# NO CHOICE OF SENATOR

Both Houses Ballot from Day to Day Without Result.

## MANY CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD

**Indications That It Will Be Some Time Before Choice is Made—Some of the More Important Measures Introduced in Both Branches.**

HOUSE.—In the house on the 18th the committee on privileges and elections, through Chairman Whitmore, reported that in the contest of Pigman against Reaam, from Custer county, no cause for contest had ben found, and recommending that the contestee be retained in his seat. The report was adopted. The committee on judiciary, through Loomis of Dodge, reported on the following bills for passage: Providing that county attorneys shall not be elected in counties having less than 3,000 population. The present limit is 2,500. House roll 40, by Bouller—Extending mechanics' lien laws to wells and windmills. Requiring annual payment of $300 license by vendors of cigarettes and regulating manufacture and sale thereof. To provide for appeal in actions of forcible entry and detention. To provide penalties for illegal voting in villages and school districts. To allow Lancaster county to retain office of deputy county attorney; necessitated by decrease in population. Among bills introduced are the following: A bill for an act to correct certain abuses and to prevent unjust discrimination of and by life insurance companies doing business in this state between insurance of the same class and equal expectations of life, in the rates, amount or payment of premiums, in the return of premiums, dividends, rebates or other benefits; not applicable to fraternal beneficiary societies. A blil for an act to prevent and punish individuals, firms, corporations or dealers in paints and oils or paint stuff from selling or disposing of for use any paints or oils or other materials used in the manufacture of paints, and require all dealers in said materials to print upon each can or package sold the amount of each ingredient of which said paint is composed. A bill for an act to amend section 36 of chapter 86 of the complied statutes of the state of Nebraska of 1889 and to repeal said section as it now exists; amends law governing sheriffs' fees for conveying convicts to the penitentiary by providing that vouchers shall be approved by state auditor; that the sheriff be allowed $3 and his assistants $2 a day and 10 cents mileage. The joint vote for senator resulted as follows: Allen, 53; Berge, 3; Crounse, 10; Currie, 19; Hainer, 6; Harlan, 3; Harrington, 1; Hinshaw, 16; Hitchcock, 56; Kinkaid, 4; Martin, 2; Meiklejohn, 28; Morlan, 1; Murphy, 2; Rosewater, 15; Sutherland, 1; Thompson, D. E., 32; Van Dusen, 1. Absent: Baldrige, McCarthy, Wilkenson, Zimmerman, Murray. McCarthy paired with Murray.

HOUSE.—The house on the 17th made a few rapid forward strides by passing one bill, indefinitely postponing three and placing six on general file, besides adopting the committee on privileges and elections' report in the case of Allan G. Fisher against Charles F. Coffee, which was in favor of allowing the latter to retain his seat as representative from the Fifty-third district. Among the bills indefinitely postponed was one by Fowler of Fillmore providing for submission of constitutional amendments to a vote of the people and requiring a majority of all votes for and against to carry. Among bills on first reading were the following: An act to authorize counties, towns and precincts to own, equip, construct, establish and manage a telephone toll line and telephone system and to authorize counties, townships and precincts of this state to levy taxes and vote bonds for the equipment, establishment, construction and management of said telephone toll lines and telephone system and to provide for one levying a tax for the payment of the same and interest thereon. A bill for an act to establish a state board of charities and corrections and to define its duties and powers, to make an appropriation therefor and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith. A bill for an act to amend section 127 of chapter lxxvii of the Compiel Statutes of 1899, relating to the issuing of tax deeds by county treasurers and to repeal said original section. Prescribes form of bond for county treasurers. A bill for an act to repeal section 75, chapter xxvi, entitled "Elections," and to amend section 78 of said chapter. Relates to the opening of election contest cases in presence of legislature. A bill for an act to prohibit lumber dealers, coal dealers or other persons, companies, partnerships or associations from entering into any contract or agreement to pool or fix the price at which lumber or coal shall be sold and to provide punishment for violation of the same. A bill for an act to amend sections 76, 78, 79, 80 and 82 of chapter lxxviii, of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, entitled "Roads." Relates to form of deed for county treasurers. A bill for an act to prohibit the manufacture, sale or shipping into the state of impure beer; to provide for the enforcement of its provisions and penalties for its violation. The vote (third) for United States senator resulted as follows: Allen 57, Crounse 10, Currie 22, Hainer 6, Hays 1, Harlan 2, Harrington 1, Hinshaw 17, Hitchcock 57, Martin 3, Meiklejohn 24, Rosewater 15, Sutherland 1, Thompson, D. E. 32, Kinkaid 4 Murphy 2, Van Dusen 1, Morlan 1. Absent, Baldrige and Beisner, paired with Hamilton. The fusion vote was cast solidly for Allen and Hitchcock, except one vote for Sutherland and one for Harrington.

HOUSE.—The house of representatives devoted practically the entire time of its two sessions on the 16th to the reading of house bills, which have now reached the number of 159. A bill that is considered of utmost importance was the one introduced by John J. McCarthy of Dixon, providing for the appointment of nine supreme court commissioners and as many stenographers. The following bills were read the first time: A bill for an act for the relief of state treasurers who have paid out money for guaranty bonds furnished by surety companies. Allows $3,000 for Treasurer Stuefer for year 1901 and $2,000 to take up claim of former State Treasurer Meserve for that amount. A bill for an act to regulate and fix the salaries of the clerk and reporter of the supreme court, providing for the payment of the same and providing for the disposition of all fees and costs collected by him, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith. Fixes salary at $2,500. A bill for an act to provide for the appointment, tenure, qualifications, duties and salaries of commissioners of the supreme court and stenographers therefor. Provides for nine commissioners to be appointed by unanimous vote of the supreme court judges, terms to be two years, salary $2,400. A bill for an act to amend section 1 of article i of chapter xiv of the Compiled Statutes of the State of Nebraska, entitled "Cities of the second-class and villages." Declares that villages of more than 1,000 inhabitants may become cities of the second-class on petition signed by two-fifths of the freeholders. A bill for an act to authorize the board of public lands and buildings to purchase a tract of land not exceeding eighty acres, suitable for gardening purposes, for the Norfolk insane asylum at Norfolk, Neb., price of land being limited to $3,000. An act to amend section 2, chapter xciiia, article iii, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for the year 1899, and to repead said original section 2. Relates to organization of irrigation districts. An act authorizing the appointment of supreme court commissioners, defining their duties and fixing their compensation. Provides for five commissioners, salary $2,500, terms three years. A bill for an act to amend section 197 of chapter xix of the Criminal Code of the State of Nebraska. Provides penalty and imprisonment from one to five years for destroying ballot boxes or poll books until after time for beginning contests has expired.

SENATORIAL VOTE—The joint vote for senator (second ballot) resulted as follows: Allen, 57; Crounse, 10; Currie, 20; Hainer, 5; Harlan, 2; Hays, J. R., 1; Hinshaw, 16; Howe, 1; Kinkaid, 3; Lindsay, 2; Meikeljohn, 26; Morlan, 1; Murphy, 2; Norval, 1; Richards, 1; Rosewater, 14; Sheldon, 1; Sutherland, 1; Thompson, D. E., 31; Thompson, W. H. 58; Van Dusen, 3.

HOUSE,—The house met on the 15th at the usual hour. At 11 o'clock balloting for United States senator took place, after which there was a recess until 2:30 p. m. Most of the afternoon session was devoted to the reading of new bills, among which were the following: A bill for an act entitled "An act to amend section 4392 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for the year 1897, being section 109 of article i, chapter lxxvii of the said statutes, entitled "Revenue," and to repeal said section as now existing, and also to repeal sections 2278, 2279 and 2280 of said statutes. A bill for an act to provide for the humane shoeing of horses, prescribing the qualifications of a horseshoer, regulating the practice of horseshoeing in cities having a population of 5,000 inhabitants or over in this state, and to provide a penalty for its violation and to secure its enforcement. A bill for an act to protect fish, game, song and insectiverous birds with the state of Nebraska, to create a game and fish commission for the state of Nebraska and defining its powers and duties, and to repeal an act entitled "An act creating a board of fish commissioners for the propagation and distribution of fish in the public waters of Nebraska," approved February 24, 1879. A bill for an act directing the manner in which the cash derived from the industrial departments of the Institue for the Deaf and Dumb and the Institute for the Blind and from other sources may be disbursed by the superintendents of the said institutes, and directing the state treasurer to create funds which shall be known as "the cash fund for the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb" and "the cash fund for the Institute for the Blind." A bill for an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile, educational and other public establishments and defining their duties, powers and compensation, and providing for a penalty for the violation of this act. The vote for senator resulted as follows: Crounse 7, Currie 11, Davidson 0, Dietrich 1, Hainer 4, Harlan 1, Hinshaw 9, Howe 3, Kinkaid 5, Martin 1, Meiklejohn 18, Mercer 0, Murphy 2, Newell 1, Norval 1, Owens 1, Rosewater 8, Thompson 17, Tucker 2, Van Dusen 0.

HOUSE.—The house of representative began its third week's session on the 14th and besides arranging for a vote for United States senators made considerable headway with the second reading of the bills. The bill appropriating $3,000 for the payment of Treasurer Stuefer's official bond for the year 1901 was withdrawn by Tefft of Lancaster, the introducer, by the unanimous consent of the house. The measure will be changed to include an appropriation for reimbursing ex-Treasurer Meserve for money paid for his official bond and in this form will again be submitted to the legislature by the Lancaster county representative. On motion of Representative Hall of Burt county, it was decided to cast the first votes for United States senators tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, independent of any arrangements made by the senate. According to the terms of the motion, each member will cast two votes as his name is called, one for senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Hayward and one for a senator to succeed John M. Thurston, in the order named. Resolutions to the memory of Carl Morton were passed as follows: That we deplore the death of Carl Morton in the vigor of his early prime, the physical and intellectual strength of manhood. That with bowed heads and sorrowing hearts we tender our sympathies to those bereaved and assure them that the influences of the life of Carl Morton are immortal, and that the memory of his life, character and example is a rich legacy, second only to his living presence. That this preamble and these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the house and that copies be sent to the family of the deceased.

SENATE.—In the senate on the 18th Senator Pitney of Webster county proposed a measure intended to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. He would give the various county boards authority to pass such measures and enforce such decrees as they might see fit to prevent the introduction and spread of disease in their respective counties. To the same end, he would empower them to establish a board of health. Bills on first reading: A bill for an act to amend sections 140, 159 and 160 of chapter 26 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for 1899 and to repeal said sections 140, 159 and 160 as they now exist, a proposed amendment to the election laws, providing that the party polling the highest number of votes for head of the state ticket at the last general election shall have the first place at the left of the ballot. The second highest the next place and so on, having those candidates by petition a position on the extreme right. A bill for an act to amend section 152 of chapter 77, article 1, of the consolidated statutes of 1899 of the state of Nebraska, and to repeal said original section 152. This would provide a license fee for the state of $100 instead of $30 for peddlars of matches, clocks, jewelry, etc. A bill for an act to amend section 9 of chapter 28 of compiled statutes of Nebraska of 1897 and to repeal said section as it now exists. This is the bill favored by the state sheriff's association and relates to their fees. Senate file No. 117, by Senator Pitney—A bill for an act to amend section 130, chapter 26, of the compiled statutes of the state of Nebraska, and repeal said original section. A bill for an act to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases. Emergency clause attached. A bill for an act to amend sections 152, 153 and 154, chapter 27, article 1, of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for the year 1899, relating to "Revenue," and to repeal said sections so amended. This relates to the licensing of peddlars, hucksters, etc. A bil for an act to locate and establish two additional normal schools and to provide for the erection of buildings and for the receiving of donations for the same. A message from Governor Dietrich was read announcing that he had attached his signature to house rolls No. 11 and 12. These were measures, appropriating funds for meeting the expenses of the session.

SENATE.—In the senate on the 17th the committee on railways reported senate file 16, which is a curative act, for indefinite postponement, inasmuch as its provisions are covered by laws already enacted. The committee on miscellaneous subjects reported that senate file 1, relating to county commissioners, is similar to a bill referred to the judiciary committee, and a motion was made that this bill be so referred. The report was placed on general file. The judiciary committee reported on senate file 3, which is a curative act relating to the criminal code, and recommended it for passage. The report, as were all reports recommending bills for passage, was placed on general file without motion. Senate file 4, being an amendment to an act relating to riots, was recmmended for passage, as was senate file 10, relating to the theft of money or valuables. The committee recommended senate file 30 for indefinite postponement, inasmuch as it is almost identical with senate file 11, which was favorably reported. Only the bills were introduced, as follows: An act to amend section 10 of chapter lxxxiia of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska of 1899, entitled "Soldiers and Sailors," and to repeal said original sec-10 as now existing. An act to provide a general nomination of candidates for the selection and nomination of candidates for public office in metropolitan cities and cities of the first and second class; to prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of such elections, and to provdie penalties for the same.

SENATE—The session of the senate on the 16th was short and uneventful, the body during the time it was in session being occupied with work of a routine nature. The senate convened at 10 o'clock and after roll call by the secretary the oath of Senator Johnson, the contesting member from Harlan county, who was seated, was read to the senate. Van Boskirk of Box Butte presented a petition from his constituents, who come from the cattle-raising section of the state, asking the legislature to pass an act the object of which is to prevent cattle stealing. The petition recommends that the act provide that railways receiving cattle for shipment require the shipper to show a clear title to the cattle being shipped and asks that a further provision be made requiring butchers to exhibit the hide of the animal butchered. The petition was read and placed on file without reference. Only two bills were introduced during the day, both being by Martin of Richardson. One is a bill which provides that a county judge may hold court in another county when the judge of that county is disqualified for duty. The other contains several amendments to the present Slocum law and provdes that the license shall afford no protection to persons other than those named in the license, their employes, agents or servants. The senate proceeded to the house for the purpose of balloting for United States senators after which they returned to the senate chamber and adjourned. The following senate files were introduced. An act to amend sections 5, 13 and 25 of chapter 1 of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska of 1899, and to repeal said original sections. An act to authorize county judges to hold court and perform the ministerial duties of their office in counties other than the county of their residence.

SENATE—Forenoon and afternoon sessions were held by the senate on the 15th, the feature of the forenoon being the vote for United States senator, which will be found elsewhere. At the afternoon session the house appropriation bills were read and recommended for passage. Majority and minority reports were submitted in the Johnson-Hodges case. The majority report was adopted, thus seating Mr. Johnston. Among bills introduced were the following: An act to provide for subjecting corporate stock to execution and attachment, and the manner of proceding therein. An act to require a stamp or label on every bail of binder twine sold, offered or exposed for sale within the state of Nebraska, and providing a penalty for the vilation thereof. A joint resolution to amend sections 2, 4, 5, 6 and 13 of article vi of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, entiled "the Judicial Department," and providing for nine judges of the supreme court and for a division of their duties, their selection, terms of service and their salaries and to repeal said original sections. The vote for senator resulted as follows: Allen 14, Berge 0, Bryan 0, Crounse 1, Currie 8, Davison, S. P. 1, Dietrich 0, Dunn, I. J. 1, Hainer 1, Harlan 1, Harrington 0, Hays, J R. 0, Hinshaw 3, Hitchcock 5, Howe 1, Kay 0, Kinkaid 0, Martin 0, Meiklejohn 3, Mercer 1, Morlan 0, Murphy 0, Newell 0, Norval 1, Owens 0, Richards 0, Rosewater 4, Sutherland 0, Thompson, D. E. 6, Thompson, W. H. 9, Taylor 1, Van Duzen 2.

SENATE.—The session of the senate on the 14th was an active one, and a large amount of business was transacted. There were only a few bills introduced, but the greater part of them are quite interesting measures. Senator Meredeth introduced a measure which is intende dto do away with the sale or handling in any manner of cigarettes in the state, making the penalties so heavy as to be prohibitive. One of the most interesting bills yet introduced was that relating to the protection of fish and game and song birds, offered by Van Boskirk of Box Butte. The bill was prepared by experts and is pronounced one of the best measures of the kind ever drawn up. Miller of Buffalo introduced two bills.—One provides for the repeal of the law creating the position of oil inspector, without providing a substitute, and the other relates to the salary and duties of county commissioners, its intent being to cut out much of the pay these officials have been in the habit of receiving. The gentleman from Buffalo thinks the commissioners should be allowed a mileage of 5 cents per mile and $3 a day for actual time put in, and provides a running scale of the maximum amount to be paid by counties, the amount being regulated by the county's population, and ranging in amount from $50 to $1,200 a year. The latter amount, according to the bill, could only be drawn in counties having a population of over 70,000 inhabitants. A number of bills were read for the second time, ordered printed and referred to their respective committees. Harlan of York then made a motion that the senate vote for United States senators at 11 a. m. tomorrow, and providing how the voting should be done, the motion being adopted. Following is Senator Harlan's motion: That the first vote for United States senators shall be taken at 11 o'clock on the 15th day of January, and in the following manner, that is to say: The roll of the senate shall be called and each member shall as his name is called by a viva-voce vote name one person for senator in congress from Nebraska, to fill the existing vacancy, being the term expiring on the 3d day of March, 1905, and one person for senator in congress from Nebraska for the full term of six years, from and after the 4th day of March, 1901."

### LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Senator Reuting of Clay county has introduced a bill in the senate providing for the location and erection of two new normal schools, one to be north of the Platte and the other south. A committee of seven, five representatives, to be appointed by the speaker, and two senators, to be appointed by the lieutenant governor, shall decide upon the location of the schools, the only restriction being that not less than fifteen acres, with a suitable building, be donated by those interested in their establishment at certain points. Fifty thousand dollars are to be drawn from the state treasury for the erection of additional buildings.

Senate file No. 114 is a bill for an act to amend section 66 of an act entitled, "An act incorporating metropolitan cities and defining, prescribing and regulating their duties, powers and government," and to repeal an act entitled, "An act incorporating metropolitan cities and defining, regulating and prescribing their duties, powers and government," approved March 30, 1887, and all acts amendatory thereof, being chapter 12a of the Seventh edition of the compiled statutes of the state of Nebraska (edition of 1895), entitled, "Cities of the metropolitan class," and to repeal said section 66 as now existing. This is the measure proposing charges in salaries and bonds of certain Omaha officials.

Business is not expected to progress well until the senatorial matter is out of the way. There are legislators who opine that choice will not be made for several weeks.

The first vote for senator in both the houses was largely of a complimentary character.

### Talleyrand's Home.

The historic home of the Marquis de Talleyrand is now an unsentimental railroad yard in Jacksonville, Fla., writes Victor Smith from there. He lived here during his voluntary exile from 1784 to 1796. At a relent exhibition of some relics some of the old furniture which belonged to him was shown to the public. Over the front gate of his place, when his successor and heir was a resident of Jacksonville, was a board bearing this legend: "The Public Generally Welcome, except ———," mentioning the name of a man he hated. Not long ago the property was sold to the Baxter Lumber company, and the beautifully adorned back yard is now all railroad tracks and naval stores.

### The Bay State Has Plenty of Books.

Massachusetts has now only four towns in which there is no public library and they are very small ones, being Marlborough, Gay Head, Lakeville and Norwell. It is doubtful if any other community of 2,800,000 inhabitants can equal that.

Cocoanut oil thickens and darkens the eyebrows.


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### The Bliss of Ignorance.

Among the good stories in circulation about the late Joseph Harris, the well known master of the city of London school, is one in connection with Lord Mayor Owden. That worthy gentleman was not a Greek scholar, and the Greek oration or speech one day in Christ's hospital, to which on a memorable occasion, he listened, was not intelligible to him, save one word. That was "Owden"—so pronounced—and Mr. Harris used to tell his friends privately how, each time it occurred in the Greek oration, Sir Thomas, fondly supposing that compliment was being paid to himself, rose and solemnly bowed.

### Left-Handed Parties.

Left-handed parties are amusing some of the Chicago stay-at-homes this cold weather. The invitations are written with the left hand and the host greets you with the left hand instead of the right hand. The guests must draw pictures or write with their left hands and prizes are given for the best and worst efforts.

### Grand Duke Does Embroidery.

The Grand Duke Hesse has a curious taste for a man. His royal highness is most skillful with his needle, and his embroidery is exceedingly beautiful. He takes the greatest interest in his work, and is particularly clever in the arrangement of colors. He has a very artistic nature, as he is devoted to music, dancing and acting, while he does not care much about more active pursuits, though he both shoots and rides.

### A Winning Tory Argument.

The Primrose Dames of England resorted to an artful dodge on behalf of the Tories at the recent election. They flooded many constituencies with circulars that under the four years of Salisbury's administration there had been 33,836 more marriages than under the previous year under the liberal party. It is believed that the circulars had no inconsiderable effect on the campaign.

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