

bered 25, 26 and 27 for the year 1911, Sauk county, issued on lands now a part of Devil's Lake state park and which lands subsequent to the issue of such tax certificates were conveyed to the state warranted to be clear of all liens and encumbrances.

[No. 64, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22.

Relating to the appointment of a joint committee of the legislature to investigate all conditions pertaining to the House of Good Shepherd, located in the city of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and also the management of a publication called "The Kuryer Polski" in reference to its published items thereon.

WHEREAS, There has at various times heretofore, and also under date of February eighteenth of No. 48, there appeared in the columns of the Kuryer Polski an item under the headline of "The House of Good Shepherd," which news items partly reads as follows:

"There is in Milwaukee a large building at 5010 North avenue, on a prairie near the western city limits. It is called 'The House of Good Shepherd.'

"The name would indicate that it is a charitable religious institution.

"But the name is misleading.

"It is only 'religious' insofar as the personality of owners and managers is concerned. The owners and managers are Catholic nuns.

"In fact it is a workshop, a laundry, a prison workshop such as the chair factory in the county house of correction, or the twine factory in the state prison. And the inmates are young girls.

"It is not run to elevate the character of the prisoner-girls, but—is run for profit, for the gain of dollars and cents! Nothing elevating about it.

"The difference between the House of Correction, or the State Prison, and the 'House of Good Shepherd' is that any profits that may accrue from the work of prisoners in the state institutions go to the prisoners or into the public treasury; and the prisoners work only 8 to 10 hours and are treated fair. While the profits that accrue from the work of the young girl prisoners in the House of Good Shepherd go into the pockets of a private sectarian order, and the girl prisoners are forced to work 14 to 15 hours a day (notwithstanding child labor laws) and are mistreated shamefully."

*Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring. That, as a*

matter of justice to the management of the House of Good Shepherd and for the information of the general public of this state, a joint committee of the legislature consisting of three assemblymen to be appointed by the speaker, and two senators to be appointed by the presiding officer of the senate, be constituted to fully investigate the existing conditions at the House of Good Shepherd, and also the management and all other officers connected with the publication of the *Kuryer Polski*.

The said committee is invested with plenary powers to perform and discharge the duties by this resolution enjoined, and in the exercise of such power, it may, among other things, by subpoena issued over the signature of the chairman of said committee, and served in the manner that circuit court subpoenas are served, summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of all books, papers, documents and records necessary or convenient to be examined or used by them as evidence. They may also either as a committee or through a proper person authorized by them, examine all books, papers, documents and records relating to any matter mentioned herein, and may do all other things which may to them appear necessary or convenient to make full examination and investigation as directed herein. Said committee shall have power to employ such counsel, stenographers, clerks and assistants as may be necessary and may, by any member thereof, administer oaths to all persons brought or appearing before it.

The said committee shall with all reasonable dispatch discharge the duties hereby imposed, and shall submit a report to this session of the legislature of its findings and recommendations.

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[No. 16, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23.

To amend section 21 of article IV of the constitution, relating to compensation of members of the legislature.

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That section 21 of Article IV of the constitution be amended to read: (Article IV) Section 21. Each member of the legislature shall receive for his services \* \* \* such sum \* \* \* to be paid at such times and in such manner as shall be prescribed by law. \* \* \* The compensation prescribed for members of the legislature immediately prior to the adoption of this amendment shall continue in force until changed by the legislature in a manner consistent with the other provisions of this constitution.*