

MR. CALKINS BROKE PRECEDENT IN HOUSE.
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viding sufficient accommodation for the business of the State officials.

Senator Hudson declared that provision for room for the State officials should be made before turning them out, and this argument prevailed as the bill was defeated, 13 to 18.

Another shot was taken at the bucket shop business yesterday by Senator Zim, who introduced a bill embracing the provisions of the Georgia law recently enacted, and which has proved effective in making the bucket shop keepers get out of the business.

The Constitutional Amendment by Senator Beard was reported from committee with the recommendation that it pass. Senator Beard said that it was a proposition of magnitude and should be thoroughly understood. To that end he asked that it be made a special order for next Tuesday at 4 o'clock, which was agreed to, together with the motion of Senator Leggett that 200 copies of the bill be printed.

A message from the Governor was received yesterday containing the report of the committee appointed to investigate the Reform School at Marianna, and it was ordered spread on the Journal.

Resolutions of regret on the death of Senator Newlan were read and adopted shortly after convening of the Senate yesterday and it was ordered that his desk be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Included in the work of the Senate yesterday was the adoption of a resolution by Senator Buckman empowering the Judiciary Committee to have printed all bills it deemed of sufficient importance. Senator Buckman said that he considered it necessary that important measures be printed and placed before the members that a more clear understanding of a bill could be gained.

Senator Crews thought that the Home Guards in the service during the Civil War, and widows of the same, were entitled to a pension, and introduced a bill relative to that subject.

Some little debate occurred over fixing up the membership for a junketing trip—inspection of convicts and convict camps. Three members were named in the original resolution—two from the House and one from the Senate. Senator Clark wanted to make it five and Senator Willis believed six was the number needed—four Representatives and two Senators, party to be divided in going through the State, as suggested by Senator Clark. The amended resolution was adopted, but the proposition that the inspection should include county prisoners as well, made by Senator Clark, was opposed by Senators Humphries and Girardeau, on the ground that the committee would hardly be able to make report to this Legislature, was defeated.

The Senate adjourned at 12:20 p. m. to meet at 10 today.

A JAR TO THOSE WHO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS

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byist who does not appear before the committees.

This might be done by a bill providing that the Governor of the State shall employ an agent, whose duty it shall be to report to him for transmission to each branch of the Legislature the names of all persons making a stay in Tallahassee during the session, who are seen in the constant attendance on the members of the Legislature.

Then each House could appoint a committee on lobbying with power to summon these parties before them, and ask what their business is with members of the Legislature, by whom they are employed, and what compensation they receive; and to summon other witnesses to testify as to the actions and doings of these men, who are reported by the agent employed by the Governor under the provisions of the bill.

There is perhaps no law that can be passed that can break up the practice of lobbying, but it is possible to pass laws that would make it an exceedingly difficult as well as dangerous occupation to follow.

AND THEN THE HOUSE WOKE UP.

Now comes Mr. Calkins from the good old County of Nassau, which wants no division, and rides rough-shod over a precedent of such long standing that it had become to be regarded as one which must always abide.

It has been a favorite piece of parliamentary tactics on the part of those who wished to clinch, copper, rivet and brad-on-the-inside, a measure, which they might succeed in passing or killing—once they happened to have a majority in either house.

After you once got your majority corralled, all you had to do was to pass your bill, or kill your bill, and spring your motion to reconsider with the lay on the table motion attachment and the thing was cinched.

Nobody ever thought that any measure could be revived after receiving this blow or that any message could be defeated after getting this clincher.

That is—nobody ever thought it, until Mr. Calkins came to the Legislature of 1907.

He made bold to say that there was no reason why a majority of the House could not reconsider any vote which the House had taken.

So, yesterday he made a motion to reconsider the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendments to the Carter resolution, which reconsideration was tabled the day before under the former precedent.

And lo! he had a majority of the House with him, and the Speaker ruled that Mr. Calkins' motion was in order.

I think that parliamentary law is against the Speaker in this ruling, but parliamentary law should stand aside when good can be accomplished. The Speaker deserves credit for his prompt and firm decision, as well as for his ability to see the good in the motion, even though it might break a parliamentary law. Mr. Calkins, and the Speaker, who dealt with him, deserve the thanks

of all those who wish that justice may be done, though parliamentary law should fail.

WILL HAVE TO TELL ALL ABOUT IT.

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Dorman, DuPont, Geiger, Hartsfield, Knight (Citrus), Knowles, MacWilliams, Malone, Mathews (Marion), Melton, Milliner, Morrison, Ogilvie, Peeples, Reese, Russell, Smith, Wartmann, Watson, Wells, Willis (Gadsden),

Yeas—25.

Nays—Messrs. Abernethy, Avant, Baggett, Calkins, Carter, Cobb, Crawford, Decker, Dudley, Durrance, Farris, Faulkner, Griggs, Harvell, Johnson, Jones, Kilgore, Kirkland, Knight (Columbia), Lassitter, Long, McCutcheon, McKenzie, McClellan, Neel, Ogilvie, Paul, Peaden, Register, Richbourg, Roddenberry, Snell, Taylor, Thompson, Willis (Levy), Williams, Wilson (Calhoun), Wilson (Hernando).

Nays—38.

County division fight began in the Legislature yesterday, when Mr. Decker, of Hillsborough, introduced a bill to create Pinellas county, by slicing off the western section of Hillsborough county.

Bills were few in the House yesterday, only twelve being introduced, the material for subjects seeming to have run short, but at that, forty-five more bills have been brought in than during the same number of days in 1905.

A bill by Mr. Milliner, of Madison, is one of interest to inhabitants of dry counties, on account of its relating to the performance of duties by Sheriffs in counties where liquor is sold in violation of law, and requesting the Governor to remove any Sheriff who fails to perform his duty as to blind tigers.

Good roads was again the subject of a bill in the House. Mr. Smith, of Lake, introducing a bill similar to that in the Senate Tuesday by Senator Adams.

Two or three bills are already in the House relative to the carrying of deadly weapons, and another, by Mr. Abernethy, of Orange, was added yesterday.

Sopchoppy has at last received Legislative recognition, as a bill by Mr. Roddenberry, of Wakulla, provided for its incorporation.

The House will meet at 10 o'clock today.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Cicero Lodge meets tonight in their Castle Hall. Secret work to be exemplified by the representatives to the late session of the Grand Lodge. All members requested to be present, and all visiting Knights in the city are cordially invited to attend this and other meetings. The lodge meets promptly at 8 o'clock on every Thursday night, in their hall, next to the postoffice.

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The Hog Nosed Snake.

One of the most inoffensive snakes is one of the most dangerous looking and therefore has the reputation of being deadly. This is the hog nosed snake, or blow adder. When angered it will raise the head and forepart of its body erect, distend it until it is flat and thin, something like the cobra, and swing itself back and forth and from side to side, emitting constantly a louder hiss than any other American snake can produce. A most fearsome looking object, it is all bluster, however, for it is absolutely harmless.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Miss Meadowsweet—Excuse my ignorance, but ought I to call you Mr. Squills or Dr. Squills? The Doctor—Oh, call me anything you like. Some of my friends call me an old fool. Miss Meadowsweet—Ah, but that's only people who know you intimately! —London Punch.

Gunner—But why are you fellows so anxious to have that writer of fiction join your club? He doesn't smoke, drink or play poker? Guyer—No, but we need a writer of fiction to frame up stories for those who do. He can create a clever yarn that any wife will swallow.—Chicago News.

The Elegant Mrs. Adams.

An old Washington lady used to tell with delight of an occasion on which she went, with a kinswoman, to dine with Mr. and Mrs. John Quincy Adams. The table was beautifully set in the fashion of the time, and at Mr. Adams' place lay a four tined silver fork. The other persons at table had merely the two pronged fork then in use. Mrs. Adams apologized for her husband's little eccentricity, saying that in his long sojourn in France he had acquired the habit of eating with his fork, a habit of which he had been unable to break himself. "And, my dear," the old lady used to say, with a twinkle in her eye, "the elegant Mrs. Adams and the rest of us ate with a knife."

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