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OF THE
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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

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SENATE.

Friday, March 17, 1899.

The Senate met according to adjourn-
President.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Newbert of Au-
gusta.

Journal of yesterday read and ap-
proved.

Papers from the House disposed of in
concurrence.

The following bills came from the
House passed to be engrossed under sus-
pense, rules suspended, read the second
time and passed to be engrossed.

Bill an act to amend section 17 or chap-
ter 128 of the Revised Statutes, as
amended by section 2 of chapter 283 of
the Public Laws of 1889, relating to
tramps.

House amendment A adopted in con-
currence.

Bill an act to amend section 1 of chap-
ter 293 of the Public Laws of 1889, as
amended by the Public Laws of 1899, re-
lating to hawkers and peddlers.

House amendment A adopted in con-
currence.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Indus-
trial School for Girls.

The following bill, in Senate passed to
be engrossed, came back from the House
amended by House amendment A:

Bill an act to incorporate the St. Croix
Water Power Company.

The vote was reconsidered whereby the
bill was passed to be engrossed, House
amendment A adopted in concurrence
and the bill passed to be engrossed as
amended.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act additional to chapter 81 of the
Revised Statutes, relating to the sale on
writ of personal property attached.

An act additional to chapter 237 of the
Public Laws of 1889, relating to life and
casualty insurance on the assessment
plan.

An act entitled, "An act to amend
chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1889.

An act to prevent immoral exhibitions.

An act to increase the salary of the
county attorney of the county of Han-
cock.

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

An act to authorize the inhabitants of
the town of Woolwich or their assigns
to increase the height of the dam across
Nequasset stream in the town of Wool-
wich.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve authorizing the Governor and
Council to accept in the name of the
State, from the Pemaquid Monument As-
sociation, title to Fort William Henry
and adjacent land.

Resolve in favor of Francis Keefe, in
and officers' fees and disbursements
made by him in the Kittery and Eliot
contested case.

Resolve for improvement of Songo and
Chute rivers.

Resolve in favor of the town of Rock-
port.

Resolve in favor of the town of Tres-
cott.

Resolve in favor of the trustees of the
State normal schools.

Resolve in favor of Joshua Gray of
Gardiner and William B. Snow of Skow-
negan.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Merrill, chairman of the committee
on agriculture, submitted the final re-
port of that committee, that they had
acted on all matters referred to them.

The report was accepted.

The following order came from the
House passed, and was passed in con-
currence:

Ordered, That the committee on agri-
culture be and they are hereby directed
to make their final report on matters
pertaining to the cattle commission at
the morning session, tomorrow.

Subsequently Mr. Merrill of Somerset
moved that the vote whereby this order
was passed in concurrence be recon-
sidered.

Mr. MERRILL: I will simply explain
that before this order passed the commit-
tee on agriculture had already handed
in their final report.

The vote was reconsidered and on fur-
ther motion by Mr. Merrill the order was
indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Chamberlain of Lin-
coln, the Senate took a recess of one
hour.

AFTER RECESS.

Papers from the House disposed of in
concurrence.

Bill an act in relation to political cau-
ses in towns.

This bill came from the House passed
to be engrossed under suspension of rules,
as amended by House amendments A, E,
C as amended by amendment I, D and F.
The bill was read once and the several
amendments adopted in concurrence.

Penning second reading, on motion by
Mr. Weeks of Somerset, laid on the table.

Bill an act for the detection of crimi-
nals.

This bill came from the House passed
to be engrossed under suspension of rules,
and was read once.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset: Although
this measure comes from a committee of
which I am a member, still it will be re-
membered by those associated with me
on the committee that I reserved any
rights in relation to opposing this bill. I
believe at this time that it is not proper
for the Legislature to appropriate a sum
of money to be expended in the manner
that this bill calls for. I move, therefore,
that this bill be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

Bill an act to prevent a preference of
creditors.

This bill came from the House passed
to be engrossed under suspension of rules
and was read once.

Mr. BLANCHARD of Franklin: While
there are some wise features in this
measure, still after a reading of the bill
and careful study of the thing, it seems
to me that legislation at this time is in-
expedient, and I therefore move that it be
indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

Bill an act to regulate the admission to
practice of attorneys, solicitors and coun-

selors, to provide a board of examiners and to repeal conflicting acts.

This bill, in the Senate passed to be engrossed, came back from the House amended by House amendments A, D and C.

On motion by Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, the vote was reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

On further motion by the same gentleman, House amendment A was adopted in concurrence.

Upon House amendment D, Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, offered the following amendment: Amend by striking out the word "November" and inserting the word "June."

The amendment was adopted; House amendment D was then adopted in concurrence, as amended.

House amendment C was then adopted in concurrence and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Shepherd of Knox, a message was sent to the Executive department, requesting the return to the Senate of bill an act to amend chapter 42 of the Public Laws of 1899.

The bill being returned, on motion by Mr. Shepherd, the vote was reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Shepherd offered Senate amendment A: Strike out section 2. "this act shall take effect when approved."

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

On motion by Mr. Weeas of Somerset, a message was sent to the Executive department, requesting the return to the Senate of bill an act for the better protection of sheep in the town of Perry.

The bill being returned, on motion by Mr. Weeks, the votes were reconsidered whereby the same was passed to be enacted and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Weeks offered Senate amendment A: Strike out section 8, providing that "this act shall take effect when approved."

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

Resolve in favor of building for the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, the vote whereby this resolve was indefinitely postponed was reconsidered.

Mr. PLUMMER: This was a resolve appropriating \$5000, as it came from the committee, to build an extension to the building which was partially destroyed by fire at Hallowell, the Industrial School for Girls. It appeared to the committee that the extension was needed and could be made very much more economically when the repairs were made on the burned portion of the building than at any other time, for the reason that the wall on the side on which the extension was to be made would have to come down, anyway, and consequently the extension could be made much better and more economically at the time the repairs were made on the burned portion, and they reported this resolve. There were some differences in the House in regard to the future of that institution, and in the course of proceed-

ings there this resolve was indefinitely postponed. It is now thought that that was an unwise action, inasmuch as the property will probably come into the hands of the State by virtue of the action taken by this Legislature, and that this economical and wise action ought to be taken. Consequently I move this reconsideration that the Senate may get to the matter, and upon further consultation it is thought that a smaller sum may be sufficient, in connection with the insurance, to do the whole work satisfactorily. I therefore offer Senate amendment A to the resolve: Strike out the word "five" in the second line of the resolve and insert the word "three."

The amendment was adopted, and on motion by Mr. Plummer, rules were suspended, the resolve was read the second time and passed to be engrossed as amended.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend section 8 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, regulating the right to trial by jury in divorce suits.

An act to amend paragraph 2 of section 59 of chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes, relating to town, village and city by-laws and ordinances.

An act to prevent heads of departments from employing counsel or witnesses before committees of the Legislature.

An act to amend chapter 33, section 1, of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to the burial of soldiers.

An act to amend chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 218 of the public Laws of 1893 and chapter 133 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to the limitations of actions against executors and administrators.

An act to amend section 23 of chapter 90 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the discharge of mortgages, as amended by chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1895.

An act in relation to foreign banking associations and corporations.

An act in relation to taxes assessed on timber and grass on reserved lands for years 1887 to 1896, both inclusive.

An act to prohibit advertising debtors. An act relating to the sale of real estate of corporations on execution.

An act to amend sections 55 and 56 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 72 of the Public Laws of 1887, chapter 235 of the Public Laws of 1893, and chapter 49 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to licensing transportation companies.

An act to amend sections 3 and 6 of chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the organization of railroad companies under general law.

An act to amend sections 3 and 6 of chapter 268 of the Public Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 84 of the Public Laws of 1895 and chapter 249 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the organization and control of street railroads.

An act to prevent the killing of tern. An act to extend the rights, powers and privileges of the Franklin, Somerset & Kennebec Railway Company.

An act to divide the town of Frenchville and incorporate the town of Saint Agatha.

An act in relation to the police court of the city of Gardiner.

An act to fix the clerk hire of the probate court in the county of Kennebec.

An act to amend chapter 104 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, relating to the taking of herring in the town of Cutler.

An act to amend the charter of the Ossipee Valley Telegraph and Telephone Company.

An act to prevent the taking of smelts by drag seines in the waters of Buck's harbor, Orcutt's harbor and Lawrence bay in the town of Brooksville.

An act to incorporate the Wilton Village Corporation.

An act amendatory of chapter 507 of the Private and Special Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to establish the Dover municipal court."

An act pertaining to the taking of salmon in the Penobscot river, above the Water Works dam at Bangor.

An act to extend the charter of the Kennebec & Franklin Railway.

An act to re-establish the salary of the judge and register of probate for Somerset county.

An act relating to the construction of sidewalks in the city of Auburn.

An act to amend section 4 of chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the register of probate in Lincoln county.

An act to authorize the Lewiston, Brunswick & Bath Street Railway and the Portsmouth, Kittery & York Street Railway to increase their capital stocks.

An act to incorporate the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Corporation of South Portland.

An act to amend chapter 11 of the Private and Special Laws of 1899, entitled "An act to annex the city of Deering to the city of Portland."

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of Maine State Prison.

Resolve in favor of the committee appointed to attend the funeral of Harlan P. Prince of Yarmouth.

Resolve in favor of Adjutant General John T. Richards.

Resolve relating to certain unpaid taxes assessed against certain street railroad corporations.

Resolve in favor of the stenographer and the messenger to the committee on legal affairs.

Resolve providing for an epidemic or emergency fund.

Resolve in favor of the assistant secretary and stenographer, and the messenger to the judiciary committee.

Resolve in favor of the city of Augusta.

Resolve in favor of the North Berwick Agricultural Association.

The following resolve came up for its first passage:

Resolve providing for a State auditor.

The PRESIDENT: This resolve by the constitution requires to be passed by a two-thirds vote of the Senate and by a yeas and navy vote. The secretary will call the yeas and nays.

YEA—Blanchard, Chamberlain, Drummond, Dudley, Grindle, Hargraves, Heald, Hodsdon, Johnston, Jones, King, Merrill, Peirce, Pike, Plummer, Rey-

nolds, Sawyer, Sharp, Shepherd, Weeks, Whitehouse, Witham, Young, 23.

ABSENT—Adams, Fernald, Hamlin, Hurd, Stearns, Vickery, White, 7.

And two-thirds of the Senate voting in favor of the resolve, it was finally passed.

The following bills and resolves came from the House and were read once. The rules were suspended, bills and resolves read the second time and passed to be engrossed:

Bill an act to repeal section 5 of chapter 306 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to taxes on wild lands.

Bill an act relative to the desecration, mutilation or improper use of the flag of the United States or of this State.

Resolve in favor of the York County Agricultural Society.

Resolve making appropriations to pay deficiency for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis by cattle commissioners.

The following order, passed in the Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed:

Ordered, the House concurring, that all committees which have not already reported shall make their final reports forthwith.

The vote was reconsidered whereby the order was passed, and it was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill an act relating to expenses of State officials and employes.

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

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, the vote was reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed, and it was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill an act additional to section 96, chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes, relating to abatement of taxes.

This bill, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, came back from the House indefinitely postponed. The vote was reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed and it was indefinitely postponed in concurrence.

Bill an act to amend section 29, of chapter 24, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 31, of the Public Laws of 1887, and as further amended by chapter 303, of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the support of paupers in unincorporated places.

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

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate insisted and asked for a committee of conference.

The President appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Weeks, Blanchard and Reynolds.

On motion by Mr. Plummer of Penobscot, it was voted that when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet at 4 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Shepherd of Knox, resolve in favor of the stenographers and typewriters to the presiding and recording officers of the Senate and House was taken from the table.

Mr. Reynolds of Cumberland, reported that the committee to which was referred the matter of extra pay to certain offi-

cers and employees for excess work, had taken the matter under the best advisement possible and that they recommended the passage of the resolves submitted.

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

Resolve in favor of the messenger to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, the messenger to the committee on inland fisheries and game, the messenger to the committee on sea and shore fisheries and the temporary assistant to the librarian.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Reynolds presented the following resolve:

Resolve in favor of the committee on the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

The resolve was read twice under suspension of rules and passed to be engrossed.

On motion by Mr. Reynolds, the resolve in favor of the messenger to the committee on inland fisheries and game was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Shepherd, the Senate took a recess until 4 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bill an act relative to the desecration, mutilation or improper use of the flag of the United States or of this State.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, House amendment A was adopted in concurrence and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill an act to render optional the use of seals on deeds or other contracts.

This bill, in the Senate indefinitely postponed, came back from the House, that branch non-concurring and referring the same to the next Legislature.

On motion by Mr. Stearns, the Senate adhered to its former action.

Mr. Shepherd, for the committee of conference, to which was referred the order that the 69th Legislature finally adjourn on Friday, March 17, on or before midnight, reported that the order be given a passage.

The report was accepted and the order given a passage.

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate.

This resolve, presented by Mr. Hargraves of York, upon his motion was read twice and passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules.

(A full report of the resolutions offered, with the speeches thereon, will appear in the Journal, Monday morning.)

Bill an act to amend section 29 of chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 31 of the Public Laws of 1887, and as further amended by chapter 303 of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to the support of paupers in unincorporated places.

This bill, in the Senate passed to be engrossed, in the House indefinitely postponed, the Senate voting to insist and calling for a committee of conference, came back from the House, that

branch refusing a committee of conference and voting to adhere.

On motion by Mr. Weeks of Somerset, the Senate voted to adhere.

On motion by Mr. Hurd of York, the Senate took a recess until 5.30.

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

This bill, passed to be engrossed in the Senate, with amendment to House amendment D, came back from the House further amended by striking out the word "June" in Senate amendment and inserting the word "September."

The vote was reconsidered whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed. House amendment to Senate amendment to House amendment D was adopted, and the bill passed to be engrossed as amended.

Resolve in favor of the messenger to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, the messenger to the committee on inland fisheries and game, the messenger to the committee on sea and shore fisheries, and assistant to the librarian.

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

Resolve on the pay roll of the House.

This resolve came from the House passed to be engrossed under suspension of rules. The rules were suspended, resolve read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend section 1, of chapter 298, of the Public Laws of 1889, as amended by the Public Laws of 1899, relating to hawkers and peddlers.

An act to amend chapter 266, of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to the militia.

An act to incorporate the Lisbon and Topsham Water Company.

An act regulating caucuses in the city of Biddeford.

An act establishing the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

An act to amend section 17, of chapter 128, of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2, of chapter 288, of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to tramps.

An act to incorporate the St. Croix Water Power Company.

An act to incorporate the Kennebec Water District.

An act to repeal section 5, of chapter 306, of the Public Laws of 1897, relating to taxes on wild lands.

An act entitled, "An act to amend chapter 42, of the Public Laws of 1899."

An act for the better protection of sheep in the town of Perry.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of estate of H. F. Eaton.

Resolves authorizing a temporary loan for the year 1900.

Resolve laying a tax on counties of the State for the years 1899 and 1900.

Bill an act in relation to political caucuses in towns.

Mr. WEEKS of Somerset: This bill provides for the calling and holding of political caucuses in towns. It comes to the Senate amended in the House by six amendments, and an amendment to an amendment and it seems to me that at this late time of the session we cannot have sufficient time to look into all the merits of this bill, and the several amendments that are offered, and I move that it be indefinitely postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

The following speeches of farewell, with accompanying resolutions of tribute to the president and other officers of the Senate formed part of the closing proceedings on Friday, March 17.

Mr. WITHAM of Cumberland, arose and secured the recognition of the chair, and thereupon yielded the floor to Mr. Weeks of Somerset.

A portrait of the president of the Senate was brought forward and placed in view of the Senate, whereupon Mr. Weeks addressed the chair as follows:

Mr. WEEKS: Mr. President, we are now travelling upon that beautiful borderland of time which indistinctly and indefinably separates the inevitable past from the hopeful and promising future. The present is now touched by the prismatic light of mingled sadness and pleasure.

It is indeed with pleasure that we contemplate an early return to kindred and to old friends and to family ties, but a thought of sadness commingles with this sentiment as we muse that soon, very soon, we must say "good-bye," and the Sixty-ninth Legislature will have become a thing of the past.

It devolves upon me, Mr. President, in behalf of the members of this body, to present to you a slight token in recognition of your fairness and impartiality as a presiding officer. It is a picture of the president of the present Senate,—a likeness of yourself. It cannot, nor can any material thing, adequately measure the esteem, respect, and I may well say, the affection which our hearts possess for you. No word, no token can appreciably express the feelings of the human heart. They are deep and still and abiding. They go beyond the present and ac-

company us into the sunlit land of the future, and cheer us and lift us up as we stumble over the shards, and are pricked by the thorns of existence. All that we may hope for, all that we may pray for, is that the spirit with which we proffer this slight memento may crown this likeness with a halo of cherished memories, and as you and your friends gaze upon these features, may the light of our love and our confidence be reflected in every lineament and in every line. (Applause.)

To this presentation the president replied as follows:

President CLASON: Fellow senators, I thank you, one and all, for this expression of your esteem. I assure you I shall cherish this picture much, but I especially cherish and appreciate the motives that prompted you in giving it.

When I came here, the first of the session, there were several senators whom I had scarcely met, but I now feel that I am well acquainted with you all, and know that you are all my friends. I wish that I might carry with me, as long as I live, the picture now printed in my mind of your faces as I have seen you for the last three months. I assure you that it has been a source of inspiration to look upon you, watching the progress of business and attending carefully to the interests of the State.

I feel, however, that others should be, in a certain measure commended for the smoothness with which our business has been transacted, this winter. I especially wish to speak of our secretary, Mr. Dunbar. He is thoroughly conversant with the duties of his office, always affable and courteous, ready to assist me at any time I wished assistance, also ready to assist any senator that approached him. One fact you have noticed, that he was always in his seat before the Legislature convened, and has not been absent from a session of the Senate a single minute, this winter. To him much is due, and here before this Senate, as your presiding officer, I wish to extend to him my personal thanks and regard for the great assistance he has been to me.

I wish also to speak of one other of our officers, and that is, our messenger,

Mr. Lovejoy. He has had charge of all the details connected with the care of this room. He has labored hard for our comfort and happiness, and he has done it in such a way that we did not feel that he was doing a favor to us, but that it was an especial pleasure to him to aid and assist us. In after years, as we senators shall come back here and attend sessions of the Senate, I hope that we may meet him as messenger and have the opportunity to take him by the hand and say, "God bless you."

To the other subordinate officers of this Senate I wish to add this word of praise; that they have attended to their duties well and faithfully.

And now, fellow senators, we are approaching the closing hours of the Sixty-ninth Legislature. In a few short hours our work will be done and our labors here, this winter, be a matter of history. I think we can say that no very pernicious measures have been passed. It seems to me that we have been conservative in our legislation, and I trust made a record that the people of the State will appreciate.

I wish you all a safe return to your homes, and hope that there may be many years of health and prosperity for you all. Again, for your many kindnesses, and this token of esteem, I thank you. (Applause.)

MR. REYNOLDS OF CUMBERLAND.

Mr. Secretary: I have a resolve to present, which I will read.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Senate be extended to the Hon. Oliver B. Clason for the able, courteous and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Senate.

In presenting this resolve, it seems to me that I should say what is strongly pressing itself forward in my mind in connection with it. As we came here from the various sections of our State: representing a State in which we are so strongly interested, and where we have such diversified interests, coming from so many people, we gathered here, and at the beginning of this session determined that our leader for this Senate should be the gentleman concerning whom this resolution has been offered. It is a splendid position to occupy, it seems to me, to be the

second in authority in this State of Maine, a State not so large as others, but just as splendid in history, just as worthy in achievement. When we came here and from these many men, prominent in the diverse localities of this State, strengthened by the achievements which they have won at home, we came here and in the early dawn of our work chose one man from these 31 men to be the chief among us. Stepping into that position, with all this strength behind him, we have found him equal to the honors which we bestowed, a friend kindly, generous, true, a presiding officer able, impartial, upright, a counselor always judicious and always discrete. Taking these combined good qualities, it seems to me that we have had a presiding officer for whom we could entertain the highest respect, as we have for him entertained the strongest feelings of affection and regard. I therefore move, Mr. Secretary, that this resolve have a passage and that we evidence our sentiment by a rising vote.

Further than that, just before I call for the vote, if there should not be any further discussion, I want to say just a word in regard to all the other officers, as I shall not have another opportunity. The subordinate officers of this organization of ours have been so courteous and so able and willing to do our bidding, seeming not to be quite satisfied by anticipating it alone, but searching us out to find what further they could do for our interests, it seems to me but fair that we should recognize their earnest labors in our behalf, and I am very glad at this time to offer my testimony as to their worth, and the ever-ready willingness they have manifested to do conscientiously and well the work which was given to them. (Applause.)

MR. STEARNS OF AROOSTOOK.

Mr. Secretary: I would like to say one word in favor of the passage of this resolve, and I further desire to add one word by way of tribute to the presiding officer, whose faithfulness, courtesy, kindness and impartiality and many excellencies of demeanor and character have rendered our service here during the session so pleasant, so cheerful, and as I hope, useful to the State and our constituents. From the beginning of the session to the present time he has enjoyed the confidence of the Senate, and on no day, hour or minute of the session has his

kindness or his courtesy ever failed, and each and every day the senators have had cause to be grateful for his pleasant smile and his cordial handshake.

One word I would like to say by way of communion, one with the other, as we are about to part to take up again the threads of our lives and pursue the paths that either choice or circumstances have compelled us to follow. During this long session we have had discussions, few they are but some we have had, and no one senator can point to an instance where there has been uttered a harsh, a cruel or an unjust word. There has been manifested in this Senate during the session a spirit of tolerance for each other, and of kindness for our fellows that has never been anywhere excelled, and nobody in whose deliberations I have participated, has had so little to disturb its harmony and wound the feelings of its members as has ours.

We, who met a few weeks ago as strangers must now soon part, and we part as friends. Ties we have formed here that will last and continue to bind and draw us together as long as we breathe the air of life, and therefore it is with emotions and feelings commingled that I, for my part, approach the final adjournment of this body. Duty and interest call us to pursue the ways of our lives, our business adventures, our professional careers, but the sweet recollections of the past will unite us together, and while we may look forward with the brightest anticipation to what is in store for us in the future, we cannot escape the feeling of regret that this family of senators, of gentlemen, of friends, is about to be dissolved and the happy days of association and communication which we have had here together must end for us tomorrow. But partings must always come and this parting among senators here can have no sting left because of cruel words spoken or discourteous acts done. (Applause.)

MR. PLUMMER OF PENOBSCOT.

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: So swiftly does time fly that almost before we are aware of it the end of the session which at the beginning seemed so far off is at hand. The work of the sixty-ninth Legislature of Maine is finished. It cannot now be changed; for better or worse it must stand the test of time and trial. Doubtless that test will show that some wise and good things were done and some mistakes made. Such is the character of all human work. The wise laws we have enacted will stand to our credit on the statute books of the State and the foolish to our discredit, but the injudicious and harmful measures we have refused to pass will not thus be recorded and will not be taken into consideration by the people when they pass judgment upon our work, and I believe that our service to the State in strangling ill-advised and pernicious measures will far outweigh that rendered in the shape of positive legislative enactments. Above all things, the people should thank us for what we have not done.

I have never known a legislative body in which there were not more contests in

which feelings of bitterness or warmth were engendered among the members and I am sure that it will be a satisfaction in the future to everyone of us that this session has been so free from such contents.

I am possessed at this time by feelings of satisfaction, commingled with those of sadness. I am glad that the public duties for which we came together have been discharged and that those private duties which cluster around our homes may now be taken up, but I am sad that the associations here made must end. I am glad to go, but sorry to part. The memory of this sixty-ninth Legislature, the thought that we senators are all sitting here in this beautiful chamber for the last time together makes me sad, but the memory that this association held so much of kindness, of courtesy and good fellowship tempers my sadness with gladness. Gentlemen, wherever and whenever we shall meet in the future, whether it be as colleagues again in this chamber or in the private walks of life, the spirit of fraternity and good-fellowship will be the stronger and the friendly handclaps the more hearty because of the recollections of this winter and the associations of this place.

For myself personally, I wish to thank the able, fair-minded and genial presiding officer of this body and the able, efficient and painstaking secretary and his assistant, the messenger, the official reporter, the representatives of the press, the pages and doorkeepers, everybody connected with this body, for the courtesy and the kindness and the services which they have rendered me, and it is a satisfaction to me to feel that there are no wounds to be healed, that no discourteous or bitter or harsh word has been spoken. I believe it is true of this body, but if any case perchance any word or act of mine has in the least degree hurt the feelings of a fellow member, I am ready here and now to make any reparation in my power. (Applause.)

MR. CHAMBERLAIN OF LINCOLN.

Mr. Secretary: The resolution offered by my friend, the senator from Cumberland expressive of our appreciation as a body of the services of our presiding officer, meets my most hearty approval, and I should be false to my best impulses did I fail to give active expression to this approval. The many kindly words spoken when he was placed in nomination as presiding officer have by his official acts, by all the courtesies he has extended to us individually, by his impartial rulings, by his official conduct in every respect, fully justified those kindly words, and justified us in our expectations as to his efficiency and ability to fill that position. I desire, Mr. Secretary, to extend to him my personal thanks for the great kindness with which he has treated me during this entire session. I shall remember him as a true friend; I shall take away with me from this place nothing but the most pleasant feelings of him as a senator and as president of this Senate.

I desire to say, further, fellow senators, that whatever may be the demands of private business upon me, however imperative may be the call that I should go to my home, I nevertheless approach the closing hour of this sixty-ninth Legislature with feelings of extreme regret. I think it a most extraordinary thing that none of those hotly contested cases have come in before us for consideration, those cases that so often interfere with friendliness in legislative bodies, and I think it a very noticeable thing that such a degree of friendliness has been engendered here among us individually and has grown and strengthened as the hours and the days have glided by. I think that the warm relations which we enjoy, these friendships which we form and which are cemented as we mingle one with the other are the most valuable of anything that legislative experience gives. I desire to express to you, fellow senators, each and all, my heartfelt appreciation of your good will. I have enjoyed to meet you in this chamber; I have enjoyed to meet you on the street; I have enjoyed your associations, wherever we have been placed. Your kindly faces, your smiles and your hand-shakes, have been an inspiration to me in whatever of public duty or private effort I have endeavored to give during this session.

I desire to say, further, as I may not have another opportunity, that to our secretary and all the other officers of this Senate, I extend and tender my personal gratitude. I know that they have discharged their duties, each and all, with signal ability and with an eye to our comfort and our happiness.

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators, in closing I desire to say to you that I hope our friendships will continue; I hope that this may not be the last time that I may meet you, although it may be the last time officially. Down at my home I hope you will feel free to come whenever it is possible for you so to do. You will find a ready welcome. You will find me ever ready to be as cordial to you as you have indeed been cordial to me. (Applause.)

MR. BLANCHARD OF FRANKLIN.

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: At the closing hours of the sixty-ninth Legislature, as the curtain is about to drop on our acts officially in this Senate Chamber, I feel that I should not have performed my whole duty if I should not say a word in favor of the resolve that has been introduced. Coming as strangers to this body, it was not long before a sense of friendship and fellow-feeling had gradually taken possession of us and we met as old friends. The discussions and the debates, although they have been few, have been of the most friendly nature and our deliberations have been conducted in such a manner that I believe we can look back with the greatest satisfaction on the work which we have accomplished here this winter.

As we are about to return to our homes, we are filled with a sense of joy at the prospect of meeting our friends from whom we have been separated, yet there is also a sense of sadness and regret that

we must part, that we must give a farewell handshake to our fellow senators with whom we have come into such close touch.

To our president I wish to extend my thanks for the recognition which he has given to me during the present session, and I also wish to thank him for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body. The success of any body depends in a great measure upon its presiding officer and I feel that we can congratulate him and congratulate ourselves on the able and dignified manner in which he has presided. Coming to this Legislature as one of the youngest members, I expected to learn much from those who have had more legislative experience, and in fact I have not been mistaken. From other experiences have I also drawn much which I hope will find development in my character as the years go by.

In closing I will say, may that time never come when the ties of affection and friendship which have drawn us so closely together be broken, but may we ever be able to extend the glad hand to every fellow senator seated in this chamber, wherever and whenever we shall meet. (Applause.)

MR. PIKE OF YORK.

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: Among the pleasant recollections of my life will be the memory of the associations of this session of the Legislature which is now about to close, and it affords me great pleasure to support the passage of the resolve introduced by the senator from Cumberland, in the passage of which there can be no division. (Applause.)

MR. MERRILL OF SOMERSET.

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: As my county has already been honored with an opportunity to express the feelings of the delegation, I would not attempt to say one word here this afternoon were it not that I feel that I am under double obligation, both to our honored president and to my brother senators and the various employees of the Senate.

At the time when you met to take up the duties of the session, I was confined to the sick room, anxious and nervous, and had it not been for the acts of kindness and the words of sympathy that came to me, the hours would have been doubly disagreeable. As I partially recovered, I came here little better than an invalid, little more than the wreck of my former self, and I wish to thank you sincerely, one and all, for the many kindnesses that you showed me at that time. I shall never forget them. In health at times those things are scarcely noticed, but in sickness they come home to us and appeal to our tender feelings. Mr. President and Fellow Senators, I wish again to thank you, one and all. (Applause.)

MR. PIERCE OF WALDO.

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: I have not during this session infringed upon the time of the Senate by speaking, nor do I intend now to break my record, but I do not wish to depart without expressing to our presiding officer my appreciation of the dignity and impartiality with which he has presided over this body. I am sure that each and every one of us will feel that we are leaving a friend, and if in the future higher honors are to come to him, I think he can look to each member in this body as one who will be glad to help him. (Applause.)

MR. VICKERY OF KENNEBEC.

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: I wish to second this resolve. I can add nothing to what has already been said with regard to our presiding officer. When I came here, I came as a new member of the Senate. Very many of you were strangers to me, but on this occasion I wish to thank you one and all for the courtesy and consideration which you have extended to me. I have received from you all nothing but kindness. As it has been said here, there has not been a harsh word spoken in this Senate chamber during the entire session.

I wish especially to thank the president for the courtesy with which he has always treated me, and not only me, but every member of this Senate. I wish also to express my appreciation of our able secretary, for without a competent secretary the business in this chamber would necessarily lag. He has been very efficient in his position, where he has served so many years, and I hope will serve for many years to come. Also the assistant secretary came here as a new man, but he has discharged his duties very ably, and if he returns to us another year, he will be well equipped for the position. I wish to thank not only the secretary and assistant secretary, but all the other officers connected with the Senate for their kindness to me, and I shall always remember them with the kindest of feelings. (Applause.)

MR. SHEPHERD OF KNOX.

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: I should hardly feel that I was doing my duty did I not heartily second the resolution as presented by the senator from Cumberland. I cannot add anything to what has been already said that would be of interest, I will simply state that I fully concur with everything that has been said, and I appreciate the kind treatment and the many favors that I have received at the hands of the president and all my associates in this Senate, and I thank you, one and all. (Applause.)

MR. GRINDLE OF HANCOCK.

Mr. Secretary and Fellow Senators: I wish to say a few words in support of the resolution. The end of the sixty-ninth Legislature is approaching. Soon the president will declare the Senate finally adjourned and we shall make preparations to return to our homes and the routine of duties common to our business

and professions. This work we have been obliged to neglect to some extent in giving our attention to the good of the State. The thought that we have about completed this legislative work brings to us a feeling of joy and gladness and relief that we have given it thoughtful attention and careful consideration and have acted in a conscientious way and I believe we can go to our homes with the feeling that we have been faithful in the discharge of our duties. Anyone who engages in legislative work certainly must feel a great responsibility, for it is a work which affects every line of business in our State. It concerns and affects every person in the State from the oldest individual to the youngest, and from the largest taxpayers to the smallest; therefore any person who is not thoughtful, careful and considerate in weighing these measures and acting on them is certainly not worthy to be a member of this Legislature. I feel that is not the case with any member of this Legislature. I feel they have been thoughtful, careful and conscientious in acting on the measures that have come before them.

I wish to say a word in appreciation of our presiding officer. His courtesy, his gentlemanly manner, his ability and his fairness of ruling certainly call forth our admiration and appreciation of his valuable services.

We also have reason to feel under great obligations to our worthy secretary for his courtesy, and his readiness and willingness in assisting us and in giving us all desired information in regard to legislative work. The other officers, also, have been very faithful in the discharge of their duties. They have been thoughtful and careful and have attended strictly to their work, and such good service is certainly deserving of mention. We have reason to appreciate their services, from the presiding officer down to the lowest.

There have been measures that have come before us on which we had differences of opinion, but I am very happy to say and feel that these differences of opinion have not created any harshness of one member toward another. Each one has acted conscientiously, and I think we have reason to feel thankful that the work of the Legislature has been accomplished so satisfactorily, with such kindly feelings of one toward another. The hours we have spent here in this work will be something to look back upon with pleasure, and I shall be ever pleased to meet my brother senators and call to mind the hours that we have spent in this chamber. (Applause.)

The resolve was unanimously adopted by a rising vote and the secretary announced its passage to the president, who responded as follows:

President CLASON: Fellow senators, of this continued expression of your kindness and regard I am deeply sensible. I wish I had the language to express the feelings of my heart toward you, not only for the words that are expressed in the resolution itself, but also for the sentiments expressed by senators

who have spoken on this floor. I assure you, I appreciate it.

This is the shortest session by several days of any Legislature since 1889, and this has been brought about in a great measure, I think, by the efficiency of our committees. They have gotten quickly at work and attended to their duties faithfully. By the reports that have been brought into the Senate we know that much has been done in executive session; that where differences of opinion were found, committees have gotten together and agreed upon some report on which they could unite. As a result, very few minority reports have been submitted here, which is a fact, I think, that should be very favorably commented upon.

We are now about to part as senators, and probably will not meet together again officially, but I hope to meet each of you many times in the future and to renew the pleasant acquaintances that have been formed here. For your many kindnesses I extend to you my sincere gratitude. (Applause.)

Mr. BLANCHARD of Franklin: I have an order, which I will read:

Ordered, that the gavel which has been wielded so wisely and impartially by President Clason be presented to him as a further mark of our admiration and esteem. (Applause.)

The order was unanimously passed by a rising vote.

The PRESIDENT: I again thank you.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN of Lincoln: Although there have been frequent and cordial expressions already of the faithfulness and efficiency of our worthy secretary in the discharge of his duties, I feel that some more formal expression should be given, and I therefore present the following resolution:

Resolved, that the thanks of the Senate be extended to Kendall M. Dunbar, secretary, for the efficient and faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his office, and the unvarying kindness and courtesy which he has shown to the members of the Senate.

I move, Mr. President, that this resolution be unanimously adopted.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. PLUMMER of Penobscot: Mr. President, I have a resolution which I would like to offer:

Resolved, that the thanks of the Senate be extended to the official reporter of this body for the remarkably accurate and complete reports he has made of its proceedings.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. HURD of York: I wish to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, that the thanks of the Senate be extended to Walter B. Clarke, the assistant secretary, W. E. Perkins, reporter, Charles H. Lovejoy, messenger, James F. Ashford, assistant messenger, and all the other officers of the Senate, for the faithful and courteous performance of their duties during the present session of the Legislature.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. PLUMMER of Penobscot: I have a resolution to offer:

Resolved, that the thanks of the Senate be extended to the representatives of the press who have been in attendance upon our session, for the correct reports they have made of our doings, and the justness and fairness of their comments thereon.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Senate then took a recess until 7.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Bill an act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1899.

Bill an act to provide for the expenditures of government for the year 1900.

These bills came from the House passed under suspension of rules.

The rules were suspended, bills read twice and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act relative to the desecration, mutilation or improper use of the flag of the United States or of this State.

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve in favor of committee on the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum.

Resolve in favor of the stenographers and typewriters to the presiding and recording officers of the Senate and House.

Resolve making appropriation to cover deficiency for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis by cattle commissioners.

Resolve in favor of building for the Maine Industrial School for Girls.

Resolve in favor of the York County Agricultural Society.

A recess was taken, and upon the re-assembling of the Senate the following were read:

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to provide in part for the expenditures of government for the year 1899.

An act to provide for the expenditures of government for the year 1900.

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

FINALLY PASSED.

Resolve on the pay roll of the House.

Resolve on the pay roll of the Senate.

Resolve in favor of the messenger to the committee on railroads, telegraphs and expresses, the messenger to the committee on inland fisheries and game, the messenger to the committee on sea and shore fisheries and the assistant to the librarian.

On motion by Mr. Stearns of Aroostook, it was

Ordered, that a message be sent to the House, informing that branch that the Senate has transacted all business before it and is ready to adjourn without date.

Mr. Stearns was appointed by the Chair to deliver the message, and subsequently reported that he had performed the duty assigned him.

A message was received from the House, by Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, informing the Senate that the House had transacted all business before it and was ready to adjourn without date.

On motion by Mr. Drummond of Cumberland, it was

Ordered, that a committee of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him that both branches of the Legislature have acted on all matters before them and are now ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The Chair appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate, Messrs. Drummond of Cumberland, Vickery of Kennebec, and Dudley of Washington.

A message was received from the House, notifying the Senate of the committee appointed on the part of that branch.

Mr. Drummond subsequently reported for the committee, that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would transmit, through the secretary of State, a list of the acts and resolves passed by the Legislature, and that he had no further communication to make.

The secretary of State thereupon presented to the President of the Senate the following communication:

Executive Department,
Augusta, March 17, 1899.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Gentlemen—I transmit herewith a list of the acts and resolves passed during the present session of the Legislature and approved by me, numbering 337 acts and 117 resolves; also one act and 13 resolves which become effective without my signature.

(Signed) LLEWELLYN POWERS.

The President thereupon declared the Senate adjourned without day.

HOUSE.

Friday, March 17, 1899.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Livingston of Augusta.

Papers from the Senate disposed of in concurrence.

An act to render optional the use of seals on deeds and other contracts, came from the Senate indefinitely postponed.

On motion by Mr. Hopkins of Deering, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed, and on further motion by the same gentleman it was referred to the next Legislature.

Resolve laying a tax on the counties of the State for the years 1899 and 1900, came from the Senate amended by Senate amendment "A."

The House reconsidered its action whereby this resolve was passed to be engrossed, Senate amendment "A" was adopted, and the resolve was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Mr. Wilson of Brunswick, presented the following order:

Ordered, That after March 17, James M. Sanborn of Newport be excused from further attendance at this session, and that the clerk be directed to make up his pay and mileage to the end of the session.

The order received a passage.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Nickerson from the committee on agriculture, reported ought to pass on resolve making an appropriation to cover deficiency for cattle killed on account of tuberculosis by the cattle commissioners.

On motion by Mr. Philbrook the rules were suspended, the resolve received its two readings and was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. DeCoster from same committee reported ought to pass on bill an act in favor of the York county agricultural society.

On motion by Mr. DeCoster the rules were suspended, the bill received its three readings and was passed to be engrossed.

READ AND ASSIGNED.

An act relative to the desecration or mutilation or improper use of the flag of the United States or of this State.

Mr. Chase offered amendment "A," which was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Melcher, the rules were suspended, the bill was read the third time and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED.

An act to repeal section 5 of chapter 206 of the Public Laws of 1897 relating to taxes on wild lands.

PASSED TO BE ENACTED.

An act to amend sections 55 and 56 of chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 72 of the Public Laws of 1887, chapter 235 of the Public Laws of 1893 and chapter 49 of the Public Laws of 1895, relating to licensing transportation companies.

An act to amend section 8 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, regulating the