

TO BUILD MARQUETTE MONUMENT.**Senate Reconsiders Its Vote and Passes the Bill—Resolutions to Purge Cooper.**

Springfield, Ill., May 2.—In the passage of the bill appropriating \$25,000 for the erection of a monument to Father Jacques Marquette, the explorer and missionary, Senator Mahoney won a great victory. Two weeks ago the Senate voted to kill the bill, but the motion by which it was killed was reconsidered. Today the bill passed with but six votes in the negative—Berry, Dunlap, Kingsbury, Munroe, Templeton, and Wall. The bill was a special order on a motion made by Senator Evans last week to reconsider the vote.

Senator Higbee's bill appropriating \$25,000 to build a monument to Elija P. Levejoy was advanced to a third reading and made a special order for Thursday.

Senator Berry offered a resolution that Frank H. Cooper, of Siegel, Cooper & Co., having appeared before the Senate and having purged himself from contempt from answering all questions pertinent to the inquiry of the committee appointed to investigate department stores be discharged. The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, The Committee on Department Stores appointed under Senate resolution 43 asked of Frank H. Cooper certain questions in the course of said investigation which said Frank H. Cooper refused to answer; and

Whereas, The Senate, upon request of a report of said committee, sent for said Frank H. Cooper and brought him before the bar of the Senate for contempt for refusing to answer the questions propounded by said committee; and

Whereas, Said Frank H. Cooper, when brought before the bar of the Senate and said questions were again propounded to him by the President of the Senate, Cooper answered all of such questions as, in the judgment of the Senate, are relative and material to the investigation under the resolution, and said Frank H. Cooper having thus purged himself of such contempt by answering all questions pertinent to the investigation; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate that said Frank H. Cooper be excused from making answer to the remaining questions propounded and that he be discharged.

On the Senator's motion action on the resolution was postponed and made a special order for next Tuesday immediately following the reading of the journal.

Mr. Cooper did not appear in the Senate chamber today and no attempt was made to continue his examination, which was left unfinished the day previous.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of Senator Crawford's elevated railroad bill and his street railway bill, and asking concurrence in the following amendment to the elevated railroad bill:

Any elevated railroad company shall have the right to purchase, hold, and own the whole or a part of the capital stock of any other elevated railroad, provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize an elevated railroad to purchase or become interested in the stock of another elevated railroad owning a parallel or competing line.

The Senate concurred—ayes 36, nays none.

Senator Niehaus' bill to abolish fees and commissions as a compensation of State's Attorneys and their assistants, which came up as a special order on second reading, was ordered recommitted to the Committee on Judicial Department.

Senator Niehaus offered the following amendments to the bill, which were adopted:

Requiring the State's-Attorney to report at each term of court the fact that he had paid over the fees and fines collected by him. Also giving State's-Attorneys the right of appointing their own assistants and making the salaries payable monthly instead of quarterly.

Discussion was evoked by the amendment offered by Senator Salomon fixing the salary of the State's-Attorney in Cook County at \$15,000 a year and allowing him to appoint and fix the salaries of his assistants.

Senator Johnson introduced a bill to prevent persons from falsely assuming to possess the attributes of the deity, or falsely assuming to be the son of God. If the bill passes, and there is little reason to doubt that it will, it will put an end to such nuisances as Cyrus Teed, the "Anointed," who has a so-called heaven in Chicago, and Schweinfurth, who runs a disgraceful resort near Rockford, which he calls a heaven.