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Legislative Proceedings

HOUSE—THIRD DAY

Say—you have got a compositor up there who is too rotten particular, it seems to me. When I spell “devil” in my usual frank and open manner, he puts it “d—I”! Now, Lord love his conceited and accommodating soul, if I choose to use the language of the vulgar, the low-flung and the sinful, and such as will shock the ears of the highly civilized, I don’t want him to appoint himself an editorial critic and proceed to tone me down and save me from the consequences of my conduct; that is, unless I pay him for it, which I won’t. I expect I could spell “devil” before that fastidious cuss was born.

The Speaker called the House to order at 10 A.M.

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Heaton introduced a concurrent resolution, that when the Legislative Assembly adjourn to-morrow, it be to meet again on Wednesday, 21st, at 12 M.

A motion to suspend the rules was put to a vote and carried—ayes 15; noes, Messrs. Clagett, Curley, Gillespie, Gove, Hess, Hunter, Jones and Trask.

Mr. Gillespie moved to amend by making the hour 1 P.M.

[More skirmishing about parliamentary usage but the Chair is not in fault.—

REPORTER.]

Mr. Fisher offered an amendment, to read “the House of Representatives and Council concurring.” [Mr. Fisher got his notion from—well—say inspiration, for instance.—

REPORTER.]

Mr. Clagett finally got up and straightened the blasted resolution.

The Speaker made a suggestion concerning the wording of the document. [Half an hour more will get it all right, you know. The parliamentary skirmishing still goes on, with unabated intelligence. This aggregation of wisdom can frame a concurrent resolution, but we must have time we must have a reasonable length of time to do it in. I could have furnished all the amendments offered to this document, and all the transmogrifications it has passed through—but then you don’t want a column of that kind of information. I don’t consider it important.—REP.]

The resolution as infinitely amended and improved, was voted upon at last, and carried—ayes 18, noes 5—Messrs. Clagett, Gillespie, Gove, Hunter and Phillips. [I asked the Clerk what the resolution proposed to do now? And he said he’d be d—d if he knew.—REP.]

Mr. Clagett offered a resolution that the regular daily sessions of the House commence at 10 A.M.

Mr. Fisher moved to insert “except when otherwise ordered.”

On a division the motion was lost—14 to 6.

The resolution was then adopted.