respect to the memory of the dead, the Senate stand adjourned.

The order was passed and the President appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. White of Androscoggin and Hamlin of Hancock.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Augusta, Jan. 17.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Penney of Augusta.

Papers of the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

Bills, petitions, etc., presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Virgin of Portland—Petition of Charles F. Libby and 72 others for passage of an act providing for three women on the school board of the city of Portland; petition of A. H. Wright and 61 others; petition of J. B. Shepherd and 20 others; petition of Percival Bonney and 65 others for same.

By Mr. Sargent of Portland—Petition of E. G. Greeley and 54 others; petition of Zenas Thompson and 39 others for same.

By Mr. Woodbridge of Newcastle—Petition of C. F. Creamer and 66 others in favor of an amendment to chapter 329, Public Laws of 1897, relating to election of road commissioners.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Petition of Augusta Board of Trade in favor of passage of bill to prevent the use of trading stamps and other similar devices.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of John E. Warren and 47 others of Westbrook in favor of increasing the salaries of justices of the supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Petition of Selden Connor and 15 others of Augusta.

By Mr. Hyde of Bath—Petition of Charles W. Larrabee and 14 others of Sagadahoc county, in favor of same.

By Mr. Smith of Presque Isle—Bill an act relating to the sale of Paris green and poisonous preparations used for the destruction of insects.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Bill an act to prevent the use of trading stamps and other similar devices.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Bill an act to secure the secret ballot.

By Mr. Virgin of Portland—Bill an act to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, medicine and dentistry in the State of Maine.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Leavitt of Eastport—Bill an act to amend chapter 450 of the private

and special laws of 1892 relating to the school board of Eastport.

By Mr. Esty of Rangeley—Bill an act to legalize the doings of Rangeley Plantation in Franklin county.

By Mr. Reed of Roxbury—Bill an act additional to chapter 365 of the private and special laws of 1890, relating to the Rumford Falls Light and Water Company.

By Mr. Pierce of Blaine—Petition of Alex. Ross of Mapleton and 61 others, praying that chapter 329 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to highways, be repealed.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Beal of Bangor—Resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine General hospital and statement of facts.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Resolve in favor of the city of Augusta.

By Mr. Chase of Portland—Petition of E. B. Winslow and 54 others in favor of a home for friendless boys in Deering.

By Mr. Vaughn of Portland—Statement of facts concerning the work of finding homes for friendless children.

Petition of Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens and others, officers of the W. C. T. U., for an appropriation for the W. C. T. U.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Walker of Starks—Resolve in favor of Anson academy.

By Mr. Porter of Burlington—Resolve in favor of Lee Normal academy.

By Mr. Jones of Springfield—Resolve in favor of Springfield Normal school.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSSES.

By Mr. Jones of Springfield—Bill an act to incorporate the Lincoln, Lakeville and Winn Telephone Company.

Petition of Edgar W. Stevens and others for a charter for a telephone line.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Deering of Saco—Bill an act to incorporate the Manufacturers' Trust Company.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Hyde of Bath—Resolve in favor of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan asylum.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska—Petition asking for aid to build a bridge

in the town of Madawaska, Aroostook county.

Resolve in favor of blasting ledge in the town of Frenchville, Aroostook county.

By Mr. Jones of Springfield—Petition of J. C. Porter and 258 others, residents of Kingman, Springfield, Prentiss, Carroll, Drew Plantation and Webster Plantation, asking for \$5000 aid for town of Kingman.

By Mr. Crane of Whiting—Petition of Willis H. Leighton and 35 others, asking the State to appropriate \$500 annually for two years to be expended on the roads and bridges in the town of Whiting.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. Deering of Saco—Bill an act to protect tern in the county of York.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Harman of Machiasport—Bill an act to amend chapter 285 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the taking of fish.

TOWNS.

By Mr. Reed of Roxbury—Petition of the inhabitants of Franklin Plantation, Oxford county, to be annexed to Rumford, Peru and Woodstock.

By Mr. Spofford of Newcastle—Petition of Hiram Norton and others, for annexation of certain lands of Industry to Farmington.

Bill, an act to set off certain lands from Industry and annex the same to Farmington.

By Mr. Hopkins of Deering—Petition of I. F. Clark and 64 others, for annexation of Deering to Portland.

KENNEBEC COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Manley of Augusta—Bill, an act fixing the salaries of the county commissioners of Kennebec county.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Donham of Hebron, Ordered, That the committee on legal affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 12 of chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the election of selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

On motion of Mr. Manley of Augusta, Ordered, That the clerk of the House prepare and cause to be printed under his supervision 1000 of the Journal of the House for the current session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed as a committee to attend the funeral of Hon. E. K. O'Brien of Thomaston, who died during the recess of the House, Messrs. Brown of Warren, Teel of St. George, Hahn of Waldoboro, Wood of Camden, Kallock of South Thomaston, Feaslee of Wiscasset, and Ledyard of Bath.

Mr. Macomber of Augusta, moved that the House proceed to ballot for a United States senator.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. McFadden of Dresden—I rise to a point of order. I would inquire if there is a quorum present.

The Speaker—The Chair sees a quorum present.

The House then proceeded to vote for a United States senator. as follows:

For Eugene Hale—Abbott, Adams, Beal, Beath, Bennett, Bird, Bodwell, Brimmer, Britton, Brown of Falmouth, Burns, Carr, Cartret, Chamberlin, Chase, Chick, Cobb, Craig, Crane, Daigle, Davis, De Coster, Donham, Drummey, Dunning, Esty, Farrell, Forhan, Freese, Fuller of Auburn, Fuller of South Portland, Gardner, Girdler, Gordon, Goss, Guernsey, Harris, Hopkins, Hutchins, Hyde, Irving, Jellison, Johonnett, Kernon, King, La-liberte, Macfarlane, Macomber, Manley, Maxcy, Maxwell, McFaul, Merrill of Skowhegan, Murchie, Nickerson of Swanville, Noyes, Parker, Parkhurst, Peabody, Perkins, Philbrook, Powers, Prince, Reed, Ridlon, Rowell, Sanborn, Sargent of Portland, Sargent of Sedgwick, Sawyer, Smith of Presque Isle, Somes, Spofford, Spratt, Spurr, Staples of Eliot, Stetson of Bangor, Sutherland, Tyler, Virgin, Webb, Webster, Wilbur, Wood-bridge.—54.

For Samuel L. Lord—Bridgham, Deering, Farnsworth, Grindell, Harman, Hodgkins, Hughes, Jones, Leavitt, Libbey of South Berwick, Merrill of North Gloucester, Murphy, Porter, West, Wilson of Minot.—15.

Absent—Belleau, Berry, Blackstone, Brown of Warren, Bryant, Buck, Cleveland, Coffin, Colburn, Dawson, Eaton, Field, Fitz, Fogg, Fuller of Kennebunk, Garcelon, Gentleman, Gould, Hahn, Hassell, Hill, Hix, Jordan, Kalloch, Kilborn, Ledyard, Libbey of Albion, McFadden, Melcher, Morey, Mosher, Nickerson of Orrington, Peaslee, Pierce, Plummer, Purinton, Rankin, Ryerson, Smith of Hartland, Staples of Bridgton, Stetson of Monmouth, Taylor, Teel, Thayer, Turner, Walker, Weed, Wilson of Brunswick, Wilson of Cherryfield, Wilson of Gorham, Wood.—51.

An order was received from the Senate, ordering that a committee consisting of the President of the Senate and two senators on the part of the Senate, with such members as may be joined on the part of the House, be appointed to attend the funeral of Nelson Dingley at Lewiston, on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 10 o'clock A. M., and that as a further mark of respect the Senate stand adjourned.

Mr. Harris of Auburn: Mr. Speaker, the State of Maine is indeed in the shadow of a great sorrow. We sit here with bowed heads. A distinguished son of Maine, who, by his life, character and public services, has placed himself well in the front ranks of the men of his generation, our own fellow-citizen, Nelson Dingley, is dead. It is not my purpose at this time to enter into any extended eulogy which may more fittingly be done at some other time. The order from the

Senate aptly expresses the sentiments of this House on this occasion. I therefore move its adoption in concurrence; and that the House join the Senate in appointing a committee of seven, of whom the Speaker shall be chairman, to attend the funeral at Lewiston, tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Harris of Auburn, Manley of Augusta, Murphy of Lewiston, Brown of Falmouth, Hicks of Rockland, and Donham of Hebron.

The Speaker also appointed, as Speaker pro tem. during the absence of the Speaker, Mr. Philbrook of Waterville.

Mr. Manley of Augusta: Mr. Speaker, the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. Nelson Dingley. This is not the time to refer to his pure life or to his illustrious public services. I shall, at a later time, ask that a day may be set apart that appropriate tributes may be paid to his memory. And it seems to me to be eminently fitting that this should be done. For it was in this hall that he commenced his great legislative career. He was six times elected a member of this House. He was twice its honored Speaker. He was twice elected Governor of this State. He was 10 times elected to that great parliamentary body, the national House of Representatives. His life has been given to his State and to his country. And by his upright life, his pure character, his untiring industry, he has won for himself imperishable fame, and he has added glory and honor to the State and the nation. And, Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect to his memory, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.