

S. F. No. 236, A bill for an act to change the name of the town of Guthrie, Faribault county,

S. F. No. 169, A bill for an act to change the name of Elmer Ellsworth Carter to Elmer Ellsworth Eastgate,

S. F. No. 274, A memorial for an increase of mail service,

S. F. No. 257, A bill for an act to amend the charter of the city of Owatonna,

S. F. No. 277, A bill for an act relative to criminal process,

S. F. No. 230, A bill for an act relative to building associations, defining the manner of their taxation, and who may become members,

S. F. No. 240, A bill for an act to change the name of Arthur Granger to Charles Ackerman,

S. F. No. 111, A bill for an act to change the name of Henry Bush to that of Henry Meier,

S. F. No. 283, A bill for an act to create the independent school district of Richmond,

S. F. No. 126, A bill for an act to change the name of Mary Ann Biggs to Mary Rowena Strafford, and constitute her heir-at-law of William Strafford,

S. F. No. 104, A bill for an act to change the names of John P. Johnson and Magnus Magnuson,

And

S. F. No. 280, A memorial to the Secretary of War relative to the harbor of Duluth.

JNO. C. HAMILTON,
Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

The following communication was received from His Excellency the Governor:

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
ST. PAUL, Feb. 29, 1872. }

Hon. Wm. H. Yale, President of the Senate:

SIR:—I have the honor to return to the Senate, in which it originated, a bill herewith enclosed—

S. F. No. 18, A bill for an act to appropriate money for the completion and furnishing of the new wing of the Minnesota Deaf and Dumb, and Blind Institute, and for supplying the necessary furnaces and water pipes therefor,

—the same not meeting my approval.

By the provisions of the act the State Auditor is required to draw his warrant upon the treasury of the State whenever requisitions for funds may be made upon him by the Governor or President of the board of directors, without regard to the condition of the treasury. If there is such a thing as deriving any knowledge from the official reports of the Treasurer and Auditor of the present condition and future prospects of the treasury or the state of our finances, it is quite certain there will be no twenty thousand dollars in the treasury subject to this

appropriation during the coming building season, unless this Legislature take the necessary steps to provide the ways and means therefor, and however easy it may be to make appropriations, I cannot for one take any responsibility in the act unless there be a reasonable prospect of funds to meet the authorized orders when the demand shall be made upon the treasury for payment. I am not willing to put the State in a position where the only alternative will be a misappropriation of the funds legally set apart for other purposes, or the repudiation of its warrants, which will send them into the market to be hawked about at a discount, to the disgrace of the State and the injury of her credit.

The usefulness of the institution in whose behalf this appropriation is made, I cheerfully admit, and acknowledge the obligation on the part of the State to give it a ready and liberal support, but I know of no reason why it should in this respect take precedence of the Hospital for the Insane or of the State Prison, which are for the accommodation of classes of persons that *must* be restrained and supported, yet I cannot consent that appropriations should be made to enlarge those institutions unless the money is put into the treasury to enable the State to respond to the demand. The people have recently very emphatically refused to extend the credit of the State to enlarge these public buildings. I can but interpret this as an expression of the popular will that the capacity of these institutions should not be enlarged except by means of present taxation, and for one I propose to give them the benefit of their very decided and unmistakable decision.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

HORACE AUSTIN,
Governor.

Mr. Chewning offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks, and the Second Assistant Clerk of the Senate be each allowed the sum of fifty dollars for extra engrossing and enrolling performed after regular hours.

Mr. Child moved to lay the resolution on the table.

And the yeas and nays being called for and ordered—

The roll being called, there were yeas 18, and nays 7, as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Messrs. Ankeny, Butler, Clark, Child, Chewning, Cutts, Everts, Lindall, Morrill, Page, Porter, Pfaender, Railson, Ruckholdt, Stone, Wright, Wilson and White.

Those who voted in the negative were—

Messrs. Hutchins, Haven, Meagher, Milne, Poehler, Peterson and Rice.

So the motion prevailed.

H. F. No. 351, A bill for an act to appropriate money build a bridge across the Long Prairie River, in section twenty-one, town one hundred and twenty-eight, range twenty-seven, Douglas county,

Was read the third time and put upon its final passage.

The roll being called, there were yeas 19, and nays 9, as follows :