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WORK AT THE CAPITOL.

Many Useless Employes Discharged.

Speaker Gould Far From Popular.

Mathews' Bill Providing for National Guard Armories Before the Senate.

Special Dispatches to the CHRONICLE.

SACRAMENTO, March 4.—This day has been remarkable for two things. A Democratic Assembly had a spasm of economy and fired a horde of salary-drawing and non-working clerks, and declined to give three cheers for Cleveland and Stevenson. The bouncing of the clerks was due to the indefatigable efforts of old John Mathews of San Benito, who has protested all along against the outrage of framing a famishing mob of political workers on the State, and at last won his fight. The failure to cheer for whom Kind Cleveland has often expressed his utter disregard.

It happened this way: Curtis and McCauley brought in two large pictures of the President and Vice-President and stood them on the Sue Ire's desk facing the Assembly. There was a faint ripple of applause. Then McCauley called for three cheers.

"Rats!" "Get out!" "Come off!" "Get on to yourself!" These were the cries that greeted him.

"Out of order," cried the Speaker.

McCauley sat down abashed.

The superiority of Speaker Gould among the Assemblymen has manifested itself in so many ways that he has now virtually relinquished the gavel to Masters of Ceremonies, and the change seems well satisfied with the change. All day Friday and Friday night and to-day the man from Tehama has occupied the chair, while Gould has taken a seat on the floor of the House. Gould's unpopularity is due to his arbitrary rulings, overbearing manner and constant use of the gavel to bring members to order. He has changed the gavel so often that the members hate the sound of it, and some of them complained to Gould about it, in fact upon which he promptly left the chair the other day. Members seldom use the gavel and never order a whole race of the quadruped bruteses.

The Assembly to-day rejected a motion to order the minority and majority reports of the Johnson investigation committee printed in the journal.

One of the happy advertising bits of the session occurred to-day morning, when at every desk in the Senate and Assembly lay a pamphlet entitled "Tramping Jack," recounting the advent and the experience of a tramper. The book is replete with clever worked-up advertisements and is the publication of a Montgomery-street, San Francisco, stationer and blank-book publisher.

An attempt was made by one of the Assemblymen from Humboldt to over-ride the veto of the bill to enforce eight hours as the limit of a day's work in a mine, but the attempt failed for want of three votes.

The measure to establish a non-partisan election commission in San Francisco was passed without debate.

Because he failed to vote on the bill to pay the claim of George Dougherty, Assemblyman Kahn has been charged with stealing in favor of it. This has caused him much annoyance, and to explain the reason he did not vote was because he was sick in bed. He inscribed a fellow-member, in case the bill was passed, to give notice of reconsideration, so that he might go on record as voting against the measure.

The bill to reimburse D. Jordan for money expended in the erection of the Folsom prison, which has had more adventures in different Legislatures than any other measure ever introduced at Sacramento, was passed by the Assembly by a vote of 54 ayes to 5 noes. Gould gave notice of reconsideration. The bill has not passed both houses.

The bill to provide a clerk to the State Board of Examiners, which had already passed the Senate, went through the Assembly, notwithstanding the objections of several members who thought the bill would give the Governor two votes on the board.

Senator Mathews' bill providing for the issuance of bonds for the erection and furnishing of armories for the National Guard was came up in the Senate this morning, and after the adoption of an immaterial amendment presented by the author was sent to the printer. The bill provides for the creation of a Board of State Armory Commissioners, who will be authorized to purchase the land, with the buildings thereon, or to erect and furnish such armory buildings for armory purposes for the National Guard of each place throughout the State as the National Guard is located, convenient and proper for their use, provided that the cost of any armory provided under the act shall not exceed the sum of $25,000, per company for the company or companies for whom it is provided. For the purpose of erecting and providing armories under the act the commanding officer of the brigade within whose limits an armory is to be built and the commanding officer of the regiment or battalion or unattached company for whose command the armory is to be provided shall be added to the said board, but shall have a vote in the selection of the site, plans and buildings and furnishing thereof only, for each regiment or battalion whom all the companies thereof are located at the same place, one armory for the same; for companies belonging to the same regiment or battalion which may be located at the same place, but away from its headquarters, and one armory for each company or battalion which may be located at the same place with its regiment or battalion headquarters company. The bill, if passed, will provide for an appropriation of something in the neighborhood of $2,000,000 or $3,000,000.

IN THE SENATE.

The Reassessment Bill Passed by a Good Majority.

SACRAMENTO, March 4.—In the Senate this morning the bill to establish a Jute factory at Folsom State Prison was made the special order for Monday evening.

Voorhies offered a joint resolution that the Legislature adjourn Tuesday, March 14th, at 12 m. Burke moved to amend, making the date Saturday, March 11th. No action was taken.

The following bills were passed:

An act making an appropriation for the erection of an additional building for the State Normal School.

An act to appropriate money to pay the claim of the directors of the Women's Relief Corps Home at Evergreen, Cal.

An act to amend an act relative to non-entrance of property belonging to the State against risk of damage or destruction by fire, approved March 1, 1893.

An act to amend sections 521 and 522 of the Political Code, relating to the public printing and the duties of the superintendent of the State Printing Office.

An act to amend section 679 of the Political Code, relating to the duties of the State Board of Examiners.

An act to amend sections 6, 9, 15, 17, 43 and 56 of an act of the Legislature of the State of California entitled "An act for relief of insolvent debtors for protection of creditors and for punishment of fraudulent debtors," approved April 24, 1880.

The Senate concurrential amendment to Senate Joint Resolution of the State an amendment to the Constitution of the State relative to the Judiciary, was concurred in.

The Senate Joint resolution relative to the free colinage of silver.

An act making an appropriation to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for the pay of the enrolling and engrossing of the Senate for the fourth fiscal year.

An act making an appropriation to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for per diem and mileage of the Lieutenant-Governor and Senators for the forty-fourth fiscal year.

The reassessment bill has passed the Senate. This afternoon it was taken up next in its discussion. After the bill was read Eastin introduced an amendment to the effect that it would be of little use in the races the corporation failed to pay, which was defeated by a vote of 21 to 16. Debate then commenced in a series of filibustering tactics. He moved that further consideration be made the special order for Monday. Burke made an amendment to the effect that it be made the special order for Tuesday, which was declined out of order. A long list of speeches were made. Finally the question was put to vote, resulting in 20 ayes and 11 noes. Burke changed his vote with the object to reconsider, but before he could make the motion a motion to adjourn was carried. The following is the vote on the bill:

AYES—Bailey, Barry, Broderick, Campbell, Carpenter, Dennett, Earl, Everett, Flint, Ford, Gardner, Harp, Hart, Hart, Kahler, Mahaney, Martin, Orr, Ragsdale, Seymour, Shippee, Simpson, Stevens, Voorhies, Williams.—25.

NOES—Aram, Biggy, Burke, Dunn, Gesford, Hall, Hatch, Kelly, Mitchell, Mathews, Ostrom, Sawell, Whitehurst, Wilson.—15.

IN THE ASSEMBLY.

The Bill Creating a Non-Partisan Election Commission Is Passed.

SACRAMENTO, March 4.—In the Assembly this morning consideration of the report of the Hart investigating committee was made the special order for Monday.

Hudson gained the floor and moved that his pet bill, which the Governor vetoed yesterday be passed over the veto. This bill provides that ten hours a day shall constitute a day's work for all laborers and mechanics employed in logging camps, shingle and sawmills. The vote showed that there was lacking eight votes of the two-thirds majority necessary to pass the bill. A call of the House was demanded and five votes changed, which brought the bill within five votes of the passage. Further proceedings in the matter were then dispensed with and a motion to reconsider carried.

A message from the Governor was read which vetoes the bill providing that the State shall print reports of the Supreme Court decisions, the consideration of which was made the special order for Monday.

Morehead got in a resolution for payment of the expenses of the committee investigating charges brought against H. H. Johnson, which amounted to $1372 60. Alfred made a resolution to pay Johnson $200 for personal expenses in the case, and allowing his attorney, Hall McAllister, $1000. Both resolutions were referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Simpson's bill to regulate the powers and duties of highway officers was passed. Also, Shanahan's bill to constitute a non-partisan Election Commission in San Francisco.

This afternoon Buckworth introduced the following concurrent resolution, which