

EDUCATION BILL ADOPTED.

COMMITTEE MEASURE SUBSTITUTED FOR SINKLER COMPULSORY BILL.

Measure Likely to Go to Free Conference Unless Senate Agrees to Substitute.

Columbia, Feb. 11.—Good dinners and an afternoon of reflection resulted in a complete legislative somersault of the compulsory education situation. This morning the House pummeled the life almost out of the compromise bill. It cut off one leg by changing the age requirement for compulsory school attendance from 8 to 14 years to from 8 to 12 years, ending the compulsory limit at 12 instead of 14 years. Tonight the House restored the age of 14 by a vote of 44 to 59. This morning Mr. Moore shot into the vitals of the compromise substitute bill by limiting the compulsory period to four months in each year. Tonight this was knocked into a cocked hat.

When the House adjourned for dinner the substitute compromise Harper bill was a tottering remnant of its original self. Tonight showed a wonderful change. Messrs. Harper, Liles, McCullough, Sellers, Johnstone and other compulsory education leaders had gotten in excellent work. The programme was to pass the remnant of the substitute bill, including all the Moore amendments. That being out of the way, the Sinkler bill, as passed by the Senate, was taken up. Mr. Moore tried to puncture the age limit in the Senate bill.

The House reversed its morning vote, and by a record vote of 59 to 44 refused to change the age as fixed for compulsory school attendance from 8 to 14 years. Then came the real legislative miracle. Mr. Harper moved as an amendment to the Senate bill virtually as a substitute, the entire bill prepared by the special House committee, consisting of Messrs. Harper, Hawkins, Odom and McCullough. By calling the previous question the compromise bill was adopted in toto as a substitute for the Senate Sinkler bill. The substitute bill went over the plate without a single change, by a vote of 93 to 12.

Thus the House has ordered to third reading the bill it worked on this morning and in which are numerous amendments. This was the Harper House bill. Then tonight the House ordered to third reading the Sinkler Senate bill with the Senate head, but the body framed by the special House committee as a compromise measure. The bill will likely go to free conference unless the Senate agrees to the House substitute bill.

Speaker Hoyt announced the following members of the steering committee under the House resolution:

J. W. Boyd, of Spartanburg; B. D. Carter, of Bamberg; T. P. Cothran, of Greenville; Geo. W. Dick, of Sumter; W. W. Graydon, of Abbeville; A. Johnstone, Jr., of Richland; J. T. Liles, of Orangeburg; Geo. S. Mower, of Newberry; W. P. Odom, of Chesterfield; F. C. Robinson, of Abbeville; B. B. Sellers, of Marion; Geo. Warren, of Hampton.

Columbia, Feb. 11.—Lieutenant Governor Bethea saved the requirement for re-enrollment every two years in the Democratic primary when he broke a tie in the Senate here tonight and cast his vote for the rules as they stand, calling for a new enrollment of voters every two years.

Senator R. D. Epps, of Sumter, had offered an amendment to the bill putting the Democratic rules into law, in effect, requiring an enrollment of voters only every six years. A motion to lay this amendment on the table resulted in a tie, 19 to 19, and Lieutenant Governor Bethea broke the tie by voting to table the amendment and thus saved the rules as they exist.

The bill enacting into law the rules of the Democratic party was then given third reading by a vote of 23 to 19 and ordered sent to the House.

The bill to provide for the assurance and registration of land titles came up for consideration after the House disposed of the education question. This bill is the Torrens land system in effect.

Columbia, Feb. 11.—The prohibition referendum bill passed the Senate this morning on third reading without opposition and was ordered returned to the House of Representatives for concurrence in minor amendments adopted yesterday. The upper chamber rejected without debate a substitute proposed by Senator Appelt which would have broadened the referendum so as to include the question of high license. The referendum will probably be ratified by to-morrow and sent to Governor Manning for signature.

The question of prohibition is now up to the people to settle for themselves in the special election on September 14 next, for there is no doubt but that Governor Manning will sign the referendum bill, for regardless of what he might think on the question of prohibition it is known that he be-

lieves in letting the people have the final vote in matters of public policy, and those who are close to him have no doubt but that he will promptly approve the referendum bill as soon as it is presented to him.

Columbia, Feb. 12.—The local option compulsory education bill passed the house this morning. It now goes to the free conference to adjust the differences with the senate bill. The house also passed the bill providing for the Torrens system of land registration.

The senate debated the bill to enlarge the powers of the warehouse commissioner. An amendment introduced would have devolved the duties of the office on the commissioner of agriculture after September. A warm debate followed, but further debate was adjourned on the bill until Monday night.

MUCH GAYETY AT HAGOOD.

Delightful House Party and Card Club Meetings Afford Plenty of Amusement.

Hagood, Feb. 15.—Mrs. M. S. Kirk entertained the K. K. K. Bridge club Saturday evening.

A most delightful house party was given by Misses Bessie Trippett and Harriett Irby, at their home at Boykins, lasting from Friday until Monday. Those present were: Misses Sarah Sanders, Mollie Ellerbe, and Harriett Saunders; Messrs. Karl and Charlie Emmanuel, Isaac, Henry and Polk Sanders, Andre Rembert and Boggan Trippett.

Mrs. J. E. Sanders entertained the K. K. K. Bridge club Monday night.

Mrs. B. F. Myers was the charming hostess to a card party on Tuesday afternoon, given in honor of Mrs. C. H. Dorn of Sumter. A most delightful salad course was served. A box of candy was awarded to Mrs. C. H. Dorn for the highest score.

Miss Sarah Sanders was the charming hostess to a Valentine party Friday evening. Various games were played, but the chief amusement was the "chair dance." The prizes awarded were presented to Mr. David LeNoir and Miss Mollie Ellerbe. After this a most delightful salad course was served, the table being artistically decorated in hearts. Those present were: Misses Mollie Ellerbe, Harriett Saunders, Ida Sanders, Bessie Trippett, Harriett Irby and Mary and Susan Kirk; Messrs. L. W. Myers, J. M. Dreher, David LeNoir, Frank, Henry, Harris, Isaac, Charles and Bruce Sanders, Karl Emmanuel and Mr. Fischel from Sumter. The evening was most thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mrs. R. M. Hildebrand was the delightful hostess to a card party Saturday morning, given in honor of Mrs. C. H. Dorn. The prize for the highest score was awarded to Mrs. C. W. Sanders while the booby fell to Mrs. M. S. Kirk, and the consolation was won by Mrs. Emma Alston.

Mr. Fischel from Sumter has been the delightful guest of Mr. Isaac Sanders.

Mr. Dan Hildebrand has returned to his home in St. Matthews.

Miss Mollie Ellerbe is the charming guest of Miss Sarah Sanders.

Mrs. C. H. Dorn of Sumter is the guest of Mrs. Julian Sanders.

A card party which was much enjoyed by all was given by Mrs. C. W. Sanders Tuesday night. Bridge was played, after which a most delightful salad course was served. The prize for the highest score was won by Miss Emmie Sanders. The booby was scientifically won by Mrs. L. K. Coutrier.

GREAT EXPOSITION OPENS.

The Panama-Pacific International Exposition, celebrating the completion of the Panama Canal will be opened to the public with appropriate ceremonies Saturday, February 20th, 1915, in accordance with the act of congress and the proclamation by the president of the United States. The exposition will on that day be complete in every detail including the participation of the nations of Europe, of the orient and of all the Americas.

To Attend Laymen's Convention.

The delegates from the Sumter Presbyterian church to the laymen's convention which meets at Charlotte, are Messrs. D. James Winn, C. G. Rowland, J. H. Chandler, J. A. Raffield, E. Boney, D. C. Shaw, and J. W. Shaw. They will leave for Charlotte Tuesday morning, except Mr. Winn who left this afternoon. Others to go from here were Dr. and Mrs. W. J. McKay, Mrs. Helen McKay and Miss E. B. French, who has been staying in Sumter for the past two weeks.

Convention of K. of P. Lodge.

From The Daily Item, Feb. 15. There will be a convention of Game Cock Lodge No. 17 tonight at eight o'clock.

The officers installed at the last meeting for this year are J. H. Chandler, C. C.; W. H. Shelly, V. C.; J. O. Barwick, P.; J. H. Darr, M. of W.; J. A. Middleton, M. at Arms; J. G. R. Wilder, M. of E.; A. C. Weatherly, J. G.; R. Hill, O. G.; Jas. C. Bryan, M. of F. and K. R. and S.

APPROPRIATION BILL PASSES.

STATE'S MONEY MEASURE GOES TO THIRD READING IN HOUSE WITHOUT MATERIAL CHANGE.

Torrens Bill to Senate—Moore and LaGrone Have Pending Resolution for Inquiry into Clemson Finances.

Columbia, Feb. 13.—It was altogether beautiful "sledding" today for the general appropriation bill. Chairman Dick, with Mr. Liles at his side, had smiles and sunshine as the bill went merrily along to its third reading, section after section being adopted without as much as the dotting of an "i" or the changing of a figure. Last night all the opposition seemed to ooze out on the fight on the item of \$2,000 for the special legislation fund for the governor and over the appropriations for the support of various activities of the common schools. Section 2 is called the "campaign section" of the bill, and on this the house argued for a full hour this morning without making any increase, but letting votes get into the record. As this paragraph was finally adopted there is, however, an increase of \$20,000 over the suggestion of the ways and means committee. That committee recommended the sending of \$250,000 for the public schools in connection with help for high schools, "needy rural schools" and term extension. The house increased this amount to \$270,000 and then let the bill go through substantially as reported. The committee recommended an increase of \$20,000 in the item for the support of needy schools and the cutting out of the item of \$20,000 for the school building fund.

The house agreed, by a close vote, to cut off the fund for helping in school building construction this year, added the \$20,000 to the support of needy rural schools and increased the amount to be used in connection with the support of rural schools. Mr. LaGrone this morning tried to have the house increase the support for needy rural schools to \$75,000, but failed by a vote of 28 to 45. Mr. Varn tried to have the fund for the extension of the terms of schools increased, but this also failed. Mr. Martin, of Kershaw, and Mr. McMahan made strenuous efforts to have the house retain the item for the encouragement of school buildings, but the ways and means committee persuaded the house that this could not be done and provide for all the other items that were in the bill as reported and keep the levy at what it had been fixed, which was the same as last year.

After the section as to the public schools had been agreed upon there was pretty smooth sailing and nothing much happened to the bill as reported by the committee, after its very careful and difficult work.

Mr. Toole made an heroic but unavailing effort to recommit and thereby kill the Rogers-Harris-Corey bill to introduce the Torrens system of land registration in this State in June, 1916. The house reiterated its position as favoring the measure, and today by a vote of 82 to 9 sent the Torrens registration bill to the senate.

The hard fight against the bill was made today by Mr. Toole, of Aiken. There is about all the argument there is to be found against the bill.

The idea of investigations does not appear to be at an end yet. In the list of pending resolutions is one relative to Clemson College. It comes from Messrs. Moore and LaGrone, and reads:

1. That a committee of three members of the house, to be appointed by the speaker, and three members of the senate, to be appointed by the president of the senate, shall constitute a special committee to make a thorough investigation of the financial condition of Clemson College, and any other matters concerning the management of said institution, and all officers and employees of the said Clemson College, and the property belonging to, or under the control of the trustees of said institution.

2. The said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers and the records of all officers, trustees and employees, to swear witnesses and punish for contempt any person who refuses to obey any order of said committee; to employ an expert accountant and stenographer, and to do any and everything necessary to thoroughly investigate the conditions of said institution.

3. The said committee shall report to the next session of the general assembly its findings and make such recommendations as said committee may deem expedient.

5. That such expenses as shall necessarily be incurred by the said committee shall be reported to the next session of the general assembly and be paid out of the funds received by Clemson College from the privilege fertilizer tax, said amount to be paid by the treasurer of said college upon warrant drawn by the said committee upon the said treasurer.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—May wheat \$1.56. Corn 89 1-2; oats 69 5-8; pork 18.90; lard 10.99; ribs, 10.15.

TO SIGN REFERENDUM ACT.

GOVERNOR THINKS PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE VOTE.

Thinks Legislature Has Made Good Progress — Confers With House Steering Committee.

Columbia, Feb. 14.—Gov. Manning said yesterday that he would sign the referendum bill providing for a special election September 14 on the question of State-wide prohibition.

"I will sign the bill," said Gov. Manning. "While I am a local optionist, I do not believe in denying the people a right to vote on such questions."

Gov. Manning was in a pleasant frame of mind and was happy over the result accomplished by the general assembly. He was pleased with the progress which the lawmakers have made and thought they had made good use of their time.

At a conference between Gov. Manning and the steering committee of the house, the governor urged the committee to press the primary reform bill and the measures dealing with the State Hospital for the Insane. The steering committee, it was agreed, would push the primary reform bill as soon as the appropriation bill should be sent to the senate. The primary bill has already passed the senate and as soon as it passes the house, which it is believed will happen without much trouble, it will be signed by Gov. Manning and become a part of the law.

Gov. Manning attended the "economy and fertilizer" meeting held at the Richland county court house by the farmers of this county.

Havana, Feb. 12.—Two cases of bubonic plague have been discovered here. One death from the disease occurred three days ago. All the cases are believed to have originated at the European steamer wharves. Sanitary authorities are taking the utmost precautions to prevent its spread.

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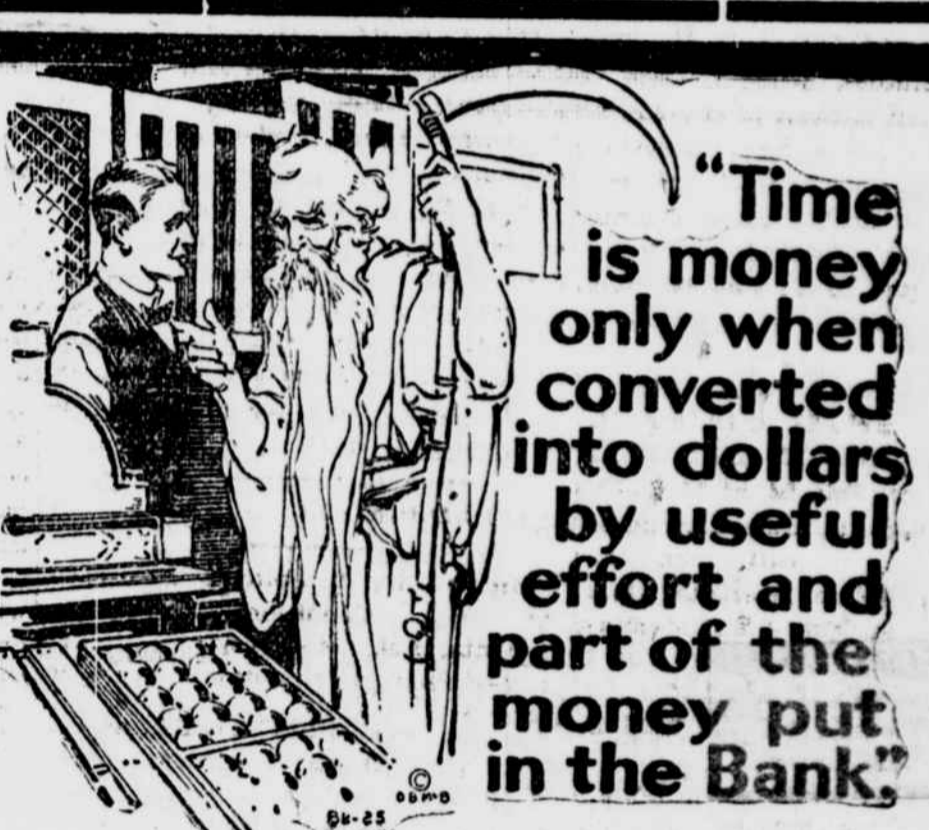
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