

of House file 307. On February 12 Senator Cessna of Poweshiek introduced Senate file 492, but on March 20 withdrew it.

House file 307 was reported out February 22 by the House Committee on Constitutional Amendments, of which Edson of Buena Vista was chairman. The report recommended all be stricken out after the enacting clause and a substitute adopted, which was done. Later amendments were filed and on March 15 the bill was taken up, the amendments adopted and the bill passed. April 1 it was received back from the Senate, having been amended and passed. April 6 the House refused to concur in the Senate amendments and appointed a Conference Committee. On April 8 the House adopted the report of the Conference Committee, but the same day reconsidered its action, defeated the report of the committee, appointed a second Conference Committee, then asked the Senate to return the bill to the House, which the Senate did, and the final adjournment of the session occurred the same day, leaving no enactment for the decennial election upon a constitutional convention.

RETURNED TO HIS FIRST LOVE

We see by the *North-West* that Charley Aldrich, one of the staunch pioneers in newspaper enterprises in the northwestern part of the state, has bought out Mr. Henderson of the *Marshalltown Times* and will enter upon his editorial duties on the 20th inst. Like a good many other men, Charley got a little tired of the drudgery of his profession and turned farmer. But how can a regularly born-and-bred quill driver like him be content while disconnected from the editorial sanctum? The idea of his finding permanent delight in raising grapes and melons is absurd. He is a born newspaper man and has no moral right to desert that profession which nature and education designed and fitted him to follow. Come back to your first love, friend, and don't desert it again. We assure the people of Marshalltown that they will find Mr. Aldrich a ready writer, a genial companion, a hard-working, radical politician, and an experienced editor, every way qualified to make for them a first-class paper.—*Iowa State Register*, September 6, 1866. (In newspaper collection of the Historical Department of Iowa.)

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