

MUTILATED

PEDIGREE GOOD—BUT GENTLEMAN OBJECTED.

Reading Clerk Called to Account for Replacing Consonant With Vowel—Disclaimed Intent and Blamed Acoustics.

"A bill by Mister Ped-i-gree, The gentleman from Manatee," Shrieked Col. Nat Walker, the reading clerk, yesterday morning soon after the House had passed through the usual preliminaries of opening.

The gentleman from Hernando looked up from a mass of drainage literature, and the member from Franklin leveled his binocular on the clerk, with an apparent purpose of determining if that functionary was having a lapse of nightmare or if he had merely dropped inadvertently into rhyme.

The gentleman from Manatee arose, and in a small, quiet voice that carried to the furthestmost parts of the hall, expostulated:

"Mr. Speaker:" "The gentleman from Manatee:" "A question of privilege, sir." "The gentleman will please state it." "The reading clerk persists in calling me Pedigree, sir."

"Well—" "The name is a good one, sir."

"Well—" "But it doesn't belong to me, sir."

"I didn't call him Pedigree, Mr. Speaker," promptly announced the clerk, with injured inflection.

"I insist, Mr. Speaker, that he did, sir."

"Well, there's something the matter with the acoustics of this hall, then," continued the clerk. "I know I said Pet-ti-grew. If it changed to Ped-i-gree by the time it reached the gentleman from Manatee, I'm certain that I am not to blame for it."

"The chair will rule, gentleman, that the matter does not involve a question of privilege," announced the Speaker. "Proceed with the reading."

Then the clerk found that it was a concurrent resolution and not a bill which the gentleman from Manatee had sent up, requesting Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide for the election of United States Senators by the people.

The House was in an uproar while the question of pronunciation, enunciating and acoustics was being discussed between the reading clerk and the gentleman from Manatee.

ANTI-JUG BILL FAVORED.

Mr. Faulkner's bill to prohibit the shipping of liquors to a county which has prohibition went to the Committee on Engrossed Bills yesterday, after an interesting tilt in the House between the author of the bill and Mr. MacWilliams.

The Representative from St. Johns moved to indefinitely postpone the measure, and Mr. Faulkner charged that the member was unduly active in opposing all temperance measures. Mr. MacWilliams denied the charge, but asserted that the friends of temperance did the cause harm by espousing intemperate temperance measures, and he regarded Mr. Faulkner's measure as such.

HOUSE FAVORS DRAINAGE.

The House concurrent resolution appealing to the members of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida to desist from a further expenditure of the Internal Improvement Funds in the Everglades drainage project sang its swan song yesterday.

It was agreed to postpone action until after the Legislative Committee should report on the drainage proposition. The trend of the sentiment in the House is apparently for the prosecution of the drainage operations.

The Japanese claim that their nation was founded B. C. 660 by Jimmu, the dynasty of this monarch being still on the throne. The first literary account of the Japanese nation and people was from the pen of Marco Polo, who visited the country in the thirteenth century.

The Chinese dictionary authorized by the imperial government contains 214 classes of words, of which 150 include the more important. This famous dictionary, the most ancient of any recorded in literary history, was arranged by Paoutshu, who lived about 1100 B. C.

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BY THE WAY

One of those storm-tossed rumors that cometh hither from where no person can say, and goeth hence in the same way, floated past last night to say that Little 'Arry had a hurry call the night before to the bedside of one of his accountants, whose mind was so wearied with the silence imposed upon him that he talked in his sleep. Whereupon the Little Corporal hied himself, with a bottle of "Mole Club" silence dope and a funnel, to the cot of the loquacious one, for fear he might talk of subjects tabooed.

Volusia county division was before the House Committee on City and County Organization last night, and before the close the meeting had almost resolved itself into a session of the "Kind Words Society." Mr. Parkinson was sponsor for Atlantic county, as the proposed creation is called, while Senator Sams stood for old Volusia.

The merits and demerits of the proposition were threshed out until in the heat of debate county division was submerged in discussion of the political records of Messrs. Sams and Parkinson. Each consigned the other to the political bow-wows, and intimated just what would happen to the other if he came up for office again. As sufficient time was not available for each to tell all he knew about the other and also finish discussion of the division proposition, the meeting adjourned without decision being rendered.

Honorable Robt. W. Davis has returned to Tampa after a few days spent here in looking after a matter local to his home city. Mr. Davis said, "we do things illegally sometimes in city and county matters, and then every two years have to ask the Legislature to straighten them out."

While here, Mr. Davis had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John E. Donaldson, of Bainbridge, who had been his schoolmate, and who was in town to appear before a Legislative committee, as legal representative of the G., F. & A. Railway.

Messrs. Rowe of Madison, DuPont of St. Johns and McKenzie of Putnam explained their vote against the two and one-half cent fare bill on the ground that it was within the province of the Railroad Commission to regulate the rates, etc.

Perhaps these gentlemen may think the Commission has such power, but the theory does not agree with conditions. The L. & N. road charges four cents a mile from River Junction to Pensacola, and the commission seems unable to effect reduction to three cents a mile, in accordance with their order of four years ago.

A temporary injunction was secured from the Federal Court restraining the commission, and it evidently holds to the present time.

An act of the Legislature, however, would not suffer such restraint.

At the present speed of legislation it does not appear that the Railroad Commission will be particularly strengthened by the work of the session. If all the laws, together with the rules, worth preserving of the Commission, could be enacted into one general railroad law the task of railroad supervision in this State worth while would be accomplished.

Said one member of the Legislature to another, last night, "come, take tea with me."

"I can't," said the one invited. "I am obliged to attend a meeting of the two-eyed committee."

"It may be two eyes," said a bystander, "but they are blindfolded."

OH, DEAR, HOW DEAR ARE DEER.

Yet the Dear People Pay for the Waste of Time in Discussing Deer.

The greater part of the morning session in the House was consumed in the consideration of a bill to amend the law for hunting deer.

The bill provides that the open season for deer shall be November and December.

Mr. Russell offered an amendment to make it June, July and August.

Mr. Griggs declared this ridiculous. He wanted to amend by making it November, December and January.

Mr. DuPont saw in this an attempt to cater to the tourists, who he asserted were devouring all the game in the State. "These fellows come down here with dogs to rip and rare and sport around—cut 'em out," said Mr. DuPont, impressively.

Mr. Kirkland wanted to amend to September, October and November instead of eliminating December.

Mr. Griggs said that he did not speak from any selfish standpoint (intimating that some one had), for he had no hounds. (Mr. Kirkland had said that he had hounds.)

Mr. Kirkland replied that he would advocate December and January if he had cared to be selfish for he could rent his hounds to tourists at ten dollars a day during this time.

Mr. Griggs hoped that the gentleman from Lake wouldn't take his remarks seriously.

Mr. Reese moved to recommit the bill.

The Speaker, being unconsciously impressed with the nature of the subject, stated that such a motion was not in order at "this stage of the GAME."

Mr. Griggs moved to indefinitely postpone.

Mr. Malone offered an amendment to make the entire year the closed season for deer, which was promptly tabled.

Mr. Willis of Levy moved to strike out the months of November and December and substitute JUEVEMBER.

This was tabled on the motion of Mr. Griggs that it was not pertinent.

Mr. Smith offered an amendment to make the season from November 15 to January 15.

The motion for indefinite postponement was lost, and—The bill took the regular order to be engrossed, and—Nothing happened to the bill.

K. OF P. TONIGHT.

Cicero Lodge will meet tonight, and there will be initiation in the rank of page. Visiting knights are invited.

WILL CONSIDER FRANCHISE BILL.

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impede progress and commercial growth." The amendment exempted towns of 800 or less population.

Senator Henderson objected, saying that it was in the smaller towns that such a law was needed. The amendment was lost.

Senator Henderson then moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, but objection being offered withdrew same, and the bill was ordered to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Two joint resolutions were passed, similar to the amendments voted down at the last general election—one providing that the Legislature be empowered to fix salaries of Circuit Judges and Justices of the Supreme Court, the other relating to the establishment of a criminal court in Escambia County.

Senator Beard succeeded in getting the bill for the relief of C. P. Bobe, Constable of Escambia County, passed, making a strongtalk for its enactment.

Senator Broome came to the aid of the measure, and in eloquent tones, proclaimed the justice of the claim.

The bill of Senator Clarke, to provide for an Assistant Attorney General, and to fix the salaries of the Attorney General and assistants, was made a special order for next Tuesday.

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