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AUDITOR MOORE STARTS AN INQUIRY

He Wants the Attorney General to Settle the All-Important Question.

HAVE AGREED ON A COMMODITY BILL

Republicans in the House Settle on Their Railroad Legislation Policy.

RESULT OF A CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT

General Features of the Bill Fixed and Gotten Ready to Substitute for the Newberry Bill—Omaha's Charter Bill in Committee.

LISCONS, Neb., March 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]

The members of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings have made up their minds that it is about time to do something to protect themselves in the matter of the pending railway contract. Up to this time they have been recognizing C. W. Mosher as the person contractor, regardless of the assignment to Dorgan, and all warrants have been drawn in favor of the president of the wrecked Capital National bank. Now that a grave question has arisen in regard to the matter, the members of the board are fearful that they may get themselves into trouble over it, and may possibly be paying out money that they will be called upon to again pay to other parties, and that their bondsmen will have to stand it. It is understood that the federal authorities will claim that the money should go to sundry creditors of the bank, and in order to protect themselves the state officials who are members of the board will submit a query to the proper authorities for information as to the proper course to pursue in the matter.

Would No Longer Take Chances.

Auditor Moore set the ball rolling this afternoon when he went to the secretary of state and said that he was not going to act blindly in the case any longer. He stated that he was going to do one of two things—find out who was the proper party to receive the money, or refuse to pay the warrants when presented. The two officials waited on the attorney general and were advised that the thing to do was to prepare a list of queries and a commodity bill with them in the supreme court. The auditor has concluded, however, that the attorney general is the source to which the board is to look for enlightenment on the legal points, and will therefore write a letter to that official asking for the desired information. Then, if the attorney general wants advice from court on that point, he can take the matter there. The board does not propose to work in the dark in the case, and it is very probable that the supreme court will say in many days who is entitled to the money as contractor and who is not.

Will Have a Commodity Bill.

The republican members have concluded that it is time to be doing something in the way of agreeing on the question of railroad legislation. A meeting was held this evening after the adjournment of the house at which the matter was discussed, and it was decided that a commodity bill with them in the supreme court. The sentiment of the majority was that a maximum rate bill was not the best solution of the question and that a bill providing a fair reduction on six or eight of the principal commodities was the most practicable way of settling existing differences between the railroads and the people. Arrangements were then made for a caucus in the supreme court room this evening, and after the usual routine had been completed, they went back to the state house. The forty-eight members of the house were present, and pledged themselves to the support of the measure, and a bill was then drafted to be submitted as a substitute for the Newberry bill, otherwise known as house roll 33.

What the Bill Provides.

It is in effect the Everett bill, introduced by the senator from Burlington, with the exception that in addition to the commodities named in that bill, namely, live stock, grain, lumber, cement, lime, farm machinery and salt, it provides for the following articles: Flour, coal, potatoes, barbed wire, sand, stone and brick. The same provision is made for the rate, which is to be not more than 50 percent of the rate in effect, March 1, 1893. It also contains a new article, which is that the rates on any other article that may be enumerated shall not be greater than those in effect at the time named. It recognizes the State Board of Transportation, in that it provides that this board shall furnish to the railroad companies immediately on the taking effect of the act a schedule of rates in accordance with the provisions. It takes in section 6 of the Newberry bill, which gives the secretary of state the power to secure exemption from the terms of the bill in any case before the supreme court and securing an order to that effect on proper showing that the rates are not excessive. The section relating to the pooling of earnings, however, is stricken out. The penalty for the violation of the act is the same as in the Newberry bill, to-wit, not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000. All railroads or parts thereof that may be built within the next two years following the passing of the act are exempted from its provisions until December 31, 1897.

More Appointments.

Governor Crouse has decided upon the appointment of Dr. C. E. Lytle of Bloomington county, for superintendent of the insane asylum at Norfolk, and it is expected that it will be submitted to the senate tomorrow for confirmation. There are three other falling vacancies, each and every office is falling over to each other in the mad scramble for appointment. It is a relief to find a man who does not out of the way when he is appointed. The senate in his direction. Such a man is Mr. C. E. Adams of Superior, to whom the governor offers the office of adjutant general. The senate will probably accept the nomination, and his acceptance and he was compelled to decline the honor. No other appointment of the place has as yet been decided upon.

Heard from Omaha.

The senate was given an object lesson in debate as she is notified in Nebraska senate when the Omaha delegation appeared before that august body this afternoon to set forth their preferences in connection with the city charter. When the senate adjourned the committee on municipal corporations assumed control, and Chairman North took possession of the president's chair to preside over the deliberations. He remarked, "Gentlemen, this crowd is from Omaha, and I would advise the senators to check their consciences. The committee was the scene of some light oratory during the next two hours, and the familiar insinuations of hoodlums and corruption

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—As the Dutch are reported to have taken Holland as an army of 200,000 of the great American republic now hold possession of their own national capital. If the statements of railroad officials are to be believed, there is now moving upon Washington a reserve army of at least equal numbers. It seems incredible, but it is claimed by experts in counting crowds that there will be 400,000 people, not residents of this city, here by Saturday noon to witness the transfer of the control of the government of the United States from republican to democratic hands. The presence of this conquering host is everywhere visible. The streets are so crowded already that passage along the broad sidewalks is difficult and pedestrians have already utilized the asphalted streets. The hotel corridors are as jammed as were the inadequate hostels of provincial Minnesota during the republican national convention.

No Accommodations for Many.

Despite all the efforts that have been made by the local committees to find a quiet and convenient place for the contingent, it is apparent that many hundreds of tourists will be unable to find accommodations. The brilliant weather which has thus far blessed the week is generally ascribed by Uncle Jerry Rusk to his own machinations, but to the Cleveland luck. The weather bureau has predicted for Friday cool temperatures and a clear sky for Saturday. Memories of the driving tempest of four years ago caused the builders of nearly all the stands which line Pennsylvania avenue to cover them with roofs.

The fair is here in all his glory. He is of serious rank. He sells everything to the passing crowd from reserved seats on the capital stands to roosters, brooms and portraits of Baby Ruth. A few enterprising boys are trying to sell the surplus stock of Harrison and Morton badges which were prepared for the Minneapolis convention. The continued popularity of President Harrison is shown by the fact that a photographer who recently secured a full-length negative of the retiring chief magistrate. He has made a large number of these photographs, and is selling them at a profit without having to hawk them about the streets.

The mile of Pennsylvania avenue which stretches from the marble front of the capitol to the granite pillars of the treasury building is one blaze of bunting. Many of the decorations are unique. In one shop window there appeared a pair of trousers flanked by a twin of national flags, which are kept fluttering by an electric fan. Another window is filled with decorated with brooms, labeled