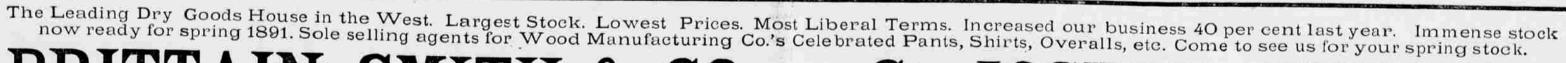


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AN INVESTIGATION IN ORDER.

Indications That Relief Funds Are Being Diverted From Their Proper Channel.

Flannels,

Anti-Railroad Blood. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14. -|Special to THE BEE. |-In the senate this morning there came up under the head of bills on third

amended by Serator S the ground that it would

compel

quired

Switzler

i that it would be unjust railroads to establish such

crossings at the several thousands of roads in the state, especially where one less wide would be as serviceable as might be re-

Authority, however, was given the com-missioners of each county, upon the com-plaint of a resident thereof, to the effect that

any crossing was of a dangerous nature, to notify the company in question and compel the latter to put in a crossing of such width and permanency as they should decide upon.

When the question rose upon the passage of the bill, Senator Randali of Phelps, who

has been almost among those who are sup

Senator Switzler stated that the bill had

good reason should be advanced for another

Senator Dysart of Nuckolls seconded the motion to recommit. Senator Randall, answering the objection,

time to support the motion.

imittment it would be a waste of valuable

had been laid over, came up Poynter moved its adoption with the hope of getting a report from the committee, which would make it lively for the officers in ques-tion, because his committee consisted of two democrats and one independent. Senator Eggleston, however, offered a substitute that the committee consist of one member of each them than because they wished so to do themreading Senator Beck's file, No. 67, the conpolitical party. sideration of which is likely to display the This would give the republicans representa temper of the senate on the subject of railtion. Senator Mattes moved the adoption of the report and the motion prevailed. road legislation. The bill, among other things, originally compelled all railroad com The committee will now be appointed by panies owning or operating lines in the state to construct crossings not less than forty feet the president. wide, of not more than 7 per cent grade, and the crossing shall be planked within and for a foot outside the rails. The bill was

the feeble minded institute at Beatrice, was taken up and passed. The following bills were read for the first

regarding the industrial home at Milford and widows-Louise L, widow of George E Fuller; Sophia, widow of Elphenan Savage; Harrietta P., widow of Hilliary Buss. South Dakota: Original-Joshua C. Stran-ford; Reissue and increase-Henry A. Ramsdell

Wm. Cheek.

SEVERAL COMPLAINTS ALREADY MADE.

Two Reports by the Senate Committee on the Bill Abolishing the Sugar Bounty -- Saturday's Proceedings.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14.- [Special to TIR BEE.]-General Manager Ludden of the Nebraska relief commission says that he has frequently received reports from outside parties which lead him to believe that all the money which has been sent into this state for the relief of the drouth sufferers has not reached those for whom it was intended. He does not, however, claim that anybody has been acting dishonestly, but his reports would seem to imply that it is about time somebody stood up and explained.

Mr. Ludden says that he has heard of a missionary named Scotthorn, who represents the American Sunday School union This ministerial gentleman, whether at his own request or not is unknown, has been in receipt of both goods and money from abroad, which were intended for the sufferers. The goods, it is claimed, the minister has distributed among the needy ones, but the same distribution, it is feared, has not been made of the money. In fact, there is nothing, it is claimed, to show what he does with the finances. It is known that he has received a number

of registered letters, which, it is believed, contained money, but no needy people in that neighborhood have received any of their contents.

contents. The missionary has also received a number of drafts at local banks. Knowing or sus-pecting the purpose for which the money was forwarded, the banks, when cashing the drafts, have generally issued bills of small denominations, for the reason that such denominations, for the reason that such could be used much more successfully in the matter of relief. It is customary, it is said, on such occasions, for the missionary to re-turn the small bills to the cashier and request that he give their equivalent in large bills, that he give their equivalent in large bills, sometimes fifties and sometimes hundreds. Mr. Ludden says that in other places trou-

ble has been experienced by the commission, especially when cutting down the allowance or the amount of provisions asked for. This cutting is generally done by Mr. R. R. Ran-dall, the special agent, whose last tour through the stricken counties led to a reduc about 40 per cent of the demands made by the county officers.

In Thomas county, where Mr. Randall cut off the allowance, he aroused the ire of some people, who said they were bound to have "that state relief" and who remonstrated so strongly that Mr. Randail was compelled to

And the sheriff to his assistance. Mr. Ludden says he has received a draft for \$100 from L. F. Berry of Ottumwa, ia., and that the amount will be expended for the relief of aged people, for whom tea and sugar and coffee will be purchased.

Early next week the purchasing commit-tee, comprising Louis Meyer, R. R. Greer of Lincoln and W. N. Nason of Omaha, will make a visit to all the drouth-visited coun-ties and accertain in which if the drouththes and ascertain in which of them the county warrants stand at par. The commis-sioners of such counties will be requested to purchase, on credit or otherwise, the seed needed by the farmers. This trip will take the committee through

the counties of Dawson, Custer, Webster, Furnas, Harlan, Phelps and several others.

Repealing the Bounty.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-Not entirely unexpected this morning came the report from the committe on miscellaneous corporations upon house roll No. 65, removing the bounty granted by the state for the manufacture of beet sugar. It comprised both a majority and a minority recommendation. The former favored the idea that the bounty be repealed, and was

signed by Senators Dysart of Nuckolls, Michener of Polk and Randall of Phelps. The grounds upon which the chairman based his objection to the retention of the bounty were that the state had no more right to grant one to a sugar factory than it had to a cheese factory or to a farmer who engaged in the cultivation of beets; also that the manufacturers of the sugar did not divide the bounty with the farmer. The minority report was signed by Sena-tors Switzler of Douglas and Woods of Paw-nee. This recommended that the bounty be retained for one year only. Senator Switzler says that as a democrat he is opposed to the granting of bounties by the state, but that as a citizen of Nebraska he was disposed to help in encouraging the industry. There is no doub not that the the state. to help in encouraging the industry. There is no doubt but that there will be a fight on the bill when the same shall come up for a hearing. It is now announced that a aumber of representatives regret having yoted for the repeal of the bounty, and if number of

voted for the repeat of the bounty, and if they could again be given an op-portunity to vote on the subject their ballot would be cast on the other side of the question. When the ques-tion came up in the house, however, there was nobedy there to speak against the repeat who could do so with authority. As a consewho could do so with authority. As a conse-quence, the bill went through on the stale bjections and arguments which the independents had imbibed from their campaign papers. In the senate, however, the bill will be discussed, though it is doubtful if Senator Switzler will make the fight.

Sustained by Their Constituents.

posed to make roads do all the laws requir them to do, moved that the bill be recommit ted to the committee on railroads. LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14.- Special to THE BEE.]-There has been a great deal said and previously been recommitted and unless some written about the ropes which had been propared to hang the independents who voted against the passage of the concurrent resolution providing for a contest of the state executive offices. Thus far, how ever, the hemp has not made its appearance. The alreged said that the bill as it now stood would be a benefit to no one. It would be a source of traitors give no evidence of fearing a necklitigation. To enforce it would cost tie social, and the independents themselves than it was worth. It was null and void be cause the amendment did away with the orig seem to act as if they were indeed pleased that the great contest has come to a close. inal bill. Senator Switzler briefly reviewed the features of the bill that the county commis "Whom of your party do you consider raitors!" a leading independent was asked

by a BEE man. The party addressed is one of the most

sioners could order the crossings made as wide as they felt disposed that they could compell them to be planked, paved or mac-adamized, that the amendment had been adopted by the originator of the bill and that the pseulty for violation of the bill and that useful members the party has. He is also one of the most consistent and liberal, and the penalty for violation of the law had in no for that reason does a great deal more work way been interfered with. Senator Dysart wanted the original bill to than those who see but one side of every go through. There were plenty roads in the country which were not wide enough and question. go through.

"I am very slow," said he, "to call any where an engine or even a hand car would man a thief. I am just as slow to call any man a traitor. I don't think we have any

where an engine or even a hand car would send a team flying into the ditch. Senator Christopherson said that he thought the bill would be inoperative, because the amendment made no provision for the width of the crossing. He would have been satis-fied if the width had been designated even as low as twelve feet. man a traitor. I don't think we have any traitors among us. I know they have been called traitors, but I don't think they are traitors. Now I know that my room-mate [Senator Turner] has been called such by some hot-minded people, and others have, too, but I feel that they differed from some of their associates on questions on which it was reasonable to expect people to differ. I watched my room low as twelve feet. Senator Switzler moved a call of the house. which was supported by Senators Moore, Eggicston, Van Housen and Mattes. The roll call showed that all the senators expect people to differ. I watched my room-mate. He is in the senate, and I know that nobody could have approached him without except those accounted for were present. my knowledge. I knew all along that he was not in favor of a contest, especially as that

Business under the call was suspended. Senator Switzler again spoke in favor of the bill, as did also Senator Beck, the orig-inator of the measure. The latter, although be hed second descented. Senator question arose after the opening of the leg-islature. Well, when it came to a crisis he made up his mind that he would not put he had accepted Senator Switzler's amou ment, said he thought the bill ought to pro-vide a certain width for all crossings, and his private opinion against the wishes of his constituents. So, the Friday night before the last vote on the concurrent resolution he furthermore that the clause requiring missioners to act on the subject especially in counties under township organization would in some instances require an outlay of a couple of hundred dollars to secure attendance at a meeting. The vote upon recommittment prevailed by

It escaped the notice of the republicans

the last vote on the concurrent resolution he goes home to see his people. He went into his alliance and found nincteen members present. He told them that he wanted them to decide whether there should be a contest of the state officers or whether the legislature should attempt to pass some laws for the benefit of the people. He said he was willing to vote just as ther would decide and every one of Wanted Representation. just as they would decide and every one LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14.-[Special to Tan hem voted to let the contest go to ---- and BEE. |-Senator Poynter yesterday intro-

give them legislation. duced a resolution that Senators Christoffer-"Well, he came back and voted just as you know against the contest and notoby dares call him a traitor. But you'll find he'll be son, Day and Brown be appointed a committee to examine into everything relating to solid on every question affecting the advancethe offices of the state executives. The sent of the people." Since the final vote on the concurrent reso measure at the time was considered a strange one by some of the independents, who had

lation referred to, there has been little if any-thing said and nothing done by the senate renot been apprised that it was to be intro duced. carding reviving the mensure. Even the in-dependents seem satisfied that the difficulty has been disposed of. Several of them also however, and this morning they made a fight upon it because it gave them no representation had little heart in voting as they did and Time BEE correspondent is informed that of the on a committee which was intended to examine senators who spoke in favor of the resolution

into the conduct of public offices by members of the republican fold. some did so more because it was expected of Accordingly, when the resolution, which

Senatorial Contests.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14.-[Special to THE BEE.]-The committee on privileges and elections reported this morning in the contest against Senator Starbuck of the Twenty second district, comprising the counties of Jefferson and Thayer, The contestant was O. A. Wood, and the ground of complaint was that Starbuck's name appeared on prohibition tickets, when in fact was not a nominee of the prohibition party. It was held accordingly that otes so cast were illegal and should b thrown out, and that this would entitle

Wood to the seat. The testimony adduced before the committee showed that Starbuck had been nomi nated by the prohibitionists, and that conse quently the votes were legal and should be The report was unanimous an ounted was adopted.

The same committee is now considering The same committee is how considering the contested election case of Stewart vs Wilson, the latter representing the counties of Brown, Keya Paha, Cherry Sheridan, Dawes, Box Butte and Sioux. It is said that the ground of complaint in this case comprehends almost everything that may be alleged in the matter of linegal elections. The contest of Funck against Senator Col-lins of Gage will be determined early next week. Collins has the seat, having secured it, it is claimed, by but a small majority. does not seem wedded to it, however, says that if they don't want him to retain it they can throw him out. If the report of the committee should not be unanimous it will likely precipitate a lively fight in the senate

Howe Keeps His Scat.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14 .- [Special to The BEE.]-The committee on privileges and elections made a report signed by the maority of the committee in the contest case against Church Howe, to the effect that the contest had been withdrawn by John W. Culp, the contestant, and before any evidence had been taken, but that now other parties from Nemaha county desired to renew the contast and professed to be able to prove we had used money in corrupt hat Mr. Ho ing voters in order to secure his election The committee asked for instructions from the house as to further proceedings.

A minority report from the same commit tee, signed by Cramb (rep.), Ames (dem.), Johnston (dem.), and Dunn (ind.), was filed, ecommending that the whole subject be in lefinitely postponed. After considerable discussion the minority

report was adopted by a vote of 57 yeas to 27 All the negative votes were cast by the in-

An the negative section of the school book committee reported back a bill introduced by McReynolds, providing for district purchase of school wooks at wholesale rates, with the recommendation

hat it "do pass." All other bills on the sam ubject were reported for indefinite postpone Mr. White made a long but unsuccessful

effort to order house roll No. 10, introduced by himself, and relating to the subject, to the general file for future consideration. On motion of Mr. Stevens of Furnas, Hon. T. V. Powderly, grand master workman of the Knights of Labor, was invited to address the house during the afternoon session.

A majority of the committee on miscel-laneous subjects reported that house roll 43, the Faxon bill, granting municipal suffrage the raxon on created on the general file. A majority report that the bill be indefinitely postponed was also submitted. The majority Port was adopted-51 to 32, Adjourned to Monday at 10 a.m.

House Textbook Bill.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-The house committee on schools have decided to report in favor of the bill intro-

and second class who by majority vote declare in favor of such a policy, to purchase the text books and other supplies for a term of years not to exceed five, and are author-ized to enter into contracts with book publishers, for this purpose, provided that the books shall be furnished at a price not to exceed the lowest granted to any dealer in the United States. The bill cortains a provision rendering any contract void that may be entered into with a publisher who be-comes a member of any "trust" having for its object the increase of the price of school

The duty of enforcing the contracts with book publishers devolves upon the attorney general.

Boiler Inspection.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14.- Special to THE BEE. |-The house committee on mis ceilaneous subjects have agreed to report in favor of the Oakley inspection bill. This measure provides that the governor shall appoint one boiler inspector who shall serve for a term of two years and shall have power to appoint deputies subject to the approval of the ernor. It is made the duty of these inspec-tors to carefully inspect all steam boilers. tors to carefully inspect all steam bollers, super-heaters and generators now in use in the state except those located in cities that have boller inspectors. After July 1, 1891, all bollers must be inspected before being creeted or operated. A fee of \$10, to be paid by the owner, is fixed for each inspection. The bill also provides that the governor shall appoint one mechanical engineer and one user of steam power who shall constitute a board of engineers, who shall examine and license all engineers found competent. No fees are required from the engineers who apply for examination. It is expected that the fees will pay the salaries of the inspectors and none are provided for in the bill. The sum of \$1,000 is appropriated for incidental expenses.

The Senate.

Beatrice: Maintenance, from \$54,000 to LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14-[Special to THE \$50,000; furniture, from \$4,000 to \$3,000: farm BEE. |-E. A. Barnes, first vice president of the Nebraska Agricultural society, extended The following were stricken out entirely. Engine room, laundry and shop buildings, \$10,000; kitchen and dining room, \$15,000; two dditional enter and dining room, \$15,000; two an invitation to the senate to visit and examine the sugar beet factory at Grand additional cettages, \$25,000, The reform school at Kearney was more Island when the body pays a visit at the same place to the soldiers' and sailors' home Recommendations were made by the committee on judiciary, all of which were adopted, estimates submitted by the soldiers' home a Grand Island: Maintenance, \$40,000 to \$35,000; barn with stone basement, \$3,000 to regarding Senator Moore's files, as follows: No. 74, entitling a widow to one-third of the real estate of her husband; No. 75, re-\$1,000; store house, \$1,000 to \$500. The items, \$15,000 for additions to main building and garding estates by courtesey; No.76, regarding the descent of property not lawfully devised; \$24,760 for thirty cottages, were not allowed. No. 77, relating to the disposition of Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Pensions

staads; No. 78, amending a number of sec tions under the title of "Homestends." Al of these were placed on the general file. Files No. 102, allowing clerks to judges i

ounties of over 25,000 inhabitants, and N 15, charging 50 cents for entering by county clerk of mortgages, were indefinitely post oried.

Lorenzo Pickel, John Hair, John D. Quest of mortgagors and mortgagees, was referred William C. Richardson, William Leck, Pat rick F. Howe, Franklin Eckler, Edwin Der

farmers, involving \$75,000 for seed, was re Senate file No. 33, providing for the taxa-

tion of mortgaged property, was indefinitely

on revenue, senate files No. 107, regarding the delivery of tax doeds, and No. 81, repealrows Freze, Samuel B. Jarvis, Iowa: Original-William H. Cummings ing chapter 53, laws of 1859, were put on gen Solomon A. Ferguson, Lewis B. Richmond Ryan Morgan, Dyer P. Hall, Albert E. Op dyke, George W. Rosenberger, Harvey R Backus, James E. Armstrong, John W Minick, Richard T. Goddard, William H

The same disposition was made, upon the recommendation of the committee on internal improvements, of No. 73, repealing section 8, chapter 45, and No. 95, regarding the regis tration of voters. The committee on university and normal

schools recommended the passage of house roll No. 16, relating to the university library Adopted. On motion of Senator Van Housen, the

On motion of Senator Van Housen, the secretary of state was ordered to furnish transportation and other essentials to enable the committee on public lands and buildings to visit the public buildings of the state. A similar resolution introduced yesterday

Senator Eggleston, No. 165-Punishing persons receiving credit on extension of time on notes under false pretenses. Same, No. 156-Subjecting express com-

Richard Miller,

ford of South Dakota yesterday introduced a. bill to prevent the sale of firearms and ampanies and common carriers to the jurisdiction of the board of transportation. munition to Indians and to disarm all Indians. Senator Wilson, No. 167-Regulating mine

vagrant dog. Senator Woods, No. 169-Providing for the

oaning of public funds while in the hands of county treasurers and providing for the means and handling of such funds and ac-

the appointment of peace officers. Same, No. 173-Amendiag section 117, chap

ter 15, of the criminal code, Joint Resolution-Supporting congress in whatever it may do regarding the bringing of the Union Pacific to time. This was rer a second time, as were also the following, and

House roll No. 217, referred to the finance, ways and means; house roll No. 102, judi-ciary; house roll No. 58, railroads; senate file No. 154, judiciary; senate file No. 155, judi ciary; senate file No. 157, judiciary; senate file No. 158, military affairs; senate file No. 159, judiciary; senate file No. 160, judiciary; senate file No. 161, education; senate file No. 162, judiciary; senate file No. 163, judiciary; senate file No. 164, judiciary. Adjourned until 10 a. m. Monday.

Slashing the Estimates.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 14 .- |Special to THE

BEE.]-The house committee on finance,

ways and means considered the demands of

several state institutions today. The follow-

ing reductions were made in the estimates

for the institute for the feeble minded at

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 - Special Telegram

to THE BEE |- Pensions were granted to

day to the following Nebraskans : Original-

Samuel Grisby, John H. Parker, Thomas

Campton, Peter Frederick, Thomas A. Quinn,

mot, John E. Anderson, Solomon R. Story,

Heary J. Graves, Phillip Kaufman, Aaron

Norahas, Frederick Lawrence, Harvey Gamble, Hollowell Goddard, Charles S, Trowbridge, Lara L. Stallin, Richard Baley Schoonover, Joshua A. Smith, Milo A. Hor-

vehicles, from \$13,000 to \$2,000.

The Sixteenth Street Ordinance.

There was a meeting of property owners on Sixteenth street, between the viaduct and southern city limits, at Sixteenth and Vinton streets last evening. The object of the meeting was to discuss the ordinance now pending in the city council in regard to the opening of Sixteenth street south of Vinton. Owing to the absence of the councilman from that ward and other property owners who are interested no definite-action was taken. Thirty dollars, however, was subscribed for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the appraisers. This ordi-nance has passed a second reading and will be placed upon its final passage at the next meeting of the council. The estimated cost of opening this street is \$5,000. The distance from Vinton street to the city limits is one

The leading educators and college gradu ates of O maha are very much pleased with the announcement that Dr. Charles W. Ellot, who is making a tour of the leading cities in the west, will deliver an address at the First Congregational church next Tuesday even. ing, February 17. The high standing of the distinguished guest among the foremost educators of the land will make the occasion one of exceptional interest, not only to the teach-ers and college men of the city, but to the people of Omaha in general. The address will be delivered in the evening and will be

will entertain President Eliot at dinner

Representative George J. Sternsdorf has just received a telegram from Frank L. Daria, ecretary of the Galveston Business Men association, stating that he has just for warded in his care to Lincoln, Neb., fifteen barrels of systers with the compliments of the members of the association, and has sent with them two expert oyster opences. Upon the arrival of the oysters a banquet will be tendered the members of the legislature and representatives of the press.

Seriously Injured.

dent last Wednesday night while entertainng a taffy-pulling beent his home, 1344 South Twenty-eighth street. Mr. Shaw was pry-log the cold candy up with a butcher knife, when the weapon slipped and nearly severed the index finger of his left hand. Since then blood poisoning has set in and serious result are anticipated.

and mining

number the supervision of an Iodian agent. Representative Dickerson of Kentucky in-troduced for reference in the house vesterday a bill to repeal the McKinley tariff bill and to re-enact all laws repealed by that act. No. 168-Organizing sanitary districts. No name, No. 170-Making it a misde-neanor to take up or tie or confine any

Representative Owen, from the house committee on immigration, yesterday reported the committee bill to amend the various immigration acts.

counting for the same. Senator Switzler, No. 171—Amending sec-tions 1 and 6, chapter 27, statutes of 1887. Senator Stevens, No. 172—Providing for Sr. Louis, Feb. 14 .- A special from Maffa, Tex., says a band of Mexicans visited the ranch of Victorien Hernandes last night and

five years old. His son, who was concealed, wounded one of the desperadors. A ranchman trailed blood twenty milles, going to-ward the Rio Grande. Ranchers are moving their families from the vicinity. referred

> Iron Works Shut Down. LONDON, Feb. 14 .- The West Cumberland

iron works have been compelled to shut down owing to lack of orders for steel rails. Other ron works are reducing the number of men n their employ.

Bills Introduced in Congress.

Work of Murderous Mexicans.

killed Oscar Duke, an eleven-year-old boy

and wounded Victorien Hernandes, seventy-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 .- Representative Gif-

bill and

fortunate. They asked for \$146,600 and got every dollar. Last year they received \$189,000. The following reductions were made in the mile

President Eliot of Harvard.

free to all. Wednesday evening the Harvard club

Oysters for the Legislators.

Trowbridge, Lara L. Stallin, Richard Baley Schoonover, Joshua A. Smith, Milo A. Hor-ton, Byron H. Howard, Thaddeus S. Pickel. Asa White. Navy-Charles B. Briggs, Albert Mann, Lewis E. Dean, Charles Pierce. Increase-Ell H. Burdick, John T. Cross, Samuel Becktel, James T. Gibson, John Toorea, Elljah Hoover, Fauntleroy B. Florence, James Maricle, William H. Brewer, Reissue-Jamos Evans, Original C. F. Shaw met with a vory painful acci-

Senate file No. 54, relating to the interest

to the judiciary committee. The appropriation for the relief of the

E. Closson, Reuben M. Philips, Reuben W Ouackenbush. Increase-William Foster George H. Hess. Reissue-Bernard Kernan. Original widows, etc.-Mary, widow of Bur On the recommendation of the committee