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words "offers for sale" in the third line the words "or brings into this State."

Mr. Hamilton called for a division on the adoption of the amendment.

A division being had the amendment was lost by a vote of 30 for to 52 against. The bill was then read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill relating to navigation in the Kennebec river between Shawmut dam and the south line of Skowhegan.

Mr. Pearl of Bangor, moved the indefinite postponement of this bill. There is a corporation known as the Good Will Farm which owns ground on the opposite shore from the farm of about ten acres known as the "Pines." They have held assemblies upon this ground for the last few years and they cross the river at this point. This bill grants to the Shawmut Navigation Company the sole right to navigate the Kennebec from Shawmut to the point named in the bill. I make this motion in order that there shall not be taken from the Good Will Farm any rights which they now enjoy.

The question being on the indefinite postponement of the bill, the motion was agreed to.

An act to incorporate the Ashland Water Company.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, moved the indefinite postponement of this bill, stating that he did so at the request of Mr. Smith of Masardis, who is absent on account of sickness.

The motion was agreed to.

Bill relating to granting to Georges River Mills the right to develop and sell electrical power.

Mr. Macomber of Augusta, offered an amendment which was adopted, and the bill was read a second time. On motion of Mr. Macomber the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Resolve relating to travelling libraries.

On motion of Mr. Knowlton of Portland, this resolve was assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to traveling libraries.

On motion of Mr. Shepard of Buxton, this bill was assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to annexation of Deering to Portland.

On motion of Mr. Hill of Portland, this bill was assigned for this afternoon.

Bill relating to the privileges of graduates of the Maine State College.

Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, explained that the object of the bill was that he graduates in the department of pharmacy can go before the State board of pharmacy and take an examination.

Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, stated that he had asked the gentleman from Machias to offer an amendment covering the point he has suggested, but as the bill now reads it is legislating for students outside of this State and is broad enough to cover every line of work. The students should stand upon the work which they can do and not be bolstered up by the action of the Legislature.

Mr. Stetson of Bangor, said that the

bill was made broad enough to cover other departments that may be created in the future. We ask only what is granted to other institutions of the State.

Mr. Shepard of Buxton, said he did not see any reason why students from the Maine college should not have a chance to have a fair trial before the different boards.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, the motion was lost.

The bill was then read twice, and on motion by Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill relating to the changing of the name of the State college to that of the University of Maine.

Mr. Stetson of Bangor, said that this bill was to make the name conform to the present character of the institution. It is a disadvantage to students to graduate from an agricultural college when coming into competition with the graduates of other institutions, especially with institutions founded under this same Morrill act. They ask that you will grant them a name which will be in keeping with the present character of the institution and in accordance with the spirit of the times.

Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, said that if the name was changed to that of the University of Maine future Legislatures will be appealed to do much more for the State college than has ever been done before, and the friends of the college will use as an argument that the wisdom of the Legislature of 1897 saw fit to attach the name of the University of Maine to that institution. If the name were to be changed to that of the Maine State college, I would vote for it. I have an idea that graduates of Bates can sell their services even though they come from a college. If you give to this college the title of university, there will not be another Legislature but what will be asked to establish courses in law, medicine and theology and the post graduate courses which universities offer to those who come within their walls, and appropriations will be called for and insisted upon. I object to the bill in its present form.

Mr. Shepard of Buxton, said that this seemed a small subject to discuss, whether we change the name of the State college or not. President Harris has more than doubled his college in about three years. Even if he does make that college into an immense university, it does not seem to me that it will be any great damage to the State, and if the students ask to have the name changed, and it is not going to cost a cent, I believe we ought not to vote against it.

Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, said that this matter recalled the time when we changed the name of Waterville college. The same discussion took place. Waterville college was a useful name, but they wanted it changed. This institution will receive more money by this change, because it has a broader sound and will

attract more students. If the graduates will stand higher in the estimation of the public when they come out from that institution, I say, in the name of God, let us change the name of that institution.

Mr. Pattangall of Machias, said he did not believe that the opposition to this change of name arose from jealousy, but from a misunderstanding of the change of name. Every time we ask for appropriations we are met with the charge that our college is sailing under false colors, that we call it an agricultural college in order to get the farmer vote. We would like to take those false colors down. We desire the change of name which shows the full breadth of its courses. Out of 38 or 39 colleges founded under the Morrill act, all but six or seven bear the name of universities. Our graduates come into competition with graduates of other state universities. When we had no tuition the people seemed to desire that the numbers of the college should be kept down because of the expense to the State. With tuition it is desirable to the taxpayers to increase the number of students. This title of university as a matter of advertising will increase the number of students. We desire to have a name broad enough to cover the charter of that institution.

Mr. Blanchard of Wilton, said that the question could be summed up in two statements: By changing the name to the Maine University we give it a name to which I believe the institution has no right at the present time. While they have seven or eight courses, those courses are of such rank that it is impossible to compare them with the university work of any university in New England at the present time. They tell us now that the graduates of that institution secure the very best situations. By making this change we are going to make it possible for President Harris to add course after course to that institution until we shall have all the various departments of the large Western universities, and the State is not in a financial condition at the present time to allow this to be done. Large sums would have to be appropriated if the name is changed.

The question being on the indefinite postponement of the bill, Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, offered amendment "A," to strike out the words "University of Maine where they occur and substitute the words "State College of Maine."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Talbot of Lewiston: Having taken a deep interest in the college, it may be expected that I give some expression of my views on this question of the change in name, and I desire to say that I do not regard it of as much importance as do either its friends or opponents. The act of Congress of 1862 is the charter of the college, and it is therein very carefully described and defined. Under whatever name it may have it would be the same. A fear has been expressed that the department of agriculture and mechanic arts would, by the change in

name, be made secondary and simply an annex to the college. I think the act of Congress of 1867, known as the "Hatch act," establishing the Agricultural Experiment Station, is a safeguard against this. The faculty desire the change, the students want it, and the alumni want it. I have not taken so much interest in this, believing that the institution would be the same whatever its name. The Speaker knew very well when he assigned me to the State college committee that I did not feel that I should have the position, but finding myself so assigned, I entered faithfully upon the work of ascertaining all I could about the institution and its needs. It is doing a great work. We have stood by it and given it deserved financial support, which will be remembered by us with pleasure.

The question being to indefinitely postpone the bill, Mr. Philbrook of Waterville, called for a division.

A division being had, the motion was lost by a vote of 49 for to 59 against.

The bill was then read twice, and on motion of Mr. Stetson of Bangor, the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and was passed to be engrossed.

Bill relating to the capital stock of the Buckfield Aqueduct Co.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Presque Isle, the vote was reconsidered whereby this bill was passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Smith offered an amendment, to add section 2, "This act shall take effect when approved."

The amendment was adopted, and the bill was passed to be engrossed as amended.

Bill relating to the examination of teachers was assigned for this afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lincoln, bill relating to the Penobscot River Dam and Improvement Co. was taken from the table.

Senate amendment "A" was adopted and the bill was then passed to be engrossed as amended.

The Speaker appointed as a committee on conference on resolve in favor of the Eastern Maine Insane hospital, Messrs. Smith of Presque Isle, Hill of Portland, and Fogler of Rockland.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Fort Kent, Adjourned.

Afternoon Session.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Lincoln, Ordered, That on and after Friday, March 26, 1897, A. M. Tolman be granted leave of absence, and that the clerk be instructed to make up his pay in full.

On motion of Mr. Gilman of Houlton, Ordered, That on and after Thursday, March 25, 1897, Maxim P. Gagnon, representative from Frenchville, be excused from further attendance upon this Legislature, and that the clerk be directed to make up his pay to the end of the session.

On motion of Mr. Burton of Union, Ordered, That Milton Thurston be excused from further attendance on and