

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 207.

Resolves relating to a National Prohibitory Law.

WHEREAS, a joint resolution has been introduced in the National House of Representatives, this the second session of the Forty-Fourth Congress, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in regard to the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors within the United States, and which is as follows :

Amendment to the constitution of U. S. proposed.

“ *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: (two-thirds of each house concurring therein,) That the following amendment to the Constitution be and hereby is proposed to the states, to become valid when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, as provided in the Constitution :*

ARTICLE —

SECTION 1. From and after the year of our Lord nineteen hundred, the manufacture and sale of distilled alcoholic intoxicating liquors, or alcoholic liquors, any part of which is obtained by distillation, or process equivalent thereto, or any intoxicating liquors mixed or adulterated with ardent spirits, or with any poison whatever, except for medicinal, mechanical, chemical and scientific purposes, and for use in the arts anywhere in the United States and the territories thereof, shall

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—for what purpose excepted.

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cease; and the importation of such liquors from foreign states and countries to the United States and territories, and the exportation of such liquors from and the transportation thereof within and through any part of this country, except for the use and purposes aforesaid, shall be, and hereby are, forever thereafter prohibited.

Rights of states and territories not waived or abridged.

SECT. 2. Nothing in this article shall be construed to waive or abridge any existing power of congress, nor the right, which is hereby recognized, of the people of any state or territory to enact laws to prevent the increase and for the suppression or regulation of the manufacture, sale and use of liquors, and the ingredients thereof, any part of which is alcoholic, intoxicating or poisonous, within its own limits, and for the exclusion of such liquors and ingredients therefrom at any time, as well before as after the close of the year of our Lord nineteen hundred, but until then, and until ten years after the ratification hereof, as provided in the next section, no state or territory shall interfere with the transportation of said liquors or ingredients, in packages safely secured, over the usual lines of traffic to other states and territories wherein the manufacture, sale and use thereof for other purposes and use than those excepted in the first section shall be lawful; *provided*, that the true destination of such packages be plainly marked thereon.

Ratification of this article.

SECT. 3. Should this article not be ratified by three-fourths of the states on or before the last day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety, then the first section thereof shall take effect and be in force at the expiration of ten years from such ratification; and the assent of any state to this article shall not be rescinded nor reversed.

Congress shall enforce by legislation.

SECT. 4. Congress shall enforce this article by all needful legislation."

Movement of H. W. Blair concurred in.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of Maine, in Legislature assembled, That the movement of the Hon. Henry W. Blair, member of congress from the State of New Hampshire, in introducing in congress a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, so praiseworthy in its character and so important to the well-being of the people of the republic, is heartily concurred in by this body.

Resolved, That as a further expression of the approbation of the Legislature of Maine of the aforesaid movement, we

hereby respectfully ask the hearty co-operation of our delegation in congress in the support of this or some equally efficient measure, in the interest of temperance and true reform in this country.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of the Maine delegation in congress, and to Hon. Henry W. Blair, member of congress from the State of New Hampshire.

Approved January 26, 1877.

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Co-operation of
delegation asked.

Chapter 208.

Resolve in favor of Theodore C. Woodman, Receiver of the Bucksport Savings Bank.

Resolved, That the treasurer of state be authorized and directed to pay to the receiver of the Bucksport savings bank, the sum of eight hundred thirty-one dollars and one cent, it being the amount paid by him into the treasury, on account of state tax on deposits in said bank; and the treasurer of state is hereby authorized and directed to deduct from the school fund to be apportioned for eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, the sum of four hundred fifteen dollars and fifty cents, as that sum was credited to, and apportioned in the school fund for eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Receiver of
Bucksport sav-
ings bank, in
favor of.

Approved January 30, 1877.

Chapter 209.

Resolve for the purchase of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual.

Resolved, That the secretary of state be authorized to contract for seven hundred copies of the Maine State Year Book and Legislative Manual, at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars, namely: One hundred copies, eight vo., suitable for binding with the documents; one copy to be delivered by the secretary of state, on or before the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to each member and officer of the legislature of eighteen hundred and seventy-

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