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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Montana state senate indefinitely postponed the woman's suffrage amendment.

James J. Corbett sent $2,500 to Al Smith in New York as a forfeit for a match with Jeffries.

It is expected the next automobile race for the James Gordon Bennett cup will be held in Ireland.

Fire in Brown Brothers' house furnishing goods store, Cleveland, O., did damage estimated at $100,000.

Goubet, the French inventor of the submarine torpedo boat, has developed insanity, and has been placed in an asylum.

George C. Perkins was formally elected United States senator at Sacramento, Cal., in joint meeting of the legislature.

Finance Minister Witte of Russia has decided to reduce the yearly tax on foreign commercial travelers from $325 to $100.

United States Senator John C. Spooner was the unanimous choice for re-election in the joint senatorial caucus of the Wisconsin legislature.

The workhouse board of Toledo, O., has issued an order setting at liberty all prisoners held for stealing coal from the railway yards and tracks.

General Frederick D. Grant left Washington to resume his duties as commander of the department of Texas. He paid his respects to the president before his departure.

Orders have been received at Chinese bureau of special regulations for the admission of Chinese during the St. Louis exposition, which have been drafted by the secretary of the treasury at Washington.

The lawyers representing the coal operators and the miners at Philadelphia have drafted a bill limiting ages for children to work in coal mines and factories. The ages of boys permitted to work in mines is raised from 14 to 16 years; in the breakers, from 12 to 14.

Contracts have been let by the Longmont Beet Sugar company for the construction of a beet sugar factory at Longmont, Colo., that will cost over a million dollars. The plant will have a capacity of 1,200 tons daily, and is to be ready to begin grinding beets October 1, next.

A man who refused to disclose his identity called on the city chamberlain of New York and handed him five $1,000 bills. The stranger said he had been troubled mentally for some time for a financial indebtedness to the city. The money was credited to the "conscience fund."

The New River coal operators of Charleston, W. Va., decided to advance the wages of their employes. The advance decided upon grants an increase of 5 cents in mining rates per ton, a 20 per cent advance for the day inside men and 10 per cent for the duty outside men, including coke men.

The national board of trade at its meeting in Washington elected the following officers: Blanchard Randall, Baltimore, president, re-elected; B. A. Eckhart, Chicago, first vice president; W. P. Kennett, St. Louis, second vice president, and W. R. Tucker, Philadelhpia, secretary and treasurer, re-elected.

At a caucus of republican members of the Utah legislature Reed Smoot of Provo, an apostle in the Mormon church, was chosen as the republican nominee for United States senator to succeed Senator Joseph L. Rawlins, whose term of office will expire March 3, next. This nomination is equivalent to an election.

At Berlin the reichstag, by a vote of 143 to 70, adopted the tariff committee's resolution, asking the government to consider whether it is not in the interest of the nation to place a different duty on refined petroleum, as against crude, in order to establish a national refining industry. The resolution is directed against the Standard Oil company.

The committee of the United Christian party has issued a call for a convention at Rock Island, Ill., May 21, for the purpose of discussing the recommendation of candidates for president and vice president of the United States who shall stand for the practical application of the golden rule in government and the righteous enforcement of the principles of the initiative and the referendum.

A bill appropriating $500,000 for the Lewis and Clark exposition to be held in Portland in 1905 was introduced in the Oregon senate. Fifty thousand of this amount is to be used for an Oregon exhibit at the St. Louis exposition.

Rev. Dr. John Proctor, who comes from London as the representative of the master general of the Dominican order to inspect the Dominican house in California, arrived in New York from Liverpool. He will visit cities in other states unofficially.

THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

A Synopsis of Proceedings in Both Branches of the Twenty-Eighth General Assembly.

SENATE.

In the senate on the 14th, among the bills introduced were the following: To provide for the payment of fees to the commissioners of public lands and buildings in certain cases. Memorializing congress to establish the true military status of the first Nebraska militia. To authorize and require counties, precincts, townships, of towns, cities, villages and school districts to compromise their indebtedness and issue bonds. To define conditions of child treatment, and to prescribe methods for the protection, disposition and supervision of independent, neglected, cruelly or ill-treated children, and to provide punishment for violation of this act, and defining children's aid societies, institutions, jurisdiction, parents, guardians, place of safety. Authorizing the preparation of an official statute to make it admissable in evidence and for the purchase of a supply thereof by the state. And arranging for the publication of 2,000 sets of two volumes each, the state to pay the sum of $9 per set and to authorize J. E. Cobbey to prepare and publish them without cost to the state. A joint resolution was introduced by Senator Hall of Douglas proposing amendments to sections 2, 6 and 13 of article 4, entitled: "The judicial department" of the constitution of the state of Nebraska, and providing for publishing the same, and for submitting them to the electors of the state for approval or rejection. This resolution amends the clause in section 2, article 6, relating to the number of supreme judges, and defining a quorum. It strikes out the number of judges and leaves it to the discretion of the legislature. They can appoint any number they may see fit. It changes the method of selection of the chief justice, set forth in section 6, article 6, and requires his selection by lot in place of tenure of office. It also amends section 13, article 6, which states the salary supreme judges are to receive and leaves the salary to be decided upon by the legislature.

Senator Hall of Douglas presided during the morning session of the senate on the 15th. Pemberton of Gage read a bid from Dora Bachelor to furnish the senate with daily journals for $300 for the entire session, and she was awarded the contract. The committee on municipal affairs, at a meeting, decided to report favorably on senate file No. 1 in regard to the purchase of the Omaha waterworks, introduced by Howell of Douglas. These bills, among others, were introduced: To authorize the boards of county commissioners or supervisors to make contracts for the construction and reparation of bridges; empowering county commissioners to use their own judgment whether to contract work or purchase material and employ labor; changes two-thirds of the levy of the current year to 85 per cent before contract is let. To provide for a landlord's lien upon all crops grown upon leased premises and upon any other personal property of the tenant, which has been used on the premises during the term of the lease. S. F. 44, by Anderson of Saline—Act to provide for official seals of county treasurers; to provide for the gathering, compilation and publication of agricultural and industrial statistics, providing penalties and repealing section 7, chapter xxxixb., Compiled Statutes, entitled "Industrial Statistics," and amending section 72, chapter lxxvii, Compiled Statutes, entitled "Revenue."

When the senate opened on the 16th Mr. Hasty offered the following: "I move that the committee on revenue be instructed to formulate a bill covering the assessment and collection of all taxes, to be brought in not later than February 16." The motion was amended, instructing the committee to recommend a bill. Considerable oratory ensued, after which the resolution was tabled. Private Secretary Allen brought a communication from the governor asking confirmation of the appointment of a warden at the penitentiary. Hall of Douglas moved to instruct the committee on printing to have the messages of the two governors printed for the use of the house and senate. A motion was carried to have the committee confer with the committee from the house. Hall of Douglas moved that a request be sent to the governor for the Torrens' land tax commission, and his recommendation was carried. Bills were introduced: To provide a lien for labor performed for the erection, reparation or removal of any house. To establish junior normal schools and to provide for the maintenance of same. Three to be established in districts of Alliance, McCook and Valentine. Fixing the liability of subscribers for subscriptions to any newspaper, magazine or other printed periodical.

SENATE.

Roll call showed all present in the senate on the 19th when it reconvened from Friday's adjournment. President Harrison temporarily left the chair and offered the following resolution: "Resolved, That the revenue committee for the senate be and is hereby directed to hold itself in readiness to confer with and act in conjunction with any committee designated by the house of representatives to act in a similar capacity, to the end that such joint committee, so constituted, may without delay take under consideration all measures submitted to it by either house, looking to effective amendments to the present law, or the entire revision of our revenue system, and shall, after due deliberation, promptly report to the respective branches of the legislature of which it is a part, recommending for passage such measure or measures as in its wisdom will bring about the desired result." The resolution went over one day. The chief clerk of the house brought a communication that the house had concurred with the senate in regard to printing the messages of the two governors. He brought with him H. Rs. Nos. 22 and 160, and these were read a first time. The senate went into executive session and confirmed the appointment of A. V. Cole as commander of the Grand Island Soldiers' home, appointed by the governor. S. Fs. Nos. 51 to 56 were read a second time.

HOUSE.

In the house on the 14th a large number of bills were introduced, among them being the following: A bill for an act to protect the public health; to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases, and to this end to confer sanitary authority upon and to define the powers and duties of state board of health and of the secretaries thereof; to provide for the appointment and compensation of a state health inspector; to authorize establishment, maintenance and enforcement of quarantine rules and regulations; to require local officers to make timely reports of the existence of certain diseases; to make an appropriation for salaries and expenses, and to provide for presecution and to fix penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act. Authorizing courts of record, county courts, or courts of probate in the state of Nebraska to appoint as administrator, executor, guardian or curator of the estate of any deceased person, infant, insane person, idiot, spendthrift, or habitual drunkard, or as trustee for any convict in the penitentiary, or as receiver in any legal proceedings, any savings bank of the state of Nebraska. A bill for an act to compel railroad companies in Nebraska to afford equal facilities, without favoritism, or discrimination, to all persons and associations erecting or operating grain elevators and handling or shipping grain or other produce, and to provide penalties of $1,000 fine for the violation thereof, and to amend sections 1 and 4 of article 5 of chapter 72, compiled statutes of Nebraska and repeal said original sections. To provide the payment of incidental expenses incurred during the twenty-eighth session of the legislature of the state of Nebraska. Carries appropriation of $48,000. A bill for the rebuilding of the Norfolk asylum; a bill for the building of a fire proof wing to the Hastings asylum; a bill for the building of a library building at the state normal school at Peru; a bill to administer the coup de grace to the elevator monopoly by requiring railroads to furnish elevator facilities to all applicants; a bill to create the office of county auditor, and a number of bills for the collection of delinquent taxes and the perfecting of tax titles.

Immediately after the house convened on the 15th Sears of Burt called up his resolution of the previous day that no building appropriation bill should pass before the enactment of a revenue law. He made a speech in its support and moved its adoption. After considerable discussion, it was moved and carried that the resolution go over to Friday, becoming special order for that day. Bills from 61 to 85 were given their second reading and referred to committees and thirty-nine new ones were introduced, among them the following: An act providing for the taxation of telephone and express companies, requiring an annual statement to the state auditor of value of stocks and bonds and all personal and real property and empowering the auditor to demand any other information; imposing a fine of $100 per day for delay of statement; provides for valuation by state board of equalization. An act to amend section 12, article 1, chapter ii, Compiled Statutes, making it mandatory on county boards to pay county agricultural societies by warrant on general fund not exceeding 3 cents per capita in county. Act providing for making six wells in the state of Nebraska for the purpose of determining whether petroleum, coal or gas exists and can be gotten in paying quantities, and appropriating the sum of $50,000 or so much thereof as necessary; wells to be located at Chadron, Lexington, Culbertson, Columbus, Ponca and Omaha. Act to authorize the organization of mutual insurance companies for protection of domestic live stock. An act providing for deputy county superintendents and fixing their duties and compensation, by county commissioners, not to exceed two-thirds the salary of county superintendent. Act to establish junior normal schools and appropriate $18,000, providing that three of these of these schools shall be at Alliance, McCook and Valentine. An act to authorize the preparation of an official statute to make it admissible in evidence and for the purchase of a supply thereof by the state and appropriating $18,000.

The house on the 16th presented the request of the Lincoln Commercial club for the use of representative hall the afternoon and evening of January 22, when a public reception is to be tendered to D. E. Thompson, prior to his departure for Brazil. The request was granted. Sears of Burt called up his resolution to prohibit public building bills from coming to a third reading prior to the passage of a revenue measure. Memminger of Madison moved to amend by excepting from the purview of the resolution repairs and rebuilding of public buildings. The speaker ruled the amendment out of order until the motion of Sweezy of Webster to refer to the judiciary committee had first been disposed of. On the motion to refer Sears demanded the yeas and nays. The vote resulted: Yeas, 7; nays, 86. The question then recurred to the Memminger amendment, which was lost by a rising vote of 42 ayes and 45 nays. On the adoption of the resolution, Sears demanded a roll call. The vote resulted: Ayes, 78; nays, 17. The speaker announced that the resolution had been adopted, adding: "The resolution changes a standing rule of the house. Hereafter, therefore, the order will be: Bills on third reading, except bills carrying an appropriation for public buildings." These were among the bills introduced: To appropriate to the use and benefit of the University of Nebraska the moneys known as "the agricultural experiment station fund," also the fund arising under the act of congress of August 30, 1890, commonly known as "the Morrill fund," and also the fund known as "the university cash fund," carrying appropriations of $50,000, $30,000 and $85,000, respectively, against the funds named. Emergency clause. To provide a department in one of the hospitals for the insane, providing for the detention and treatment and parole of dipsomaniacs, inebriates and those addicted to the excessive use of narcotics. To provide for the gathering, compilation and publication of agricultural and industrial statistics. Appropriating the sum of $50,000, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the establishment and operation of experimental stations in Hitchcock and Keith counties.

Barely a quorum was present in the house when it was caled to order on the 19th. Douglas of Rock called up his resolution of Friday providing for the election by the house of a committee of seven to draft and introduce a revenue bill within fifteen days. He amended it so as to give the speaker the power of appointing this committee to act jointly with a like committee from the senate. Seventeen new bills were introduced and rolls from 125 to 145 read for the second time. Among bills introduced were the following: To repeal law providing for sheriffs' fees in misdemeanor cases. For the third Tuesday in January for annual meeting of the State Horticultural society. To provide for the appointment of judges and clerks of election by the county clerk, instead of the district court. To establish an experimental station at or near North Platte and appropriate $10,000.

NOTES.

A Lincoln correspondent of the Bee says: The result of today's proceedings serves to substantiate the theory that revenue legisltaion will not be ignored at this session. Leading exponents of this policy in the house are well satisfied and even enthusiastic in some cases over the progress of affairs, and give evidence of a firm belief that their idea wil achieve complete success. The introduction of the Douglas resolution is highly gratifying to Mr. Sears and his friends. Sears said today: "I am glad Douglas introduced the resolution. If he or someone else had not, I would have done so myself, for I consider that the proper way to get at the matter. I regard the resolution, therefore, as in direct line with my efforts."

Attorney Baldwin of the Union Pacific, discussing railroad taxation, said: "We do not say we are paying as much city taxes, proportionately, in the city of Omaha as other individuals or concerns. We are actualy paying less, but as a matter of fact that is right. We are paying all we ought to pay. It would manifestly be wrong to make our city taxes in Omaha equal in rate to other taxpayers. Omaha is not entitled to assess for local taxation the terminals within the city limits at their full cash value.

Both houses adjourned from Friday until Monday. The second week was an extremely busy one and the third is expected to be still more so. A great deal of real work already has been done and the foundation laid for a long, steady grind. In the house 145 bills have been introduced and in the senate fifty-six. These measures, many of them, have been given their second reading, and are being placed in the hands of the committees, which will get down to work immediately and soon have some of the bills back in the houses where they originated for further disposition.

Regarding revenue legislation, Speaker Mockett said: "I have no doubt that the necessary legislation will be enacted along this line. I think there is no disposition or desire to shirk this or any other duty. But I am of the opinion that our greatest need in the line of amending our revenue laws lies in the matter of providing adequate means of enforcing our present statutes. I do not know why this would not meet the demands fully and satisfactorily. I am of the impression that our revenue laws at present are not so bad as some might imagine, and I believe the greater number of those people who are familiar with these laws will agree with me when I say that we need a better enforcing clause and not a completely new set of revenue statutes. There may be some revisions that could with profit be made. I do not care to speak finally as to that."

John Wall, chief clerk of the house, is confined to his room by illness, and it is feared it may be protracted. If so, it brings up a question of a serious nature with reference to the work of the house. The chief clerk is the man who signs the bills in the house and it is not just clear, in case of his physicial inability to perform this duty, what disposition would be made. Whether the law would permit the first assistant chief clerk to sign in place of the chief clerk does not seem definitely settled. An opinion from Attorney General Prout will be asked in case the emergency arises.

Old members of the legislature and veterans of the lobbies who have watched the workings of many Nebraska legislatures say none ever showed greater business symptoms at the outset than the present one. Apparently there is no disposition on the part of any to prolong and put off what can be done "now," but the prevailing sentiment evidently is to facilitate the machinery of lawmaking to every possible degree.

Fusionist membership consists of twenty-four in the house and four in the senate.

Senate file No. 1, by Howell of Douglas, has been approved by the senate as a committee of the whole and ordered engrossed for a third reading. This is a bill to compel the city council of Omaha to purchase the water works plant of that city.

Another revenue resolution has been introduced by Harrison of Hall county. It provides that the revenue committee of the senate hold itself in readiness to confer with a committee that may or had been appointed by the house, on any revenue measure that may come before it. The object of the resolution is to prevent the house and senate from working along different lines.

A Fifty-Foot Calendar.

N. W. Ayer & Son, the Philadelphia advertising agents, who have a national reputation for "keeping everlastingly at it," believe in sticking to a good thing when they have one. For instance, their calendar for 1903 follows the design used for several years past, but with new coloring. And in truth it would be hard to improve upon their design; the dates are plainly readable at fifty feet, yet the calendar is not unpleasantly conspicuous; it is artistic, simple and useful and it is not surprising that it has become so popular an adjunct to business offices that the supply never equals the demand. While they last one will be mailed to any address for 25 cents, which barely covers cost and postage.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

For a time Mead was squarely up against a coal famine.

Failure is announced of the grocery store of C. S. Bicknell of Table Rock.

Two soldiers, deserters from Fort Robinson, were arrested by the sheriff of Custer county.

Saunders county has decided to hold a fair next fall and has elected officers accordingly.

Frank Reddy of Fremont fell twenty feet from a telephone pole, but was not seriously injured.

There are twelve free delivery routes in York county and several that come from adjoining counties.

James Connely and James Freeman, two prisoners awaiting trial on the charge of robbery, dug out of the county jail at Schuyler and made their escape.

The livery barn of George Hannah & Son, Stratton, was destroyed by fire, consuming grain, implements, buggies, stable and livery horses.

Governor Mickey has announced the appointment of Captain J. H. Culver of Milford an adjutant general of the Nebraska National Guard to succeed General L. W. Colby of Beatrice.

The increase in wages to the engineers of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, which is to take effect February 1, will make a difference in the payroll at Fairbury of nearly $1,500.

The trial at Chadron of James Walker, who was charged with the murder, on November 22 last, of Hasten Broadus, a gambler, in the saloon of Reed & Shorey in Crawford, resulted in his acquittal.

Several business men and quite a party of farmers who recently sold out in Gage county leave soon for Asher, a new town in south Pottawattamie county, Oklahoma, where they will go into business or have purchased land.

In a published statement setting forth reasons for consolidation with the Fairmont creamery, officials of the South Platte creamery assert that the South Platte creamery has paid out in the past fourteen years to its patrons and employes over $2,000,000.

A team belonging to Will O'Brien was stolen from the hitching rack in Friend while the owner was at an entertainment. One of the horses was a sorrel mare with white face and wire cut on left knee, also on left front foot; weight, 900 pounds. The other was a bay horse with a slit in each ear; weight, about 1,000 pounds.

F. M. Pollard, manager of the Nehawka fruit farm, reports the shipment this year of thirty-three cars of apples. They have also worked up from 18,000 to 20,000 bushels of apples into cider, making something over 50,000 gallons. They have on hand 8,500 gallons of cider which they will convert into vinegar in the spring.

Mrs. Peter Johnson of Elm Creek left home with another man, Lee Smith by name, who hails from Colorado. He husked corn for Johnson last fall. They drove from Elm Creek to Overton to take the train for Denver, but were apprehended. She returned home on the condition that Smith should be released, which was done.

At a mass meeting of the representative citizens of Hastings, held in the courthouse, it was decided to instruct the mayor and city council to accept Mr. Carnegie's offer of $15,000 for the erection of a public library, and the mayor and council were authorized to levy a 2-mill tax to raise the sum of $1,500 annually for the maintenance of the public library.

J. E. Nance, who lives about ten miles southwest of Adams, committed suicide in a horrible manner. He went into the smoke-house, where was kept coal oil, and poured the fluid over his head and clothing, and then set fire to the oil. He rushed out of the smoke-house all aflame, and ran across a cornfield, until he dropped dead in a ditch.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Bassett has received a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Wilson notifying him that W. D. Collyer, United States inspector of dairy export, has been assigned to attend the meeting of the dairy association in Lincoln, February 22-23. The presence of Mr. Collyer, it is said, will lend much interest to the meeting, and he will be asked to judge the exhibits.

Frank Baird, who was arrested a few days ago for robbery near Bursay, Iowa, formerly lived in Plattsmouth. He is an ex-convict, having gone to Fort Madison, Iowa, in 1894 for two and a half years for counterfeiting. Before returning to Iowa it is said that he shipped his household goods to Creston and then set fire to the building he rented and collected $500 insurance on his household goods.

A rumor is current in Beatrice that the Union Pacific is considering the advisability of moving its shops from Beatrice to Marysville, Kan. The report, however, is not confirmed by officials of the road.

Joseph Tschauner, sr., was killed at the approach of the Platte river bridge at Osceola. He was coming home from Columbus, and one of his horses being slower than the other, on going up the approach the wheel struck one of the rails and Mr. Tschauner was thrown out and instantly killed.

There is a woman in New Jersey who needs disciplining at the hands of her outraged sex. When she found a good servant maid determined to get married she gave up her handsome house to the bride for the wedding festivities, even to a brilliant reception. This encouragement of the shortage of an already slender crop of the servant girl supply by the blighting influence of matrimony is a serious phase of the all-shadowing domestic evil of the day.

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