

BISMARCK.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25.

The governor's appointments have ceased to attract attention. Capt. Griggs, Smith, of Huron (a newspaper man), and Abe Boynton are railroad commissioners. The governor says if they fail to do their duty by the people he will have their heads amputated. The Elliott wheat bill is now before the council. Dr. Collins will try and hold it back and pass his amended bill in its stead—will probably not succeed.

The trouble with our reformers is that they wish to do the whole business and be defied for their work, and in consequence of this may yet be crucified by the non-axe grinding element. The high license bill passed the house whooping, and makes a fine running mate for "local option." The Adams holocaust bill was apparently killed in the house, Wednesday, by a vote of 15 to 14—eighteen members not voting, but yesterday it showed wonderful vitality. The house reconsidered yesterday's vote unanimously, and on motion of the maker of the bill sent it to committee, and it will re-appear in the house Monday, and pass in due season.

The governor's reception was a quiet affair—the dancing ceased at 12 p. m.

The court removal business is in a terrible snarl—the northern members are getting sick of it. If they join in removing supreme and United States courts to help their friends they desire at least a plausible excuse left them for their action. The courts will probably remain where they are. There is some talk of repealing the railroad commission act, so as to curtail the patronage of the executive; but better counsel will prevail.

BISMARCK, Feb. 27.

The Mitchell court bill, which has been the pivot on which the house combinations turned, is at last dead. It was killed in the council yesterday, by a vote of 8 to 12. Dr. Collins, of Grand Forks, turned and went with the Yankton people. The bill involves the removal of the United States court from Yankton to Mitchell, and has been advocated by Mentzer, of Mitchell, and Sullivan, of Plankinton. Mentzer is a tireless and remorseless worker, and one of the best men in the house. Davison county could not have a more zealous, and prominent representative. Sullivan, who generally goes by the name of John L. (because of his combative proclivities, and the glasses which give him a Bostonian air), is also a prominent representative, and like Mentzer, commands the respect of even the men he has fought. I expect to see one of these gentlemen in the council next term. They carried the house for their measure by a large majority. The council and governor have been at loggerheads over the railroad commissions. The council has tried to have one of its number made commissioner, but the governor will not have it. It is understood, however, that in the morning, the council will confirm the appointment of Messrs. Griggs, Boynton and Smith, after which it will confirm no more of the governor's favorites. The old officers will have to hold over. There is a motion on foot to make the commissioners elective. It may materialize and it may not. It would be a good thing.

The "holocaust" bill was reported favorably by the railroad committee, but is still before the house, and will be a fighting measure for some time yet. The salary bill concerning county officers introduced by Burnham, of Cass, was approved in the house yesterday by Messrs. Atkins, Mentzer, Elliott and Adams, and sent back to the judiciary committee for repairs.

The appropriation bills are coming in thick and fast. About \$1,000,000 are called for. In the round up it is probable that they will reach those of two years ago—\$500,000.

The following is the text of the bill extending the time when taxes for 1896 become delinquent:

An Act, Providing for the extension of time for the payment of taxes for 1896.

Be it enacted that the legislative assembly of the territory of Dakota:

Section 1. That all unpaid taxes for the year 1896, shall become delinquent on the first Monday in February, 1897, and shall draw interest at the rate of 1 per cent per month from the date of such delinquency until the 1st day of July, 1897, at which latter date there shall be added as a penalty 5 per cent upon the amount so remaining unpaid, and 1 per cent per month thereafter until paid, to be added on the first day of each succeeding month.

Sec. 2. The county treasurers in the various counties in this territory shall not proceed to collect by distress and any of the taxes herein before referred to until after the first day of July, A. D. 1897; provided that in case any per-

son having only personal property assessed and upon which the taxes are unpaid, shall, in the opinion of the treasurer, be about to move out of the county, or to dispose of such property, it shall be the duty of such treasurer to collect such taxes at any time after the tax duplicate has been placed in his hands as provided by law.

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved January 28, 1887.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

Convened Feb. 25th, A. D. '87, at 1 p. m.

Present, Comrs. Moseley, Hemmingson, Conant and Hogenson.

On motion of Comr. Moseley, seconded by Comr. Conant, Comr. Hogenson was elected temporary chairman.

Proceedings of last meeting were read and approved with the exception, upon motion of Comr. Moseley, seconded by Comr. Hemmingson to insert "liquor license" in place of "license" in the afternoon proceeding of January 13th, 1887.

Upon motion made and seconded, the following congressional townships were organized as civil townships, in accordance with petitions presented to the board to-wit: Township 148, range 59 by name of Ottawa, and that the first town meeting in said township be held at the school house on Sec. 25 (known as the Mills school house), on the 15th day of March, 1887, for the purpose of electing a full board of township officers.

Township 148, range 60, by name of Willow, and the first town meeting be held at Clark's school house in said township, on the 15th day of March, 1887, for the purpose of electing a full set of township officers, and township 148, range 58, be organized as a civil township, and the first town meeting to be held at the school house known as the Torin school house, on the 15th day of March, 1887, for the purpose of electing a full set of township officers.

On motion ordered that the following bills be allowed and orders issued for same, viz:

Table with 2 columns: Name/Item and Amount. Includes Henry Ketzlaff for prisoners' clothing (\$4.50), M. L. Michaels, prisoners' board from Dec. 23rd, 1886, to March 1st, 1887, \$102.00; for washing for prisoners, \$5.50; jailor's salary from January 1st, to March 1st, \$52.00; amount, 150.00; D. D. McDaniels, road work, Dist. 13, 1.50; Nads Nestro, road work Dist 13, 1.50; C. A. Hall, road work Dist 6, 1.50; P. Nelson, road work Dist 6, 1.50; Robert Martin, road work Dist 11, 3.69; W. S. Hyde, work on jailor's room, painting, etc., 21.55; W. S. Hyde, jailor's salary for February, 35.00; Hiram Guest, road work Dist 11, 3.00; The Argus Ptg. Co., of Fargo, for two Levisse's codes, 21.00; Gull River Lumber Co., lumber for jailor's rooms, etc., 52.85; Gull River Lumber Co., coal, 178.21; Edwin Olson, for road work, 9.00; A. N. Adams, hardware, etc., 10.97.

On motion ordered that the report of Chris Orestad as school treasurer of Gallatin school township, for 1886, be accepted, and an order be issued to him for \$15.00, as salary for said year, and he be requested to make new reports for 1885 and 1886, giving dates when funds from tuition fund were actually paid to him instead of the dates of issue of orders by school superintendent.

On motion ordered that the bill of W. S. Hyde for \$21.55 as allowed above be paid him in three separate orders in amounts to suit him.

On motion ordered that bill of John Anderson for road work be laid on the table for correction, road supervisor having neglected to state amount.

On motion ordered that refunding order be issued by F. D. Fenner for \$1.50 road poll paid by him being over age.

On motion ordered that an affidavit of Andrew Johnson asking for an abatement of \$2,000 assessed against him for 1886 be laid on the table.

On motion ordered that bill of Ole Larson for road work be laid on the table for correction, it not stating date and year of work.

Moved and ordered that application of John O'Kath for abatement of poll tax for 1883 be rejected.

On motion ordered that road and school poll for 1886 against T. Gunderson be abated same appearing on the tax list twice.

On motion ordered that the county be divided into road districts by congressional townships as follows, and that the following road overseers be appointed, viz:

- District No. 1, townships 147 and 148, range 60, A. Colman.
District No. 2, township 147, range 60, Ole E. Thorn.
District No. 3, township 147, range 59, H. Lund.
District No. 4, township 147, range 58, John M. Dahl.

District No. 5, township 146, range 58, Neils E. Nelson.

District No. 6, township 146, range 59, Harry Wasser.

District No. 7, township 146, range 60, Wm. Howden.

District No. 8, township 146, range 61, L. S. Hubbard.

District No. 9, township 145, range 61 Ole Tiering.

District No. 10, township 145, range 60, T. C. Knapp.

District No. 11, township 145, range 59, Duncan Sinclair.

District No. 12, township 144, range 58, J. M. Freer.

District No. 13, township 144, range 59, C. E. Skarrie.

District No. 14, township 144, range 60, Andrew Fortney.

District No. 15, township 144, range 61, D. R. Swartwout.

On motion ordered that an affidavit made by Rollef Berg, of the firm of Berg & Larsen, asking for an abatement of personal property tax for 1885 on \$1,100, assessed by the board of equalization be accepted, and abatement ordered for said amount.

Moved and seconded that the application of Jacob Olson for abatement of taxes be rejected.

On motion adjourned to April 4th, 1887.

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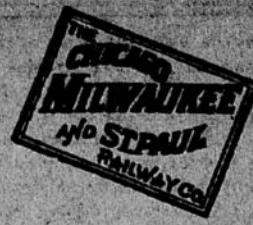
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