

## LOCAL BILLS TAKE UP TIME OF THE HOUSE

### Special Order Side-Tracked—Member Says Appropriation Bill Is Used as a Club to Bring Up or Keep Down Other Bills.

Local bills occupied the entire morning session of the House, to the exclusion of everything else.

However, two of the measures coming under the head of local bills, and which really are to be confined in their operations to the two communities affected, are of more than local importance. These are the bills by which the cities of Jacksonville and Pensacola will be enabled to fix the rates for telephone supplies in those cities.

Whether or not these bills can be reached in the Senate is an undetermined question, but it is probable that they can if the Senators who respectively represent Duval and Escambia counties in that body desire to have them passed.

The special order for the morning was the bill making appropriation for the expenses of the State government, but the special order was run off on a side track while local bills, claims, etc., were railroaded through the House.

Mr. Wells, the author of the bill, announced that the same bill was being held up in the Senate and used as a club to bring up or keep down other bills, and moved that it be made a special order for 3 o'clock, which was done.

#### JOHN P. STOKES

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Court Commissioner, United States Commissioner, and Assistant to the Federal District Attorney in the prosecution of the peonage cases. All of this before he was 25 years old. When he came to the Legislature, he was at once recognized as a man who was destined to lead in the work of that body. He was elected Speaker pro-tem, and had presided over the deliberations of the House but two or three times, when he showed by his work that he had learned the fine and difficult points of that trying position. He displayed a mastery of the rules of the House, and of the parliamentary rules of other deliberative bodies, that caused the oldest and most practiced House parliamentarians to be careful how they questioned his decisions. He displayed a knowledge of constitutional law both as presiding officer and as a member of the House Judiciary Committee that gave his expressed opinions the weight that authority and knowledge always give.

He introduced a number of bills, a majority of which were enacted into law. His great bill and the one behind which he put all the force of his vigorous mentality and his impressive personality, was the Loan Shark Bill. This bill passed in the House by a practically unanimous vote, and had but one vote recorded against it in the Senate. It is a great bill, and more than that, is a good bill. It is directed against those who prey upon the unfortunate. It makes unlawful in this State, the practice of usury; and imposes penalty of fine and imprisonment on those who get rich on the misfortunes of men.

He voted for, and ardently, ably and vigorously supported and championed, every measure for the uplift of humanity, and for the betterment of moral conditions in this State. He was in the prohibition fight, he was against race track gambling, he was for the referendum, and he was one of the leaders in the long, hard, continuous and successful fight for the purification of the ballot.

"He speaks well who speaks from the heart," and the speeches of Mr. Stokes on the floor of the House of Representatives of 1909 rang with sincerity, and he combined in them earnestness and a warmth without which human speech is but agitation of the air. With these ingredients,

his speeches could not fail of eloquence, and with but few speeches to his credit—because he DID more than he TALKED—he will be remembered as one of the best speakers in the Legislature of 1909.

Show me a young man without ambition, and I will point out to you a man who does not possess a love of his country nor a true conception of the purpose of the Creator who put man into the world for his growth, his development and for the evolution of his spiritual nature.

Mr. Stokes will be a candidate four years from now for member of the Federal House of Representatives from the Third Congressional District of Florida. The people of this State could do no better than to call a man like this to one of its high positions of honor and trust, giving him an opportunity to work in the vineyard of the public weal.

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