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**\*\*\*** Senator Matthew Stanley Quay is closing up his forty-sixth year as a

public officer. Mr. Kipling's home in South Africa during some weeks to come will be the house which in the past was lent to him by Cecil Rhodes.

The British war office has decided to invite tenders from Canadian farmers for the supply of fresh meat to the British army in South Africa.

Maine's receipts from fees for the organization of new corporations were nearly \$100,000 last year. The corporation fees are doubling annually.

A head-on collision between two Rock Island freight trains near Tecolate, N. M., resulted in the death of five men and the injury of several oth-

B. W. Knott, a wealthy citizen of Bird City, Kansas, was found lying dead in a pool of blood in his bedroom. He is supposed to have been murdered. Charles P. Swigert, for eight years

state auditor of Illinois and for the last three years custodian of Memorial hall, public library building, is dead of appendicitis. Colonel A. J. Gordon, aged 80 years,

a civil war veteran and one of the first settlers of Wright county, Mo., was found dead in the warehouse of his store at Hartville.

Charles Ward, one of the famous crew of Ward brothers, who held the world's championship for four-oared races, died at his home on Park avenue, Rockaway Beach.

Prof. Friedrich Delitsch of the University of Berlin, whose recent lectures on the Babylonian origin of the Bible created a sensation, will visit the United States in March.

The correspondent of the London Standard at Tien Tsin telegraphs the rumor that the empress dowager is dead ,the news being concealed until the New Year observances.

A special from Hermosillo states that there is little truth in the stories published about the alleged fight between the Yaquis and the Mexican regular troops, near San Marcial.

At Butte, Mont., Walter W. Brooks, a local bartender, found his wife and Emery Chevrier, a barber, in a room in the Dubois house and he shot Chevrier down. He gave himself up.

Lee S. Overman, the new senator from North Carolina, is 49 years old. He is a lawyer of ability, a native of Salisbury, and in 1874 graduated from Trinity college, North Carolina.

At Anniston, Ala., a boiler in the Southern Car and Foundry company plant exploded, killing five persons instantly and wounding several. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Italy has again threatened the porte to the effect that if piracy in the Red Sea is not effectively wiped out it will be necessary for the Italian government to undertake the chastisement

of the coast tribes. The British press is after Lord Cranborne, under secretary of the foreign office, with a sharp stick for his maladroit defense of the Venezuelan policy and admitting that the government got into a mess.

The territorial debt of Arizona is \$2,700,000, of New Mexico \$1,100,000 and of Oklahoma \$527,000. The assessed valuation of these territories is: Arizona \$68,000,000, New Mexico \$36, 600,000 and Oklahoma \$75,000,000.

The executive committee to investigate the cause for the coal famine held its first meeting in Topeka. Fourteen witnesses were summoned and every effort made to get the facts in the case. It is announced the investigation will continue as long as necessary.

The Rock Island telegraphers have decided to submit a new scale of wages to the officers of the road in Chicago next May. It has been some years since the Rock Island has had a contract with the telegraphers on account of the fact that the latter were not organized.

The Wyoming industrial convention adopted resolutions that a strong memorial be sent to the proper department of the general government for the aflotment in severalty of the lands included in the Wind River or Shoshone reservation in Wyoming. The reservation comprises 2,803,000 acres and there are on it 1,600 Indians.

A New York legislator who travels on a railroad pass is liable to forfeit ure of office.

Prince Hugo Hohenlohe is working in a New York bank as a volunteer in order to pick up American business

methods. The Philippine commission has established a leper colony at Guilon, in the island of Calamian. Work has been commenced on the buildings, and the removal of the unfortunate who are to live out their lives apart from their fellow men has begun.

# McCook Tribune AS TO STATEHOOD

SENATORS GROW TIRED OF VIR-

## TUAL DEADLOCK.

Some Members Wish to Consolidate Territories Into Two States-Danger of Split May Kill Suggestion-Republicans Seek Unanimous Vote.

A SUBSTITUTE BILL PROPOSED

WASHINGTON. - All indications point to the conclusion of the statehood debate during the present week, but no one can tell at this time just when or how the change will come.

If the plans of the republican leaders who oppose the bill are put into effect the committee on territories will bring in a substitute bill early in the week providing for consolidation and the admission of two states This will probably not be done, however, until assurance can be secured that the full republican vote will be cast for the consolidation.

If this plan does not take shape Senator Quay is likely to press his statehood amendment on the agricultural bill and a test of strength will ensue. The vote on this amendment will be close, if taken, and while the omnibus bill advocates feel that they have a majority they realize that it will not be so large as it would be on a direct vote on the statehood bill alone and by itself.

There is some talk now of admitting only Oklahoma, but if this should be undertaken it will be only as a last resort and will be postponed until toward the end of the session. All senators are becoming restless under the present conditions, which, it is believed, cannot continue much

Monday, in accordance with notice given by Senator Allison, the bill making appropriations for the District of Columbia will be taken up. Some clauses will arouse debate, but advantage will be taken of the opportunity to further the efforts to compromise the differences on the state-

An effort also will be made to secure consideration of the Cuban reciprocity treaty, and a portion of the time next Saturday will be devoted to eulogies on deceased members of the house.

The house of representatives Sunday held a memorial session to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator William J. Sewall and the late Representative Joshua S. Salmon of New Jersey. Mr. Parker of New Jersey presided.

The eulogists of the two departed statesmen were Messrs. Gardner (N. J.), Hull (Ia.), Syell (Ind.), Stewart (N. J.), Foster (Vt.), Graff (Ill.), Williams (Miss.), Warner (III.), Randself (Tex.), Lloyd (Me.) and Ball (Tex.)

STEAM CAUSES JERSEY WRECK.

#### Dead Engineer Leaves Statement Explaining the Disaster.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.-The coroner's investigation of the recent wreck at Graceland, in which twenty-three persons were killed, began Wednesday.

The most important evidence was that of Dr. Westcott, county physician of Union county, who read the statement made to him by Engineer James Davis on the afternoon of the disaster. Davis said his engine had a leaking steam chest, which had been cracked for a month, and that the steam escaping from it prevented him from seeing the tower signals. He did not see the train ahead until with-

in sixty feet of it. David H. Deeter, master mechanic of the railroad at Philadelphia, admitted that he had known of the leak in Davis' engine, but insisted that the escaping steam was not sufficient to obstruct the engineer's view.

## FRANK JAMES PUTS IN AN OAR.

#### Kicks on the Pardon Granted to Cole Younger.

ST. JOUIS, Mo.-Frank James, brother of Jesse James, said Thursday that the pardon granted Coleman Younger by the Minnesota board of pardons will, in his opinion, deprive Younger of any way of making a liv-

"He is not really freed," said James, "He is 60 years old and has been in prison a quarter of a century and has no trade or profession. He ought to insist upon being granted absolutely free citizenship, or perhaps it would have been better for him to have remained in prison."

## Favor Hanna Pension Bill.

FORT WORTH, Tex .-- At the regular meeting of R. E. Lee camp, Confederate Veterans, a resolution in red in which the president figured. dorsing the Senator Hanna biil to pension ex-slaves was introduced by State Historian Judge C. C. Cummings, and passed by an almost unanimous vote. There was some objection on the ground that the resolution might be construed as political.

SAVES LICKING THE STAMPS.

Provisions of One of the New Postoffice Bills.

WASHINGTON .- The postoffice appropriation bill passed on Thursday by the house contains an important provision that has not attracted much attention.

The bill provides that hereafter postoffices shall accept for transmission in the mails quantities of not less than 2,000 identical pieces of third or fourth class mail matter without postage stamps affixed, provided that the postage is fully prepaid. This action was recommended strongly by Third Assistant PostLiaster General Madden in the interest of economy to the government and to the business public. Under its provisions, as urged by the department, this proposed legislation will save the expense of manufacturing stamps, the sale of them to the public and the subsequent labor of cancelling the stamps on the individual pieces in the postoffices after they are mailed. It will also save the public the work of attaching postage stamps to the individual pieces of

Child Saving Institute of Omaha. The Child Saving Institute of Omaha is better equipped than any other corporation for handling legal questions concerning children and devotes a large amount of time to the work of rescuing children from vicious surroundings by legal processes. A recent appeal from Washington county, Nebraska, was promptly responded to and proceedings were begun in the county court against a woman who was running a house of ill fame at Blair, having with her four small children, the oldest one being a girl of nine years. She made confession in the court concerning her criminal life, when she faced the evidence that was presented, and then requested that the Child Saving Institute of Omaha should take charge of her children and place them in homes. Three of them have already found homes, and it is expected soon that a home will be found for the "oungest boy, who is only three years of age.

#### UPRISING AGAINST TURKEY.

Macedonian Question Already Beginning to Take First Place.

NEW YORK-While the Venezuelan affair still has precedence as the leading foreign question, there is a general feeling in Fleet street that it will speedily be overshadowed by the Macedonian question.

A formidable insurrection against the Turks is expected in the early spring by nearly all writers who are following the course of events in the Balkans.

Predictions of a similar nature have been made year after year, but never with equal confidence since the preliminary stages of the last war between Russia and the porte.

The Turkish government clearly expects trouble and the Russian and Austrian governments also dread a movecontrol, since they cannot agree upon a joint policy.

## SEAS SLAY THOUSAND.

Pacific Islands Are Depopulated by a Fearful Storm.

SAN FRANCISCO-News of a fearful loss of life in a destructive storm that swept over the South Sea Islands last month reached here Sunday by the steamer Mariposa, direct from Tahiti. The loss of life is estimated at 1,000.

On January 13 last a tuge tidal wave, accompanied by a terrific hurricane, attacked the Society Islands and the Puamotu group with fearful force, causing death and devastation.

The storm raged several days, reaching its climax between January 14 and January 16. From the meager news received at Tahiti up to the time the Mariposa left it was estimated that 1.000 of the islanders lost their lives, but it was feared that later advices would add to the long list.

## FORMER SENATOR DAWES DEAD.

Venerable Massachusetts Statesman Passes Away at His Home. PITTSFIELD, Mass. - Ex-United

States Senator Henry Laurens Dawes died Thursday morning at his home in this city. He was 86 years of age. Mr. Dawes had been ill since Christmas night, when he contracted a severe cold while driving. The cold developed into grip, which undermined

Whe President Roosevelt visited Pittsfield last fall he called upon the veteran statesman. It was while returning from the visit to the Dawes house that the trolley accident occur-

## Kansas Man Succeeds Dawes. MEDICINE LODGE, Kan.-Ex-Gov-

ernor W. E. Stanley has accepted the position as a member of the Dawes commission offered him by President | complete its work in proper shape," said | doesn't end there. Roosevelt.

# THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

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

the committee be authorized to summon witnesses and compel companies to distributed. At the afternoon session the following bills were passed: S. F. 14, authorizing county boards to appropriate money for agricultural societies. S. F. 81, compelling those in charge of portable engines to lay boards on culverts before crossing with engine. S. F. 117, to memoraize congress to oppose the Dietrich land-leasing measure. The bill was amended that fences around the public lands come down by July 1, 1904. H. R. 60, appropriating \$48,000 to pay expension of legislature. Amended to read \$28,000. The committee of the whole with O'Neill of Lancaster in the chair ,reported favorably on S. F. 55, relating to the raising of money by cities of 5,900 inhabitants for the purpose of water works, Bills were introduced: Act providing for a commission to revise the statutes and Code of Civil Procedure of the state of Nebraska and to prepare the same for the consideration of the legislature of 1905. To amend subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 69 of article i, chapter xiv, of the Compiled Statutes, ertitled "Cities of the second class and villages," and to repeal said original subdivisions. Streets to be graded by two-thirds vote of council; three-fourths vote to construct sidewalks or curbing. Granting to persons, associations and corporations engaged in the generating power and other purposes the right of they are referred and consider the same way in, along and across the public in such order, except where passed by highways of the state of Nebraska, and the vote of a majority of all members prescribing a penalty for the wilful and of said committee, in which case the bill malicious injury to or interference with thus passed shall not lose its place on the poles or wires of such persons, as- the committee calendar. Each standing sociations or corporations. Joint reso- committee shall give notice to this body, lution making application to the con- through its chairman, at least one day gress of the United States to propose in advance of the time and place of meetan amendment of the constitution of the United States, providing for the election it, so that all persons interested may ap-

of the people.

HOUSE. Speaker Mockett called the house to order at 11:30 on the 9th after a week's adjournment. Belden of Richardson introduced this resolution, which was referred to the committee on revenue: Your petitioners, residents and taxpay-

ers of said state, present the following resolutions: That we think it unjust that in case property is mortgaged the property and mortgage should both be taxed.

That the law of ilmitation on premissory notes, now and hereafter given, should be extended for ten years from face of note.

That the law should be so amended that instead of districts immediately along railroads getting the entire benefit of the school tax accruing from said railroads, that said tax should be distributed equally among all districts in the county voting bonds, inasmuch as ment from Bulgaria which taey cannot | all districts must assist in the payment of the bonds.

> I. L. CORNELIUS, AND OTHERS.

These bills were passed: No. 16, by Davis of Buffalo, to permit township to buy land for cemetery purposes; No. 24, by Jones of Richardson, to make the town clerk, treasurer and justice of the peace constitute the town board; No. 8. by Perry of Furnas requiring all applicants for attorneys certificates to have an education aside from that in law equivalent to a three-year high school course before admission; No. 39, by Jones of Otoe, fixing fees for notarial service; No. 48, by Koetter of Douglas, providing for school districts in metropolitan cities paying the cost of the bond furnished by the treasurer of such listricts; No. 76, by Perry of Furnas, reating to sureties and stays of execuion, making no material changes in the present law; No. 81, by Leomis of Dodge, requiring school teachers to be at least I? years of age and otherwise fixing the qualifications of teachers.

Douglas of Rock, as chairman of the house special revenue committee, reported that the joint committee had failed to complete its work of drafting revenue bill and could not submit such

bill for a few days. New bills were introduced as follows: Relating to regulations of the Solldiers' Home at Grand Island by abolishing visiting and examining board. To regulate the purchase of books by the state library, the university library and the Nebraska Historical library, Relating to hail insurance companies, prohibiting the retention of more than three-fourths of the premium for expenses of the company. To establish an experimental station west of the 100th meredian, in the state of Nebraska, fixing the control and management of the same with the board of regents and making an appropriation of \$5,000 therefor.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

A committee of attorneys from Omaha appeared before the joint judiciary committee and urged for the retention of he supreme court commission. The for exterminating prairie dogs at the committee represented the State Bar proper season and imposes a penalty ciation. Three bills making different In the penal provision it is ordered that provisions for the retention of the com- the road overseer shall be paid \$3 a day. mission are pending before the legisla- or hire someone at that pric ture. The committee championed none tribute the prairie dog killer for the of these in particular, but argued that farmer and assess the cost to the latter. the multiplicity of cases demanding attention of the supreme court made essential the continuance of the commis-

"In my judgment it will require at least a month-for this committee to

member of the joint revenue commit-After a week's adjournment, the sen- tee in reference to the task confronting ate reconvened on the 9th. Chairman a subcommittee appointed to codify all Brown of the reevnue committee re- the revisions of the revenue law made ported that the bill was not ready, and by the committee at large. This comasekd for more time. He stated that mittee consists of these members: Senthe bill would probably be ready by the stors Brown and Pemberton, Representmiddle of the week. Chairman Warner atives Thompson, Sears, Loomis and of the committee appointed to investi- Sweezy. Its work is to whip into shape gate the charge of telephone companies all the fragments of revision thus far requested five days more time, and that produced by the main committee, whose work is incomplete. Then the main committee is to resume operations and play produce books. The requests were for the goal by means of the codificagranted. Hall of Douglas reported the tion of the subcommittee. Under the time of meeting of the various commit- circumstances, therefore, the introductees, and this was ordered printed and tion of a revenue bill is a very indifinite proposition. Certainly there is good reason for the general opinion that no such bill will be ready this week and probably not for a month, as the member quoted intimates. This member does not look for any sort of complete revenue bill, but merely a few amendments. By this same gentleman the substitution of the Kansas bill for the Nebraska law last week was explained. "Four of the committee were absent," he said, "and that left ten at the meeting; six of these voted to repudiate the committee's former action in taking the Nebraska law and substituting therefor the Kansas bill. Four opposed it."

#### WOULD LET THE PUBLIC IN.

Lieutenant Governor McGilton has orignated a plan with reference to the consideration of bills before the legislative committees which he thinks ought to be incorporated in the rules of the scnate over which body he presides. The plan provides a method whereby all parties interested directly or indirectly in any measure may appear before the committee having the bill in charge and be heard in the discussion of it.

Lieutenant Governor McGilton has

framed his idea in this manner: All standing committees shall keep a and transmitting of electric current for calendar of bills in the order in which ing and of the bills to be considered by of United States senators by direct vote pear and request a hearing, subject to such limitations as the committee may

The lieutenant governor further outlining his plan, says:

"The time to be heard on any bill is while it is before the committee. The report of the committee, while not necessarily or inevitably final as to its disposition, always has a great influence on the action of the senate or house, to whichever body it is made. It too frequently happens that a bill gets past the cornmittee in the senate or house, before the committee of the whole and is placed on its final passage before outsiders who have a legitimate interest in the measure get the opportunity of being heard on it. They have no way of knowing when the committee is to consider the bill and consequently no opportunity of giving expression to their views. The adoption of this proposed rule, which could be used in the house as well as the senate, would obviate all this, and, I think, be a very good thing for many other rea-

## TO GET INTO PRINT.

"I see that some adverse comment is attempted," said Attorney Baldwin, "because the railroad companies utilize the newspapers to present their side in the tax controversy, and because they express a willingness to pay the expense of printing. Why should they not. The arguments presented are unanswerable. The outside counties of the state are vitally interested. The Omaha papers give only one side of the question. The outside newspapers are entitled to receive information exposing the selfishness of the Omaha real estate boomers. And the railroads have a perfect right to pay for the expense of printing this information.

"The railroads have no newspaper of their own to present the case, and there is no one newspaper of wide circulation standing up for the rights of the country as against the encroachments of the large city. The defense of the country must come from the country papers. We cannot demand that they use their space without recompense, although many of them, recognizing their own local interest in the controversy, decline compensation and freely open their columns to forcibly express their opinions of the Omaha scheme. The criticism from the Omaha boomers is ridiculous. It sounds like the plaint of a failing and hopeless

IRRIGATION LAW AS UPHELD.

The constitutionality of the law creating and defining the powers of the state board of irrigation is upheld in a deciseveral letters from men in various lines of business in his district, urging him to push this bill, insisting that it was of extreme necessity.

Mr. Currie's bill provides that all farmthese pests shall take proper means-and these means are described in the biliassociation, also the Omaha Bar asso- upon all who fail to observe this law.

> Many are driven with a blind bridle to a blind bridal.

True charity begins at home, but if

Speed Record in Novel Writing.

Although Marion Crawford now produces on an average of two novels a year, "Mraio's Crucifix" was written in ten days and his "The Tale of a Lonely Parish," a 120,000-word novel, was completed in twenty-four days. It took him, however, eight months to write "Via Crucis," not including the time spent in gathering the material for it. The story of George Eliot's reading for "Daniel Deronda" is too old to repeat, but it shows that the actual writing of a book is a small affair compared with the task of getting ready to write one. Harris Dickson's "The Black Wolf Breed," was written in a little over two months' time. Another piece of quick work was Julia Magruder's "Princess Sonia," completed in eighteen days.

No Public Library in Constantinople. A petition for leave to establish a public library in Constantinople was ecently refused by the minister of public instruction, special objections being made to several books on the proposed list, among them the fables of La Fontaine. The frequent references to the lion, the king of animais, it was held, would be regarded by ignorant people as degrading to the kingdom and insulting to the sultan.

An Important Discovery.

Granton, Okla., Feb. 9th.-After ten years E. H. Gosney of Granton has at. last found a cure for Kidney Trouble. Mr. Gosney suffered very severely with Kidney Complaint and some ten years ago made up his mind to find a cureif one was to be had.

He has tried and tried and experimented with every kidney medicine he could hear of. Although he was always disappointed he kept on trying till at last his perseverance was rewarded and he found a complete cure.

He is a well man to-day and explains it as follows:

"Everything failed to cure me and I was growing worse and worse till I tried a new remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills and I had not taken many c\* them before I knew that I had at last found the right thing. I am entirely cured and I cannot say too much for Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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