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Nebraska Legislature-Its Mem

We believe it is conceeded on all hands that this Legislature is a decided improvement upon the past, (especially the lower House,) of which we propose to speak in detail, although there are many of that body who were members of the last and two former Legislatures. We have witnessed the proceedings of many of the State Legislatures, and from what we know, we do not hesitate to say that the Nebraska Legislature would not suffer by a comparison with any of them, for intelligence of a high order, and ability worthy of note, is found in the Delegations from every County.

The extreme northern, new and fast populating County of Dakota, is represented in the House, by W. G. Crawford, and E. C. Jones. Mr. Crawford is a young lawyer, and one of those pleasant social gentlemen, one likes to meet; besides he is what we would call a sound logician, and being well read in his profession, he makes an able representative. Mr. Jones was a member of the last Legislature, and although a young man and a farmer, making no pretentions to human greatness, he studies well the interests of his constituents.

Burt and Cuming Counties are represented by W. B. Beck, a wealthy farmer, who represented those counties two years ago, in the same House. He is a man of few words, but is never found mistakend as to the true policy to be pursued respecting the best interest of the Territory, and his immediate constituents.

Washington County, has for her representatives in the House, J. S. Stewart, a representative last year, and Judge P G. Cooper, and A. Perkins, new members. Washington County could have found no better representatives than this trio. Mr. Stewart is a man with Legislative experience, of much firmness and reliability. From Judge Cooper's antewhen weighed in the balance he will never be found wanting. Mr. Perkins is a about small matters of legislation; but thus far has played his hand to win.

man, with a few silver hairs, a very keen eye and frank expression. He was, we believe, for three years, the editor and proprietor of an eastern journal, of no small pretentions. He is Chairman of the Committee on County Boundaries and County Seats. He has introduced a Bill for the purpose of giving the settlers of the Territory, the power to organize new Counties. It is a most important measure, and will prevent future corrupt Legislatures from organizing new Counties, to suit the convenience of foreign speculators,

We come now to speak of the representatives of Douglas County. Her experienced Parlimentarian and ready debator, Armstrong, her sound and clear headed Stewart, candid, upright, and impartial Paddock, learned, courteous and gentlemanly Thrall, her shrewd and sagacious Steinberger, honest and faithful Murphy, talented and we are sorry to add bullying Poppleton, and his Marshal, not Ney, but Clayes, make a Delegation which would do credit to any State or Territory, as representatives.

Sarpy County is represented, in part. the same as last year. Messrs. Holloway and Strickland were returned this year. J. Davidson and A. Gates, the two new members from this County, are too well known, personally, to most of our people, to need a remark, and in their known integrity and reliability our people have the most unbounded confidence.

Cass County, next on the river, southward, and the first County south of the great Platte, has four representatives in the persons of Dr. A. Donelan, T. M. Marquette, J. Van Horn, and L. Sheldon. The first named, Dr. Donelan, has been a member of the Missouri Legislature, three years. His past experience, his mature judgment and his genuine candor make him conspicuous among the first of the House. Mr. Marquette is a good looking, quiet, young man, a lawyer by profession. He seldom speaks, but when he does, it is always to the point, and well timed. We venture the prediction, that if true merit shall meet with its just reward, in the future of this Territory, Of Van Horn, we cannot say so much of from Minnesota.

BELLEVUE GAZETTE. his personal beauty, but this we know,he is a plain, open handed, unostentations

meet the expectations of his supporters, to come off to-morrow, in Omaha, he Dr. J. C. Campbell, from the same Coun- would not get a dozen votes." Puett of ty, member of the second Legislature, the same body, he says, has been disapand Chairman of the Committee on Priv- pointed in a matter of Land Office. He actual usefulness, and sterling worth. His who "falsified pledges he made before ripe experience and always pointed and he was Speaker." Strickland, is spoken not only of his constituents, but from all Mugginses." Hon. James S. Allen, of the members of the House, their respect Sarpy, is spoken of as one who "blindly and confidence. W. B. Hail, in this Del. follows Ferguson, Strickland, and Bowen. egation, has been a member of every Legislature of Nebraska. He is the very embodiment of all that is honorable in a legislative point of view. Nothing that could be written or said of him, would or could change the high opinion the people of the Territory have of him as a man, and a legislator. D. B. Robb, from that beautiful little place, Wyoming, in the same County, is a young man, with a keen perception of right, and having the nerve and a bold, daring, and independent courage to advocate what is just and right, he is seldom or never found at fault in the discharge of his legislative duties. J. G. Abbe from Otoe City, another rural district from the same County, is a man we should think of some experience in the world, and to quote the language of a paper published in his own County, "he has a fair share of talent." Morton, commonly known as J. Sterling Morton, cedents, we are inclined to the belief that from this County, is the Merry-Andrew of the body, having no influence for good or evil. He is useful in his place, his lebold looking man, making but little ado gitimate business of expending his fund of waggish wit, for the amusement of the ty of such a pen. more grave and sedate members; but we J. W. Taggart represents Dodge and have a prescedent,-ancient kings arrayed Omaha, we have only to say, that he has Platte Counties. He is a middle aged in all their glory and greatness, had their enjoyed the confidence of his own people fools-no we mean clowns-no we don't we mean buffoon-we are wrong againwe mean such a character as played the fool, clown or buffoon, in the ring of our modern circuses; then why are we, in the Nebraska Legislature, not entitled to our share of this kind of amusement?

Nemaha and Johnson Counties are represented by S. A. Chambers A. J. Benedict, and - Minick. Mr. Chambers has been a member the two previous Legislatures, and is one of those straightforward, consistent kind of men, that to differ with, could only be done in the most respectful terms, for he carries with his position, weight of character, combined with sincerity, which, even with the vulgar always commands respect. Judge Benedict is a new member, but no less useful in his place, than many who have spent many terms in legislating. He occupies a high position in the County he represents, and is held in high esteem, by the members, as a man. Mr. Minick is a young and new member, and seems to glory in having for his motto, the reverse of Davy Crocket's, which is, "be sure you are right, then go ahead."

Last comes the Counties of Richardson and Pawnee. A. F. Cromwell, W. King and - Rogers, are the representatives. Mr. Cromwell was a member last winter, and we believe no more conscientious man ever sat in a Legislative Hall. His constituents acted wisely in sending him back, their interests confided in such hands, are always safe. Mr. King, we believe, is a minister of the gospel, of what denomination, we do not know. He is a grave, candid and truthful man, with enough of good business tact, to guard well the interest of those who have entrusted him with the high position of legislation. Mr. Rogers from the same County, has but just taken his seat. He, too, is a divine. We know but little of him, but his appearance is indicitive of a sober and serious intelligence, consistent with his profession.

With such a body of men as the above, if no good legislation is had for the entire Territory, this session, it will be a long time ere we shall realize any.

Steel and Gen. Shields, formally of young Marquette will make his mark. Illinois, have been elected U. S. Senators the Nebruskian. If they dare vote, write,

going on, rather than an active participant. record is so black that it will by no means that are matters of no public concern. The next River County, south, is Otoe, bear the scrutinizing glance of honesty the banner County south of the Platte. and honor." Hon. Mr. Reeves, as "a She has a Delegation that is second to man whose few brains are entirely connone in the Legislature. J. C. Decker, trolled by his blind prejudices, and whose from this County, is Speaker of the House. mulish propensities decidely predominate He was a member of the first two Legis. over his reasoning faculties." Judge latures, and was considered the best Par. Bradford, member of the Council, is spoklimentarian of those bodies. As Speaker, en of "as one who pledged his honor for of this body, it would be enough to say, a certain purpose, then violated it, and that of the votes cast for that effice, he boasted of the same." Furnas of the received 20 out of 32, and the Omaha Council, is spoken of as "a clever nobody." combination against him As a candid, Rogers of the same house, is pitched into impartial and able presiding officer, he on general terms, and the grave charge has no superior, in the history of Nebras- made against him, that he follows blindly ka legislation; and we know will fully his prejudices, "that if an election were leges and Elections, stands second to no then pitches into the speaker of the House, man in that body, in point of real ability, Mr. Decker, who is spoken of as one sagelike reasoning, have won for him, of as the "high cockolorum among the

Now for facts. In regard to the first charge, is there a man in the Territory, that has more and better social qualities, than Gen. L. L. Bowen? We ask the people, the masses, his enemies, his political foes, if ever a man presided over a deliberative body, through a storm, such an one as existed last winter, and received, as did Bowen, the unanimous endorsement of that body, friends and foes, for fairness and impartiality?

The foolish, soulless, pointless, attacl upon Hon. M. S. Reeves, with all that know him, falls to the ground, harmless, He is a sound, sedate, clear headed, honorable man; honored by all, respected even by his enemies.

Of Judge Bradford, we venture the remark, it is the first time any journal ever published his name in connection with a dishonorable intent.

Furnas was lauded to the skies, last winter, by this scurrilous sheet. He is a man of sufficient ability to keep a position so high in the estimation of honorable men, never to be reached by the scurrili-

As to Rogers, a Councilman from since the organization of the Territory. He has been a member of every Legislature, since that time. He is a man of mind and acknowledged ability, and what the editor of the Nebraskian can never aspire to, an honest man.

Puett is a young man, with that good practical sense, coupled with that high order of intelligence that peculiarly fit a man to think and act for himself, regardless of such terrible attempts from so con- foremest of the House. temptible a source, to deter him.

The Nebraskian can make the wholesale charges against Decker, and charge him with faithlessness, in regard to his pledges, but the history of the man, his well known unswerving integrity, will refute the base slander, without a written

As to Strickland, and Holloway being his bottle holder,-we do object to the firm of Chapman, Robertson and Lockwood. After having defrauded an old Indian trader, Gen. Peter A. Sarpy, out of one he is pleased to term a " practical joke." thousand dollars, then steal the old Genertheir own gang.

As regards the attack upon Hon. J. S. Allen, we think he shows less sense and more weakness than any little thing written by him. There is no more self think- ders. ing and independent minded man, in Nebraska Legislature, than Mr. Allen. All who know him, know he is an astute, close reasoner, with the natural genius and acquired ability to cope with, and detect your boasted champions in corruptions.

Why are all these charges made? Simply because they are men, not things. man; or in other words, do not support ties. Chapman in his course of fraud and vilt lainy. The wiesest and the best of mankind, the high and the low of all kinds of politics, of every hue, shade and color, the Supreme Judge on his bench, Territorial Senators and members of the lower House, with reputation for honesty and integrity, of years' standing, Land Office Registers and Receivers, Post Masters, ditures. Judges of Elections, and even Jurors, do not escape the malicious malediction of the trio, Chapman, Robertson and Brotherin-law Lockwood, through the columns of speak or think for themselves, against

"Richard is Himself Again." | Chapman and his baseness, nay, they do In the Nebraskian we find a foaming, not hesitate to enter the sacred portals of establish a territorial board of agriculture, man, with a heart and principles to match, frothy article, abusing every member of of private character, even in domestic and recommended its passage. seems to be a distant observer of what is of as a man whose "political and social foibles and seeming private imperfections, and alimony.

Ambitious Legislators.

There are circumstances in the social which call forth the just indignation of the masses, and arouse the simple and unobtrusive, to a sense of justice.

Indignation at and contempt for an article which appeared in the Nebraska Bill for an act to repeal section 8, chap City News, of Dec. 19th, can only be equaled by the contemptible originator of it. If I were a citizen of the south Platte, I would be contented to allow the egotisti- agriculture. Adjourned. cal author, in his own insignificance, to abide the well merited rebuke of his former constituents.

But some explanation is due to the other portion of the Territory, as Otoe County, indignant as it may be, would yet be loath to publish the dishonor of her own

The "practical joker" of the House, telligence and character," to represent Otoe County in that august body, composed of his so called "nincompoops." " Men of intelligence!" ah! it is a happy idea, happily drawn from the volatile brain. Certainly the lower the order of talent is his delegation, the greater will be the contrast in him. A sandy foundation for "men of wit," and "character." libeler aright, wonder that his vocabulary qui court county. repose; he could smile at the success of Plattford. his "practical jokes." The would be Speaker grants that " Otoe County is second in point of intelligence and ability, in the House." We all grant that, A Legislative Hall would present a sorry spectacle without a " Merry-Andrew."

"In Dr. Campbell we have not the qualities of a brilliant legislator." Men of less wit but some sound judgment, may think different. The Territory does not hesitate to pronounce him among the talented and honest legislators now sitting.

Strickland must feel highly honored by the auchor's notice of him. The " muggenses" hear him, hence the lobby is strangely complimented.

The northern portion of the Territory is scarce worthy of notice. The ignor. An act to change the name of Wm. Bir ance of Dakota's representatives is de- whistle. plorable. Mr. Crawford wants the erubescent light of a witty mind, to illumin and for other purposes. the House; hence he notices "nothing particularly striking or worthy of com. ment." Unambitious men perceive in Mr. Crawford, a talent and faculty admirably fitted for the duties of a legislator. esty of purpose, places him among the

A word for the honesty of the jester of the House, "who is universally regarded as the ablest member south of the Platte." It is well known that he supported Ferguson for Delegate to Congress, but in his ambition to become Speaker of the House, did bargain with the representatives whom he fails now to notice, to crush all action in the House, with reference to either Delegate. How well he kept his pledge, is too well known, and his double flight from the path of honor

The "little joker" may not have penned al's language, so aptly applied to one of every word of the article, which appeared in his paper of the 19th Dec., but the shameless master of a shameless act, is truly culpable, and the slave that does his bidding, is but the tool to obey or-PHILO.

Nebraska Legislature. COUNCIL.

Tuesday, Dec. 22. Council met pursuant to adjourment. Mr. Bowen of Sarpy, in the chair. Prayer by the Chaplain.

Because they are friends of an honest districts. Referred to committee on counthat he be sworn in.

On motion of Mr Reeves, C B No 4: An act to amend the charter of the city of Fontenelle, was read second and third times, passed, and title agreed to.

C B No 4: An act to authorize the city of Brownville, to dispose of property. Read third time, passed, and title agreed C B No 82: A bell for an act to rescind ond time and referred to com. on expen-

Mr Kirkpatrick gave notice of a bill to regulate the location of county seats. The school bill was made the special order for Wednesday, 2 o'clock. Adjourned.

Wednesday, Dec. 23. Met pursuant to adjourment

Mr. Reeves reported back an act to

that makes him a true representative. the Legislature, who voted for the Fergu- concerns, and drag to light and expose to mitte, reported adversely to C B No 25, Mr. Sheldon, we know but little of; he son Resolutions. L. L. Bowen is spoken public gaze, through that filthy sheet, the an act to amend an act, entitled divorce relative to minors.

H F No 13: An act relating to mechanics' liens. Referred to committee on Judiciary.

The following bills were passed: An act to amend 31 of part 1st. of the and political history of all communities, cole of Nebraska. Approved January

> Also a bill to amend the charter of Nemaha City.

A bill for an act, to create the county of Pine.

3, of part 1, of code of Nebraska. Bill to incorporate the town of Cincin-

Bill to establish a territorial board of

Thursday, Dec. 25. Council met and adjourned until Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Monday, Dec. 21. MORNING SESSION.

House met. Mr Holloway moved to amend ournal so that it would appear that Mr sadly deplores the want of "men of in- Holloway had moved the previous question, instead of Mr. Strickland. Carried. Journal approved as amended.

> Mr Crawford in the chair. Mr Hail presented a petition from Orin Jackson, and others, relative to a ferry at Nebraska City.

Mr Decker moved its reference to com-

mittee of the whole. Mr Crawford introduced H F No 48. joint resolution relative to establishment of a tri-weekly mail, from Omaha City 'The word should have died upon his lips to Dakota City. Also, a bi-weekly mail ere he uttered it." Men who read the from Dakota City to Niobrarah, L'Eau

By Mr Davidson, of a bill to locate a contained such a word. Loudly he prates territorial road from Believue, to Ft. Kear- were passed. of honor and lulls his ductile conscience to ney, crossing the Platte river, at or near

> By Mr. Poppleton, of a bill to provide tain cases.

Also of a bill to authorize a majority of the Justices of the Supreme Court, to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. hold a special term of said court, prior to and Nays demanded. Carried by 29 to 4. the term of June, A. D. 1858.

Also of a bill to confirm the tittle of George L. Miller to certain real estate, in the city of Omaha.

By Mr Marquett, gave notice of a bill to establish a ferry across the Missouri river opposite the town of Rock Blutfs.

By Mr. Strickland, of a bill relative to the collection and compiling of the laws the House. Carried. of the territory of Nebraska, and indexing the same.

By Mr. Cromwell, HF No 49, of a bill to change the name of Pawnee County to that of Buchanan County.

Mr Poppleton introduced H F No 50: Mr. King introduced H F No 51:

act fixing the rate of toll, for grinding House took recess until 2, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESS.ON.

House met. The special order of the day being the ler county. following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of Mr Per-A man of solid judgment good debating kins, the contest of Messrs, Sullivan and Rogers to George Rogers. powers, joined with an unswerving hon- Cooper, and all the papers, Poll Books, &c., sent to this House, from Washington en: County, be referred to a committee of the whole House, and made the special order of Monday next, at 2, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Morton, the House now resolved itself in a committee, of the whole, on the special orders of the day.

Mr. Armstrong in the chair. After remaining sometime therein, the committee arose and through their chairman, Mr Armstrong, reported that they had had under consideration, the contestcounty of Washington, and beg leave to Poppleton, was indefinitely postroned. recommend the adoption of the following

Resolved, That P. C. Saliivan, is not entitled to seat in this House, as representative from the county of Washington, and that Alonzo Perkins, is entitled to a seat in this House, as representative from

the county of Washington. Adopted. Mr Perkins now presented himself and was sworn into office House adjourned.

Tuesday, Dec. 22. MORNING SESSION. The committee on privilages and elections made the following report.

Your committee on privilages and elections, beg leave to report that they have examined the certificate of election of P. W. Rogers, from the Representative District of Richardson and Pawnee counties, Mr. Bowen presented a petition of cer- and find that he was duly elected Repretain citizens of Douglas Co., praying that sentative from said District, and is entithe county might be divided into election tied to a seat on this floor, and recommend

J C CAMPBELL. S A STRICKLAND. J W PADDOCK. S A CHAMBERS. W B BECK.

Whereupon Mr. Rogers presented himself, and was sworn into office.

Mr Morton presented the petition of J B Weston and others, praying for the and refund Territorial taxes. Read sec- re-location of the county seat of Gage

newal of a ferry charter.

Also a petition to repeal an act to au-

By Mr Perkins of a bill to amend the charter of the Fort Calhoun and Iowa ferry company. Also of a bill to incorporate the town of Fort Calheun.

By Mr Crawford, of a bill for an act

By Mr Stewart, of Douglas, of a bill to incorporate the Nebraska Settlement Co. Also of a bill to amend an act, entitled an act, locating, opening, repairing and changing county roads. Approved Jan. 26, 1856.

Mr Marquette introduced H F, No 52: an act to locate the seat of justice of Calhoun county.

Mr Crawford introduced H F, No 53: bill to incorporate Dakota City.

Mr Beck introduced H F, No 54; an act to amend an act, entitled an act, to incorporate the city of Tekamah, in Burt county. Approved March 14, 1855.

Mr Donelan introduced H F, No 55; an act to incorporate the town of North Rock Bluffs.

The following bills from council were taken up.

C B, No 42; a bill for an act to authorize the city of Brownsville, to dispose

C B, No 12; a bill for an act to exempt the homestead of families from forced sale to pay debts. On motion bill was referred to committee

of the whole, and made the special order for Thursday next, at 2 o'clock P. M. C B, No 24; bill for an act to locate a territorial road from Plattsmouth to Ches-

ter. Read and referred to committee on roads and bridges. C B, No 19; a bill for an act fixing the time for convening the Legislative

Assembly. Referred to committee on Ju-C B, No 11; a bill for an act to license and regulate the sale of malt and spirit-

uous and vinous liquors in the Territory of Nebraska. On motion of Mr Campbell, referred to committee of the whele, and made the special order for Dec. 30.

The following bills from the House H F, No 50; an act to change the name

of William Birtwhistle. HF, No 38; an act to assign the Jusfor the confinement of prisoners in cer- tices of the supreme court, to their respective Judicial Districts.

Mr Steinberger moved to adjourn until

Wednesday, Dec. 23. MORNING SESSION.

Mr. Poppleton moved to instruct the chief clerk, to hold possesion of the resolutions relating to Delegate to Congress, now pending before the House, on a motion to reconsider, until further order of

Mr. Holloway moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn until Monday

next, at 2. P. M. Carried. Mr. Marquette introduced H F No 56: An act to establish and keep a ferry across Missouri River at the town of Rock Bluffs.

Mr Crawford introduced H F No 57:

An act relative to minors. Mr Benedict introduced H F No 58: An act to authorize John F and A C Edwards, to keep and establish a ferry across the Missouri River at Aspinwall. Mr Donelan in roduced H F. No 39: An act to locate the seat of justice, of But-

Mr Campbell introduced H F No 6: An act to change the name of Achillis

The following notices of bills were giv-

By Mr Hail, of a bill allowing David Kinnison, to establish and keep a ferry at Kinnison's Ferry, on the little Nemaha.

By Mr Jones, of a bill for an act to change the day of holding general elections from the first Monday in August, until the second Tuesday in October. By Mr. Marquett, of a bill to incorpo-

rate Eclippe City. H F No 9: An act to locate a Territorial road from Rock Port to Elkhorn ed seats of the representatives from the City, was taken up, and on motion of Mr

> Mr Crawford introduced a memorial relative to the public lands. On motion of Mr Armstrong, it was referred to com. of the whole, and made special order for Thursday of next week,

at 2, P. M. Adjourned. Congress convened at Washington on the 7th inst. The Senate organized by electing Hon. Benj. Fitzpatrick, of Alabama, as President, pro tem, the Vice President not having reached Washington. The House organized by electing James L. Orr, of South Carolina, as. Speaker.

John Robert Wells, of Litchfield, Ky., was lately married to Miss Emeline Jeanes of Grayson. Mr. Wells is six feet high, thirty five years of age, and weighs one hundred and sixty pounds, while Miss Jeanes is "a bonnie thing," twenty-three years old, three feet, in height, and weighs just forty-five pounds! As Tom Hood would say, this is "the long and short of it."

DEATH OF AN OLD SERVANT .- OR Thursday last, Mr. William Hill, who and for the last fifty years been Secretary of State of North Carolina, died at his residence in that State.

A fire at Brownsville, Texas, on the 16th ult., destroyed property to the value of \$200,000, and blew up ninety-five kegs Mc Chambers presented the petition of of powder, killing four persons and injur-Adam Ivers and others, praying for a re-

Samuel C. Goodrich, it is stated, has thorize Jacob Naffsinger, to keep a ferry obtained a verdict of \$8,000 damages across the Missouri River, at Mt Vernon, against a publishing firm, for getting up and grant a charter to Thomas Marshall. books in the name of Peter Parley-Mr. The following notice of bills were giver. Goodrich's non de plums.