

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

FROM THE OFFICIAL REPORTS.

Council.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 3, 1877.
Council Bill No. 1, an act to provide for defraying incidental expenses of Council and Territorial Secretary, was offered by Mr. Hanford. Made a special order for to-morrow.

Mr. Stewart presented a petition, immo- nously signed, asking for a change in the time for holding court at Walla Walla to 2d Monday in November, and in Yakima to 2d Monday in October. This was accompanied by a bill, which was the first time. Committee appointed on that bill—Hathaway, Ping, Kuhn.

Mr. Hanford introduced Council Bill No. 2, an act to provide for the equalization of taxes in King County for 1877. Passed. Mr. Hanford introduced Council Bill No. 4, an act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the election of county commissioners, and county assessors of King county. Passed.

Memorials were introduced in the Council by Mr. Hanford asking Congress to restore all unearned lands withdrawn by the main line of the N. P. R. R., north of Tacoma, and to transfer the grant of the N. P. R. R., branch line across the mountains to the Seattle and Walla Walla R. R. Company.

The following are the Standing Committees of the Council:

- Elections—Hathaway, Ping, Hanford.
- Federal Relations—Ferguson, Kuhn, Reid.
- Ways and Means—Hoover, Reid, Hathaway.
- Education—Hathaway, Hoover, Hanford.
- Judiciary—Hanford, Hoover, Kuhn.
- Military Affairs—Stewart, Ferguson, Reid.
- Roads and Highways—Reid, Hathaway, Stuart.
- Engrossed Bills—Kuhn, Ferguson, Ping.
- Enrolled Bills—Hanford, Stuart, Ferguson.
- Indian Affairs—Ferguson, Kuhn, Hoover.
- Commerce, Kuhn, Ferguson, Reid.
- Corporation—Hanford, Hoover, Hathaway.
- Printing—Hoover, Reid, Ping.
- Counties—Reid, Ping, Stuart.
- Agriculture—Stuart, Hathaway, Ferguson.
- Claims—Hathaway, Ping, Kuhn.
- Memorials—Ferguson, Stuart, Reid.
- Public Buildings and Grounds—Hoover, Hanford.
- Stewards Public Library—Kuhn, Hoover, Hanford.
- Mining and Mining Interests—Ping, Hathaway, Hanford.

Council adjourned.

House.

WEDNESDAY, October, 3d.
As Joseph Foster was called home by sickness in his family, an indefinite leave of absence was granted him.

A communication was read from the Secretary of the Territory informing the House that C. B. Bagley, has been appointed Public Printer. On motion a committee of three was appointed on public printing.

House Bill No. 2 was introduced, to amend Civil Practice Act. Referred to Judicial Committee. The Territorial Auditor's report was then read and 200 copies were ordered printed.

House Bill No. 3 was introduced to amend the act relating to Collection of Territorial Revenue. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Council Bill No. 3 was Passed. House took recess till 2 P. M.

The following are the Standing Committees of the House:

- Printing—Gregory, Whitney and Long.
- Corporations—Hathaway, Ward, Gregory, Andrews and Wartass.
- Counties—McDonnell, Percival, Styles, Warman and Atkinson.
- Rules and Orders—LaDu, Kelly, Miller, Chipman and Whitson.
- Agriculture—Chipman, Davis, Barnes, Long and Martin.
- Public Library Buildings and Grounds—Thibbitts, Ward, Korter and Foster.
- Mining and Mining Interests—Horr, Percival, Kelly and Eddy.
- Federal Relations and Memorials—Iverson, Atkinson, Ringer, Vauzele and Daniels.
- Ways and Means and Claims—Whitson, Ward, Tibbitts, Barnes and Davis.
- Education—Whitney, Daniels, Chipman, Kelly and Vauzele.
- Judiciary—Daniels, Iverson, LaDu, Whitson, and McReavy.
- Military Affairs—Andrews, Wartass and Foster.
- Roads and Highways—Styles, Miller, Long, Davis and McDonnell.
- Engrossed Bills—Ringer, Whitney and Tibbitts.
- Enrolled Bills—Miller, Atkinson and Korter.
- Indian Affairs—Kelly, Iverson and Percival.
- Commerce and Fisheries—Warman, Atkinson, Gregory, Styles, Foster, and Horr.

Council.

THURSDAY, October, 4th.

Mr. Hoover introduced a joint resolution asking that a joint committee be appointed to inquire into the legality of the acts relating to the incorporation of towns and cities, and to report by bill or otherwise. Passed. Messrs. Hoover and Ferguson were appointed to act on the committee for the Council.

House Joint Resolution No. 1, asking that 400 copies of that part of the Governor's Message relating to the Northern Pacific Railroad be printed for the benefit of Members of Congress, was amended by substituting 1,000 for 400, and passed. House Joint Resolution No. 2, ordering the printing of 5,000 copies of the Governor's Message for the use of the Board of Emigration, was amended by adding 500 for use in the Council, and passed.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Council.

FRIDAY, October, 5.

Mr. Hanford offered a Memorial praying for the restoration of lands to public settlements heretofore withdrawn in favor of the Northern Pacific Railroad north of the Branch Line across the Cascade mountains via the Nachez Pass. Referred to Committee on Memorials.

Mr. Hanford introduced a Memorial praying for the transfer of the land grant of the Northern Pacific Branch Railroad across the Cascade Mountains via the Nachez Pass to the Seattle and Walla Walla Railroad Company, who propose to construct a road across the Snoquimie Pass. Referred to committee on Memorials.

Mr. Hoover introduced Council Bill, an act amend an act relating to chattel mortgages. Referred to committee on Judiciary.

J. P. Judson, Territorial Superintendent of Common Schools, presented his second biennial report. Ordered printed.

The Council went into a Committee of the whole, to consider the Governor's Message, and referred the same to appro-

priate committees. Mr. Ferguson was called to the chair.

House.

FRIDAY, Oct. 5th.

Mr. Korter introduced H. B. No. 4. An act to change the name of Hon. John Ernest August Persheim. Passed third reading. Mr. McDonnell introduced H. B. No. 5. An act in relation to the computation of time.

Mr. Newland introduced H. B. 7. An act establishing the District Court of Columbia County. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Horr introduced H. B. No. 8. An act imposing certain duties upon the Governor of the Territory. Referred to Committee on Ways, Means and Claims.

Mr. Ringer introduced H. J. M. No. 1. In relation to extending the time for building the Northern Pacific Railroad. Referred to Committee on Memorials.

Mr. Long introduced H. B. No. 9. An act to make valid the location of county roads.

Mr. LaDue introduced H. B. No. 10. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessing and collecting of county and Territorial revenues. Approved, November 12, 1875. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Gregory H. B. No. 12. An act appoint A. B. C. D. E. a commission to codify the laws of Washington Territory. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Long introduced H. B. 13. An act making the Sheriff of Lewis county, ex-officio assessor. Referred to committees adjourned.

COUNCIL.

SATURDAY, Oct. 6th.

Council met at 2
Consideration of memorial No 1, relative to the transfer of certain lands now held by the N P R R to the S & W W railroad company, ordered postponed.

Mr. Hanford's memorial praying for the restoration to settlement of certain public land withdrawn in favor of the N P R R, was on motion of Ferguson, read third time and on motion of Mr. Hanford was considered engrossed and put upon its passage, which succeeded by a vote of 7 to none. Stewart being absent and Hathaway being excused by the Council.

Council received a message from the Governor, announcing the signing of the Walla Walla Court bill.

Hanford, of Judiciary, reported favorably on House bills 14 with amendments Rules suspended and bill passed.

Hanford introduced a bill adopting the Common law of England. Passed.

Ferguson introduced a bill providing for the protection of salmon fisheries of Puget Sound and tributary waters. Referred to com on commerce.

Mr. Kuhn introduced a bill relative to prosecuting attorneys, deferring their duties and fixing their compensation. Referred to Judiciary com, with orders to print.

Council adjourned.

HOUSE.

SATURDAY, October 6.

Ward, of Thurston county, offered a Bill for the relief of Wm. O. Bush, the sum of \$500, for the most meritorious and best collection of grain on exhibition at Philadelphia during the Centennial exposition from any portion of the United States. Bill was referred to Com.

Bill changing the name of Andrew Wilson to that of Olaf Anderson, went to Judiciary Committee.

Adjourned.

COUNCIL.

MONDAY, Oct. 8.

Two day's leave of absence granted Ferguson of Snohomish.

Hanford introduced a bill providing for the incorporation of cities.

By Hoover, a Bill amending the civil practice act of 1873.

On motion of Kuhn, no more Bills or resolutions, or memorials of the Council are to be printed unless so ordered.

Stewart introduced a Bill amending an act relating to deeds. Passed Nov. 13, 1873.

Hanford introduced a resolution relative to enrollment and printing of laws, etc. Passed.

On motion of Hanford the memorial praying for the transfer of the land grant to the Northern Pacific Railroad for the 1 Branch line over the Cascade mountains, to the Seattle and W W R R Company and being read by title was laid on the table.

House joint memorial praying for the establishment of a fog bell and steam whistle on Foulweather Bluff at entrance of Hood's Canal. Passed.

Hathaway introduced a Bill regulating the taking of salmon in the Columbia river and its tributaries, giving the salmon of the Columbia a three days run unimpeded.

On motion of Mr. Kuhn, the Sergeant-at-arms was instructed to furnish each member of the Council with a copy of the Statutes of the Territory and the revised statutes of the U. S.

Hathaway took the chair
Reed, of Thurston, of special committee to examine the question concerning the formation of a Territorial board of Equalization, asked and was granted further time.

Council adjourned.

HOUSE.

MONDAY, Oct. 8, 1877.

Mr. Miller introduced House Memorial No 3, asking for an appropriation for erection of a fog bell and steam whistle on Foulweather Bluff at entrance to Hood's Canal—memorial passed.

Mr. Korter introduced House Bill No 20, introduced an act providing for the election of officers of militia—Referred to committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Daniels moved that the Committee on Roads and Highways be instructed to prepare and report a bill relative to the time for doing road work in the Territory. Carried.

House Bill No 5 and 7, passed.
House Bill No 14, Council amendment concurred in, and Bill passed.

HOUSE.

TUESDAY, Oct. 9.

Mr. Percival introduced House Bill No 25, an act authorizing county commis-

sioners to levy special tax for bridge purposes. Passed.

Mr. Long introduced House Bill 25, amending Notary Public act. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

House Bill No 2 passed.
House memorial No 2, for removing obstructions in the Skagit and Stillaguamish rivers, passed.
House adjourned.

"Honor to Whom Honor is Due."

EDITOR ARGUS:—I have recently discovered, that the writer of the report of our Sabbath School Anniversary, on San Juan Island, omitted,—unintentionally I presume—a most interesting feature in the programme, viz: an address by Francis M. Albright, Esq., who, delighted the audience—especially the juvenile portion, to whom his remarks were now especially directed. Mr. Albright has a peculiar faculty of interesting children, an accomplishment, which the larger number of public speakers, rarely possess, most speakers, with myself, having a greater faculty of pleasing the "young idea," by a gift of candies, than by the presentation of "words in speech," but our friend Albright, is a rare exception, and thus, his name, rather than being omitted, in the report, should have had prominent notice. If this gentleman ever visits Port Townsend, see to it that you secure him for a Sabbath School address.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—It has been ascertained that a society of Chinamen exist in the city formed for the purpose of carrying on larceny and burglary. Each member pays an initiation fee of \$25. The president and officers engage to stand by the members if involved in trouble, and to furnish them with counsel and witnesses if arrested and brought to trial.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 3.—An Imperial Irade is published appointing Raouf Pasha to the command of the army of the Balkans at Schipka and Suleiman Pasha to command the army of the Danube, vice Mehemet Ali recalled.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—An insurrection appears to have broken out in one of the Zooloo islands as a telegram received at Madras from Singapore announces the defeat of 2,000 insurgents by the Spanish troops.

Mr. J. Jones will receive by every steamer from San Francisco and up Sound all kinds of small fruit.

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