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OF THE
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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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SENATE.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1899.

Senate met according to adjournment, and was called to order by Mr. Stearns, President pro tem.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Augusta.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

A message came from the House, by Mr. Parkhurst of Bangor, informing the Senate that in the absence of the Speaker, the House had made choice of Mr. Leavitt of Eastport, as Speaker pro tem.

HOUSE BILLS READ AND ASSIGNED.

Bill an act relating to the organization, and stock and bonds of the United State Envelope Co.

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 real estate of deceased husbands and wives.

Bill an act to legalize and make valid the meetings and doings of the corporation known as "the Trustees of the Charity Fund of Caribou Lodge," so-called, in the county of Aroostook.

Bill an act for the extension of the Somerset Railway.

Bill an act authorizing the Lewiston Trust and Safe Deposit Co. to establish a branch at Lisbon.

Bill an act to incorporate the North Berwick Trust Co.

Bill an act to extend and amend the charter of the Penobscot Boom Corporation, and of the Penobscot Lumbering Association.

Bill an act to permit the breeding and raising of quail for purpose of sale by Henry J. Simpson of Sullivan.

Bill an act to annex Franklin Plantation, in the county of Oxford, to the towns of Rumford and Peru.

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

JUDICIARY.

By Mr. Johnston of Piscataquis—Remonstrance of F. E. Monroe and 32 others of Milo, against any change in the law relating to trustee processes.

LEGAL AFFAIRS.

By Mr. Grindle of Hancock—Remonstrance of M. H. Grindle and 75 other voters in the town of Brooksville,

against the highway commissioner law of 1897.

By Mr. Plummer of Penobscot—Bill an act to amend section 8, of chapter 59, of the Revised Statutes, relating to rights of trial by jury in divorce suits.

SHORE FISHERIES.

By Mr. Shepherd of Knox—Remonstrance of G. F. Miller and 51 others of Cushing, against any change in the seining law.

Remonstrance of Elbridge Wotton and 59 others of Friendship, against same.

By Mr. Chamberlain of Lincoln—Remonstrance of Joseph Hiff and 29 others of Boothbay; J. C. Poole and 10 others of Boothbay Harbor; W. T. Moore and 19 others of Boothbay Harbor; D. A. Greenlaw and 24 others of Boothbay Harbor; Chas. L. Wallace and 31 others of Waldoboro; Robert H. Oram and 13 others of Bristol; J. E. Nichols and 83 others of Bristol, against same.

PLACED ON FILE.

By Mr. Merrill of Somerset—Remonstrance of A. D. Brown and 92 others of Canaan, Somerset county, against an increase of the salaries of justices of the supreme judicial court.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The committee on public buildings, by Mr. Shepherd of Knox, to which was referred order of the Legislature relating to assigning rooms in the State House to the secretary of the Senate and clerk of the House, having had the same under consideration and having also considered the needs of the State banking department for additional room in the State House, reported accompanying order relative to room No. 149, now occupied by the secretary of the Senate and that further action other than contained in accompanying order is inexpedient at the present time.

Ordered, That on and after the adjournment of the present session of the Legislature room No. 149 be and hereby is assigned to the banking department, and that any previous order relating to this room be revoked.

Mr. Shepherd: For the information of the Senate I will state that the committee on public buildings, after having investigated the matter carefully as to requirements of the bank exam-

iner and the secretary of the Senate, are unanimously of the opinion that it is not wise to make any change in the present arrangement during this session, but at the close of the session the room now occupied by the secretary of the Senate would be assigned to the bank examiner. This, we were given to understand, would be perfectly satisfactory to all parties in interest.

Mr. Blanchard of Franklin: It has been evident to all that there exists a crowded condition in the bank examiner's present apartment, and I believe it is the opinion of everyone that more room should be given that important department of the State. While the bank examiner has been accessible to all who have had business to transact with him, yet there is present a crowded condition. It is not the sentiment of this body to remove from his room our present efficient secretary during this session and I believe the matter has been satisfactorily adjusted. I move the report be accepted.

Mr. Plummer of Penobscot: I would like to ask the senator from Knox if this order makes a permanent disposition of the room, affecting the next Legislature?

Mr. Shepherd: That was the understanding of the committee and that the superintendent of public buildings would assign and prepare a suitable room for the use of the secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Plummer: Do I understand that that was satisfactory to the secretary?

Mr. Shepherd: That was satisfactory, as I understand it.

The report of the committee was accepted.

Mr. Hargraves from the committee on financial affairs, reported ought to pass, resolve in favor of the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mr. Dudley from the committee on Indian affairs, reported ought to pass, bill an act to amend Chapter 493 of the Private and Special Laws of 1885, as relating to the Penobscot tribe of Indians.

The reports were accepted and resolve and bill tabled for printing under rule.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

Bill an act to fix the salary of the register of probate for the county of Cumberland.

Resolve for an appropriation for the use of the commissioner of sea and shore fisheries.

Bill an act to authorize the construction of a dam at the outlet of the mill pond at New Harbor, in the town of Bristol.

Bill an act in relation to enforcing the liability of shareholders in trust and banking companies.

Bill an act for the protection of fish in Bagaduce river, bay and tributaries.

Bill an act additional relating to the appointment and compensation of the recorder of the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.

Bill an act to amend Chapter 130 of the Private Laws of 1866, entitled "an act to incorporate the Sebec Dam Company."

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes relating to the taking of clam and shell fish.

An act to amend Chapter 450, Private Laws of 1893, relating to the school board of Eastport.

An act authorizing the town of Damariscotta to fund its indebtedness at maturity and to issue new bonds.

An act to establish a municipal court in the town of Newport.

An act amendatory of and additional to Chapter 458 of the Private and Special Laws of 1897, entitled "an act to incorporate the Northern Development Company."

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of the town of Waldoboro.

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

On motion by Mr. Vickery of Kennebec,

Adjourned.