

WHEREAS, The purchasing powers of this House have invested the sum of \$2,451.00 in office furniture and \$1,559.50 in office fixtures; and

WHEREAS, The sum of \$1,041.42 was invested in pocket knives and \$404.00 in fountain pens, and \$239.75 in scissors, and \$100.00 in two stamp affixers, and other items too numerous to mention; therefore be it

Resolved, That the committee appointed to check up these accounts be instructed to proceed to complete its work and to turn over to the Custodian of the Capitol all items according to the rules of this House.

Which was adopted.

Messrs. Frankson, Henion, Hopkins, Converse, Crane, Bouck, Ferguson and Kunze offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House be, and he hereby is, instructed to draw and deliver to the following named persons warrants for the sum set opposite the respective names, the same being for the per diem of such persons between the time they respectively reported for duty and the time of their appointment, at the rate of five dollars per day, viz.:

H. R. Soule.....	\$45.00
Leonard Lyman.....	50.00
E. B. Dahl.....	45.00
J. M. Peckinpaugh.....	40.00
Charles Reil.....	45.00
Guy Bye.....	45.00
Joseph Causiman.....	45.00
Albert Dorff.....	45.00

Mr. Campbell gave notice of debate, so the resolution went over, under the rules.

Mr. Peterson, O., offered the following resolution and moved that the same be printed in the Journal:

Which was adopted.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House:

Rising to a question of personal privilege, I desire to make answer in this public manner to certain statements concerning me and published in that certain booklet by one Lynn Haines, entitled "The Minnesota Legislature of 1909," appearing on page 97 of such publication as follows, and referring to the so-called "Minneapolis Gas Bill" of that session and treated by said author under the title of "Minneapolis and the Gas Trust":

"On April 13th an attempt was made to kill the bill from a subtle and unexpected source. One of the country members, Representative Ole Peterson, of Nicollet County, moved to take the Sawyer bill from General Orders. Only a few more than a quorum were in the House chamber at that time, and the measure certainly would have been defeated; but its friends were alert and watchful, and they succeeded in voting down the Peterson motion."

I desire to brand the insinuation in such paragraph as an unqualified perversion of the truth, and to state that the same refers to an action which was indulged in in a spirit of humor after a strenuous evening session, and was so understood by every one present. As evidence of the truth of my statement, I respectfully refer to page 1594 of the House Journal of the 1909 session, which shows that the motion referred to was never put and not insisted on, whereas by some stretch of the imagination or otherwise the author of such publication seems to have made himself believe that "the friends of the bill were alert and watchful and succeeded in voting down the Peterson motion."

I further refer to the context on the same subject, which shows that I at all times stood for fair play for the bill and with those voting for it.

I challenge any of the members of last session now here to deny the truth of my statements and pause for a reply.

Mr. Nygren offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Hon. Wm. Forman, former member of the House of Representatives from Wabasha County during the session of 1907, departed this life on April 16, 1911; and

WHEREAS, The said Hon. Wm. Forman served the people of his district at all times to the best of his ability and was a man of the highest honor and integrity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives does hereby extend to the family of the deceased, its sympathy and condolence; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to forward an engrossed copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

Which was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. Conley offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The citizens of the state are interested in the cause of peace and arbitration, now under consideration;

WHEREAS, We are convinced that treaties between nations submitting all questions to a court of arbitration are the most effective