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HOUSE.

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1899.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Boardman of Hallowell.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

SENATE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act to extend the charter of the Waldoboro Water and Electric Light and Power Co.

The following petitions, bills, etc., were presented and referred:

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Thayer of Lubec—Petition of C. H. Clark & Company and 18 others of Lubec, for a law prohibiting the use of trading stamps and similar devices.

By Mr. Macfarlane of Greenville—Petition of O. A. Dennen and others in favor of a law prohibiting the wearing of spiked boots in public places.

Petition of Nathan T. Swan and others for same.

By Mr. Ridlon of Stetson—Remonstrance of R. W. Simpson and 18 others of Carmel, against increase of salaries of justices of supreme judicial court.

By Mr. Bird of Rockland—Remonstrance of John Martin and others, against same.

Remonstrance of J. S. Bearce and 25 others of Foxcroft, against same.

By Mr. Bridgham of Sullivan—Remonstrance of Thomas G. Hall and 40 others of Gore, against same.

By Mr. Ridlon of Stetson—Remonstrance of E. F. Robinson and 51 others of Carmel, against same.

Remonstrance of Steven Mudgett and 70 others of Dixmont, against same.

By Mr. Gordon of Readfield—Remonstrance of J. C. Holman and 38 others of Mt. Vernon, against same.

Remonstrance of Jessie Spaulding and 20 others of Mt. Vernon, against same.

Remonstrance of A. P. Clifford and 40 others of Mt. Vernon, against same.

Remonstrance of Charles C. Bean and 31 others of Readfield, against same.

Remonstrance of J. Henry Moore and 97 others of Winthrop, against same.

Remonstrance of A. Thomas and 65 others of Readfield, against same.

Remonstrance of E. J. Beal and 63 others of Readfield, against same.

Remonstrance of George W. Merrow and 48 others of Readfield, against same.

Remonstrance of W. T. Mace and 66 others of Readfield Depot, against same.

Remonstrance of J. F. Taylor and 34 others, of Readfield Depot, against same.

By Mr. Peabody of Princeton—Remonstrance of Wellington Bailey and 35 others of Princeton, against same.

By Mr. Gordon of Readfield—Remonstrance of Daniel Luce and 78 others of Readfield, against same.

Remonstrance of George E. Cram and 38 others of Winthrop, against same.

Remonstrance of J. W. Hatch and 58 others of Winthrop, against same.

By Mr. Fitz of Durham—Remonstrance of Joseph H. Davis and 24 others of South Durham, against same.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Remonstrance of O. L. Jones and 19 others of Corinna, against same.

Remonstrance of L. A. Fletcher and 31 others of East Corinth, against same.

By Mr. Bird of Rockland—Remonstrance of Edward Roy and 4 others of Hope, against same.

Remonstrance of Robert Simmons and 13 others of Rockport, against same.

Remonstrance of A. J. Tolman and 35 others of Rockland, against same.

Remonstrance of Alvin E. Studley and 18 others of Warren, against same.

Remonstrance of Marcellus Metcalf and 17 others of Hope, against same.

Remonstrance of George W. Hosmer and 16 others of Pittsburg, against same.

Remonstrance of Elishau L. Tottman and 18 others of Ashdale, against same.

By Mr. Hahn of Waldoboro—Remonstrance of W. L. Kaler and 9 others of Waldoboro, against same.

By Mr. Coffin of Harrington—Remonstrance of J. E. White and 51 others of Columbia, against same.

Remonstrance of A. M. Nash and 119 others of Harrington, against same.

Remonstrance of Edgar F. Allen and 78 others of Columbia, against same.

Remonstrance of E. T. Coffin and 34 others of Harrington, against same.

By Mr. Wilson of Cherryfield—Remonstrance of C. W. Buzzell and 27 others of Steuben, against same.

Remonstrance of S. R. Cushman and 36 others of Steuben, against same.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Remonstrance of James Gowan and 42 others of Duck pond, against same.

By Mr. Chick of Clifton—Remonstrance of E. Z. Brown and 19 others of Clifton, against same.

Remonstrance of M. C. Lynott and 62 others of East Eddington, against same.

By Mr. Dawson of Monroe—Remonstrance of John F. Libby and 27 others of Prospect, against same.

Remonstrance of A. P. Ritchie and 27 others of Monroe, against same.

Remonstrance of B. W. Eames and 26 others of Prospect, against same.

By Mr. Grindel of Islesboro—Remonstrance of C. F. Cushman and 14 others of Searsmont, against same.

Remonstrance of Warren Sheldon and 43 others of Searsmont, against same.

Remonstrance of M. B. Hunt and 41 others of Belmont, against same.

By Mr. Beath of Kenduskeag—Remonstrance of J. P. Rowell and 75 others of Kenduskeag, against same.

By Mr. Walker of Starks—Remonstrance of C. F. Gerald and 10 others of West Palmyra, against same.

Remonstrance of C. A. Merrill and 64 others of Smithfield, against same.

Remonstrance of C. H. Jones and 69 others of Athens, against same.

By Mr. Bryant of Knox—Remonstrance of L. E. Webb and 52 others of Unity, against same.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Remonstrance of A. C. Waugh and 52 others of East Corinth, against same.

By Mr. Farnsworth of Pembroke—Remonstrance of William G. Harriman and 17 others of Meddybemps, against same.

By Mr. Powers of Fort Fairfield—Bill an act to amend section 6, of chapter 157, of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the rights of widows and widowers in the real estate of deceased husbands and wives.

By Mr. Virgiu of Portland—Bill an act relating to the Young Mens' Christian Association of Portland, Maine.

By Mr. Philbrook of Waterville—Bill an act amendatory of and additional to chapter 511, of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate the Mechanic Falls Water and

Electric Light and Power Company, as amended by Chapter 494 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889."

By Mr. Jordan of Lisbon—Bill an act to extend the charter of the Lisbon Water Company for an additional two years.

By Mr. Wilson of Brunswick—Bill an act to establish the Bath and Brunswick Water District.

By Mr. Cleveland of Houlton—Resolve to enable the county of Aroostook to refund its debt.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Craig of Island Falls—Petition of A. E. Estabrook and 37 others in favor of the repeal of chapter 329, Public Laws of 1897, relating to road commissioners.

By Mr. Mosher of Rome—Petition of F. C. Foster and 24 others, for same.

By Mr. Smith of Hartland—Petition of J. D. Emery and 87 others of St. Albans, for same.

By Mr. Craig of Island Falls—Petition of F. M. Caldwell and 13 others of Sherman, for same.

By Mr. Mosher of Rome—Petition of A. P. Dudley and 40 others of Rome in favor of same.

By Mr. Powers of Fort Fairfield—Petition of Arthur P. Libby and others for incorporation of Fort Fairfield Water Company.

By Mr. Stetson of Monmouth—Petition of H. M. Blake and 68 others of Monmouth, for an act to incorporate the Monmouth Center Village Corporation.

By Mr. Powers of Fort Fairfield—Remonstrance of Frontier Water Company against incorporation of Fort Fairfield Water Company.

Bill an act to incorporate the Fort Fairfield Water Company.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Irving of Kennebunkport—Resolve in favor of Francis Keefe, in payment of witnesses, magistrates and officers' fees and other disbursements made by him in the Kittery and Elliot contested election case.

EDUCATION.

By Mr. Cleveland of Houlton—Bill an act to establish an additional Normal school.

By Mr. Bryant of Knox—Resolve in favor of Freedom academy.

By Mr. Cleveland of Houlton—Resolve in favor of the Houlton State Normal school.

Resolve in favor of Ricker Classical institute.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPHS AND EXPRESSES.

By Mr. Wilson of Gorham—Petition of A. S. Chadbourne and 62 others of Hallowell, in favor of Electric Railroads providing vestibule cars.

By Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor—Petition of S. F. Humphrey and 209 others in favor of same.

By Mr. Burns of Westbrook—Petition of A. N. Waterhouse and 41 others of Westbrook, in favor of the Westbrook, Windham and Harrison Railroad.

Petition of Daniel A. Holmes and 45 others of Westbrook, in favor of same.

Bill an act requiring railroad corporations to issue mileage tickets at a uniform rate, good for passage of bearer.

Pending reference to committee this bill was tabled and ordered printed on motion of Mr. Gardiner of Patten.

BANKS AND BANKING.

By Mr. Maxwell of Richmond—Bill an act to incorporate the Bath Safe Deposit and Trust Company.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Bill an act to amend section 83, of Chapter 47, of the Revised Statutes, relating to private, associated and foreign banking.

AGRICULTURE.

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska—Petition of Mark Cyr and others for the incorporation of the Madawaska Agricultural Society.

MILITARY AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Jordan of Lisbon—Resolve in favor of the town of Lisbon to reimburse it for the amount of money expended in aid of needy families of soldiers who served as volunteers in the army of the United States, in the late war with Spain.

By Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner—Resolve in favor of Mrs. J. Durant for aid of soldier in Spanish war.

Resolve in favor of Dr. R. E. Donnell for aid of soldier of Spanish war.

Resolve in favor of the city of Gardiner to reimburse it for the amount expended in aid of needy soldier who served as volunteer in the army of the United States in the late war with Spain.

INTERIOR WATERS.

By Mr. Murchie of Calais—Petition of George H. Eaton and others for incorporation as Water Power Company upon the St. Croix river.

By Mr. Maxcy of Gardiner—Bill an act to incorporate the Enchanted Stream Dam and Improvement Company.

WAYS AND BRIDGES.

By Mr. Daigle of Madawaska—Petition of A. B. Daigle and others for aid to repair highway by blasting a ledge in the town of Frenchville.

By Mr. Gardner of Patten—Statement of facts on resolve in favor of D. S. Chadbourne.

INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME.

By Mr. McFarlane of Greenville—Petition of W. W. Sawtelle and 43 others against repeal of bounty on bears.

By Mr. Stetson of Monmouth—Remonstrance of E. A. Dudley and 263 others of Monmouth and Winthrop against any law prohibiting winter fishing in Cochnewagan pond in Monmouth, and Anabessacook pond in the towns of Monmouth and Winthrop.

By Mr. Fuller of Kennebunk—Bill an act for the better protection of deer in York county.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Sargent of Portland—Petition of J. H. Pierce and 35 others in favor of prohibiting the catching of smelts in the waters of Casco bay other than by hook and line between the head of Fore river, Portland harbor, and Look-out point, Harpswell.

By Mr. McFadden of Dresden—Bill an act to amend Sections 29 and 35 of Chapter 285 of the Public Laws of 1897, entitled "an act to revise and consolidate the Public Laws, relating to sea and shore fisheries."

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Peabody of Princeton—Resolve making appropriations for the Passamaquoddy tribe of Indians.

YORK COUNTY DELEGATION.

By Mr. Fuller of Kennebunk—Bill an act relating to the salary of the county commissioners of York county.

ORDERS.

On motion by Mr. Wilson of Cherryfield,

Ordered, That the committee on interior waters inquire into the expedi-

ency of so amending Chapter 673 of the Private and Special Laws of 1871 to meet the present necessities of mill owners on the Narraguagus river, and report by bill or otherwise.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Bill an act to incorporate the Manufacturers' Trust Company.

Bill an act to authorize the Webster Woolen Company to supply the village of Sabattus with water for municipal purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Daigle from the committee on ways and bridges, on petition of C. J. Bartlett and 52 others, that the present road commissioner law be repealed, reported that the petition be referred to the committee on legal affairs.

Same gentleman from same committee reported same on petition of F. W. Brown and 36 others of Brooks for the repeal of the present road commissioner law.

The reports were accepted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Burns from the committee on financial affairs, reported ought to pass on resolve in aid of the Temporary Home for Women and Children at Deering.

The report was accepted and resolve ordered printed under joint rules.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset, the following order was taken from the table: Ordered, That all matters relating to salaries, which have been referred to county delegations, shall be referred to the committee on salaries, and that all matters pertaining to salaries which have been heretofore presented shall be referred to the committee on salaries.

Mr. Peaslee moved to amend the order by adding after the word "delegations in the third line, the words "unless objected to by the several county delegations before whom such matters are now pending."

Mr. King of Caribou, moved that the order with the pending amendment be laid on the table.

Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset, said: I asked that this order be laid on the table the other day because my own county delegation has before it a bill relating to the salary of our register of probate. As yet we have not handled the matter. We have not decided

what we will report upon it, neither do we feel that we want to give it up to the committee on salaries. I find upon inquiry that other county delegations feel the same. In fact I learn that other county delegations feel that they do not want to handle these matters. They do not want this order as introduced, January 24th, to pass, because if it does it takes from them the whole matter, it does not allow them the privilege of handling their own county affairs. I feel the same, and many of my own county delegation feel the same. We feel that we want to handle the matters pertaining to our own county affairs. And we feel that it is not only our duty but that it should be our privilege to report on these matters; and for that reason I ask that it be amended so that if we do not object to it, it may go before the committee on salaries. If we do object, then we can handle it ourselves.

Mr. McFadden of Dresden, said: I am somewhat surprised at the remarks of the gentleman from Wiscasset (Mr. Peaslee). He has, no doubt, spoken his own sentiments; but he has hardly voiced the sentiments of the whole Lincoln county delegation. I feel, for one, that these matters should all go to the general committee, and my reasons are these: There is hardly a county delegation in the State that feel unanimous upon these increases which are asked for, and yet, perhaps, the individual members do not like to antagonize the requests of their friends, and so perhaps will hesitate to exercise their own honest judgment.

There is another reason: A county officer comes here this year and asks for an increase of salary. Perhaps it is a register of probate, or a judge of probate. His county delegation recommends it and it passes the House and his salary is increased perhaps to a high figure. Two years hence like officers in other counties see that his salary has been raised and conclude that they can get their raised, and they come here, and, pointing to that example, pry up their salaries by using that as a fulcrum. I say that the general committee should consider all these matters, and having before them a list of the counties and of the population of the counties and of the valuation of

the several counties they can adjust the matter more equitably and are likely to do it more equitably than are the delegations of the several counties. And I think the whole matter ought to be put into the hands of the committee which was appointed to consider these matters, or else we had better dismiss that committee and relieve it from any further consideration of salary matters.

Mr. Peaslee of Wiscasset: I wish to set myself right before this House and with the gentleman from Dresden (Mr. McFadden). I did not say, or at least I did not intend to say, what the gentleman infers I did say. What I did intend to say, if I did not say it, was that our delegation had not settled what it would do, whether it would report or whether it would refer to this committee, and until our delegation can settle it I feel that it should not be taken from our hands. If I am not the only one on our delegation that has got sand enough to stand up and say that I feel that I can go before my constituents with a report I feel to make, then I think I ought to have a right to have that settled in my delegation. And I don't believe the gentleman from Dresden, and I don't believe a gentleman from Cumberland or York or any other county has any right to step into Lincoln county and say what our officials shall have for salaries. I believe we in Lincoln county know better what our officials should get than do members of this House from other counties, and I think that gentlemen of this House that belong in other counties should cease interfering with the duties of our counties. If the delegations have not sand enough to stand up and do their duty and go before their constituents, then let us give it up to some strangers to handle. I ask you to vote that our county delegation may settle our troubles among ourselves, and if we cannot, then I will stand up and say that our county delegation cannot do it and will ask you to refer it to the committee on salaries.

Mr. McFadden of Dresden: I don't question the gentleman's sand a bit, and I hope he does not question anybody else's. The Lincoln county delegation has failed to agree, and it looks—I do not say we shall not be able to agree—but it looks as if a divided re-

port will come in here if the matter was forced upon us. We prefer for that reason, and for the other reason of the equitableness of the thing, that it should go before the committee on salaries. That is all.

Mr. King of Caribou: I made the motion to table simply that I might get a better understanding of the original order and the amendment. I did not fully understand it, but now I think from the discussion which has just taken place I understand the matter and I will withdraw my motion to lay the order on the table.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment,

The amendment was adopted.

The order then received a passage as amended.

On motion by Mr. Spofford of New Sharon.

Adjourned.