# WOULD APPEAL FROM BREWER

State Board of Transportation Recommends Further Steps in the Rate Case.

SO ADVISES THE LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS

Confident that the Judge Has Adopted a Wrong System for Ascertaining Reasonable Tariff Charges for Freight Traffic.

LINCOLN, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the State Board of Transportation today there were present J. C. Allen, chairman; A. R. Humphrey, secretary; Commissioners Eugene Moore, J. S. Bartley and George H. Hastings, and Secretaries Koontz, Dilworth and Johnson.

The following recommendation to the legislature in regard to the present status of the maximum rate case was drafted and ordered sent to Governor Crounse for his consideration:

It will be seen by this decision (Judge Brewer's) that the constitutionality of the law was fully maintained, except as to the single proposition that the schedule of rates therein fixed was so low as not to provide a reasonable compensation to the railroad companies; in other words, that these rates were not reasonable rates, and for that reason the temporary injunctions were made permanent, with the right to the Board of Transportation of the state of Nebraska to at any time make application to reopen the case whenever it is deemed that the increased business of the railroad companies is such that the said schedule of rates provided under said law will become reasonable rates.

It will also be seen by careful study of this decision and the opinion of Judge Brewer that no rule or basis is laid down as to how reasonable rates are to be ascertained. Reasonable rates are, of course, such rates as to provide for the payment of the necessary operating expenses of the railroad, the payment of taxes, and to allow to a reasonable return to the company. But as to the question whether this reasonable return should be something to the stockholders after paying operating expenses, taxes and interest of the funded debt, or for the money actually and necessarily invested in the construction and equipment of the various railroads, or the payment of reasonable interest upon the amount of money that the roads are actually worth at the time of the taking effect of the law, is not, in this suit, determined as yet. Judge Brewer does not say in his opinion which of these should be used as a true basis for ascertaining reasonable rates. We deem it of the utmost importance that such rule be ascertained, for until some rule is laid down by our higher courts the establishment of maximum rates by any tribunal is merely an experiment to be passed upon by some court whose idea and whose judgment may be entirely different from that of the rate making power. For the purpose of having such a rule or basis established, we think it all important that these cases should be carried to a final determination by the highest court.

Believing that Judge Brewer has adopted a wrong system for ascertaining reasonable rates, and that this case can be ultimately won by the state, and also that it is of the utmost importance to the people of this state and country that a definite rule or basis for the ascertainment of reasonable rates should be established by our highest court, we would respectfully recommend that these cases be appealed.

And further, regarding the maximum rates, we will say that if the capital stock and funded debt be taken into consideration in ascertaining what are reasonable charges, then it follows as a necessary conclusion that the legislature has the right and should exercise it in fixing or limiting the amount of capital stock or funded debt that such corporations can issue or create.

It is held by the courts that a corporation in which the public has an interest has a right to earn something for the benefit of the stockholders after paying operating expenses, taxes and interest on its funded debt, then our corporation laws should be remodeled as to limit the amount of capital stock of such corporation, and its powers to create a funded or mortgage debt.

Then it will be wise to provide that, before any such corporation hereafter to be created should be allowed to do business, that it receive a license from the board of transportation, or some other tribunal, which license should designate the amount of capital stock that the corporation should be allowed to issue, also the amount of mortgage debt that it would be allowed to create, with the proviso that at any time after the organization of the company and the issue of the license aforesaid, that upon good cause shown such capital stock or funded debt may be, by the tribunal granting such license, allowed to be increased to such an amount as in the judgment of such tribunal is deemed necessary to the proper construction, development and equipment of the property of said corporation, providing, however, in the law, that the amount of capital stock and funded debt shall not exceed the actual cost of the construction, equipment and development of such property.

STATE HOUSE GOSSIP.

The Board of Transportation today ordered the Omaha & Republican Valley railroad to raise its tracks three feet at the crossing of the road at a point near Holmesville, Gage county. The crossing of the wagon road now is considered dangerous. Holmesville is a lively trading point for farmers, nine miles south of Beatrice.

Governor Crounse today appointed as additional delegates to the Kearney irrigation convention, to be held on the 18th inst., F. I. Foss, Crete; John A. McShane, George W. Holdrege and Mr. Howells, Omaha, and Isaac Le Dioyt, Hastings. The governor also appointed as an additional delegate to the Atlanta Cotton exposition W. C. Taylor of Culbertson.

On the application of Attorney Charles S. Lobinger and recommendation of Police Judge Berka and Prosecuting Attorney Shoemaker of Omaha, Governor Crounse today pardoned A. L. Morris from serving a jail sentence in default of a $25 fine. It appears that Morris was convicted of the larceny of some law books and fined the above amount. Mayor Bemis recommended a pardon to the police court, owing to the destitute condition of the prisoner's family, but for some technical reason the court refused to honor the recommendation. As habeas corpus proceedings would have been expensive, resort was had to the chief executive, with the above result.

The city excise board has decided upon a plan whereby the police force will be subject to a system of rotation in night and day service. Patrolmen will be on duty one week in the daytime, followed by two weeks' night service. It is thought the system will prove satisfactory to a majority of the policemen interested.

The relief commission is informed that a carload of potatoes for the drouth-stricken sufferers in Nebraska is enroute from Portland, Ore.

Sam Payne, the murderer of Maud Rubel, at Omaha, has been turned over to the penitentiary authorities, and commenced on his life sentence.

Are the inhabitants of Mars trying to signal the people of the earth? Many astronomers think so. The women of Mars probably want a supply of Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder.

**State Grange Elects Officers.**

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The session of the Nebraska State Grange was concluded yesterday. The following officers were elected: Master, O. Hall, Pawnee City; overseer, J. Blackstone, Craig; lecturer, J. N. Williams, Culbertson; steward, R. Hanson, Curtis; assistant steward, C. P. Miller, Mission Creek; chaplain, G. W. Dawson, Vacoma; treasurer, A. M. Bovee, Vacoma; secretary, J. R. Cantlin, Webster; gatekeeper, Frank Reinert, Tekamah; executive committee, A. P. Jo, Tekamah; G. H. Richardson, Butler; H. Jeger, Craig; R. B. Thompson, Steele City. Lady officers: Mrs. M. E. Hall, Pawnee City; Mrs. L. R. Fletcher, Bancroft; Mrs. J. P. Blackstone, Craig, and Miss Annie Linden, Blair. L. R. Fletcher of Bancroft was elected state deputy.

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**Forced the Failure.**

KEARNEY, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The failure of the Kearney National bank is the principal topic of discussion on the streets. While there are a combination of circumstances which made the closing necessary, the direct cause was the action taken by the pop board of supervisors the day before. The bank has been one of the heaviest county depositories and the board gave it out that it was going to order all the county money withdrawn. The directors could easily see what effect this would have and ordered the doors closed. It is understood that a new bank will soon be organized and that the depositors in the Kearney National will be paid in full. In fact, arrangements have been pending for some time for a reorganization of the bank January 1, but this step will undoubtedly be postponed for some time.

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*IMPULSIVE MR. WINNETT.*

**He Brusquely Objects to a Young Man's Attentions to His Daughter.**

YORK, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The church social held at the Litel school house, this county, for the purpose of buying curtains for the building came very near turning out far more seriously than intended. During the course of the evening a young man by the name of Cross attempted to take a young lady by the name of Winnett to supper. The girl seemed willing enough, but her father objected. While the young man was determined to take the girl the father was determined that he should not. A wordy contest followed, and to end the heated discussion the old man tried the persuasive powers of a revolver, with the desired effect. While Cross immediately surrendered the girl he claims he will make it hot for Winnett. More trouble is expected.

The marriage of Harry F. Kellogg of Omaha and Miss Maggie D. Edie was celebrated at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Couch. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Long. A few invited friends and relatives were present. The young couple left for Omaha yesterday morning, which place will be their future home.

York Military band will go to Aurora this evening to render a concert. The one given here a few nights ago was a decided success.

The County Bee Keepers association of York county met with D. Broadwell yesterday. There was a good attendance.

A masculine Shakespeare club has been organized in this city. The club met at the office of Gilbert Bros. last evening and read the first chapter of the "Merchant of Venice."

**Lincoln's Divorce Troubles.**

LINCOLN, Dec. 14.—(Special to the Bee.)—About 5:30 last evening the petition of Mrs. Ella A. Billingsley for a divorce from her husband, Captain L. W. Billingsley, the well known attorney, was filed in district court, along with the answer of defendant. The parties proceeded to the private room of Judge Strode, where the testimony was taken, and the court found that the plaintiff's allegations were true and she was entitled to a divorce on the ground of extreme cruelty. She was also given the custody, care and education of their 10-year-old daughter, Beatrice. No provision as to alimony was made, but it is stated that the family residence at Tenth and H streets is in Mrs. Billingsley's name, and that the settlement of property rights was made in advance of the granting of the decree. No testimony was adduced in defendant's behalf.

James A. Phillips last October was married at Glenwood, Ia. In a petition for divorce filed in the district court he says that six weeks later, on the 20th of November, his wife was guilty of adultery with divers and sundry persons at Twenty-first and O streets.

The cases brought by R. M. Turner, O. N. Humphrey, Lydia Greenman, A. M. Davis, Gettier Bros., E. Hallett and Campbell & Son against the directors of the Capital National bank, to recover the amount of their deposits because of the laches of defendants, were dismissed at plaintiffs' costs yesterday. The federal court has held that no individual depositor can maintain an action against the directors, but that the receiver is the only man who can do so, and that after the assets have been exhausted. This settled the matter.

**Two Gage County Citizens Dead.**

BEATRICE, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Two deaths of highly esteemed citizens have occurred in this community within the past twenty-four hours. Cornelius Jansen, jr., one of the best known residents of the city, passed away this morning from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy received last evening. The old gentleman took a ride of five miles into the country yesterday afternoon and up to the time he was stricken was feeling as well as usual.

J. M. Ramsey died at his home at 5 o'clock this morning after a prolonged illness. The deceased was an old resident of Gage county and a member of Rawlins post, Grand Army of the Republic. He had been in ill health for some time, being subject to occasional attacks of epilepsy.

**To Secure a Beet Sugar Factory.**

HASTINGS, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The business men of this city held a meeting tonight in the court house for the purpose of further discussing the proposed beet sugar factory proposition. A committee of six was appointed to meet the capitalists from the east who will be here tomorrow and discuss the question thoroughly and report at the next meeting. A committee of three was appointed to attend the state irrigation convention at Kearney for the purpose of trying to secure the next state meet of that organization.

**Northwestern Legion of Honor Elect Officers.**

BERLIN, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The Northwestern Legion of Honor met in its new and elegant lodge rooms last evening and elected the following officers: Commander, A. F. Young; past commander, G. H. Hillman; vice commander, F. L. Hillman; orator, William Flamme; secretary and collector, Charles H. Busch; treasurer, Klaus Knabex; chaplain, William H. Abker; guide, F. C. Knabe; warden, Ernest Mussermann; sentry, August Block; board of trustees, William Flamme, Claus Knabe and William H. Abker.

**Funeral of Chauncey Wiltse.**

FULLERTON, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The funeral of Chauncey Wiltse occurred this morning at 9:30 o'clock at his home, conducted by Rev. Dr. W. H. H. Pillsbury of this place. The societies of Knights of Pythias and Grand Army of the Republic were both out and assisted in the services. A special train conveyed the remains, accompanied by Mrs. Wiltse, Rev. Dr. Pillsbury, Dr. Johnson P. Storch, G. Wheeler, W. H. Orton and others to Omaha, at which place the body will be interred.

**Wahoo Residence Destroyed.**

WAHOO, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The residence of Mrs. Lutze, in the southern part of the city, was destroyed by fire tonight. The building could not be saved, as it was too far out to be reached by a hose. The fire originated from a defective flue. The household goods were all saved, but the building, valued at $800, was totally destroyed. It was insured for $600.

**Demise of Mrs. John Wilson.**

STROMSBURG, Neb., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. John Wilson, wife of the president of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank, died last evening. She was one of the early settlers of Polk county and leaves a family of grown children.

Would'st breakfast in luxury? See that Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is in the food.

## WILL PROVE FRUITFUL.

**Omaha Jobbers Talk About Their Trip to the Northwest.**

The Omaha jobbers, who for a week past have been visiting the northwest, returned from their long trip yesterday afternoon without any mishap. The trip was a most enjoyable one in every respect. The practical results of the excursion into the new territory opened by the Burlington's extension to a junction with the Northern Pacific at Billings cannot be estimated until the returns begin to come in. The new territory made tributary to Omaha is rich in resources, and is destined to support an immense industrial and agricultural population. Much of it is almost, the jobbers say, a wilderness, and the irrigation ditch will have to traverse thousands of broad acres before they are productive. The immense herds of cattle, the mineral wealth, the coal fields, all promise much for Omaha. With the development of these resources will come the development of closer relations with Omaha.

The excursionists were everywhere received with a typical western cordiality. The friendly feeling toward Omaha has undoubtedly been intensified by the personal visit of the representative wholesalers and manufacturers of this city, and the trip will unquestionably result in an increased trade. All the members of the party are strong in the belief that the business interests of Omaha have been advanced by the excursion.

# MUST PAY THE MILITIA

Iowa Soldiers Secure a Verdict for Services Rendered Against Kelly.

SUPREME COURT PASSES ON THE SUBJECT

Expenses Shall Be Paid from the Executive Council's Contingent Fund — State —State Auditor McCarthy Will Now Disburse the Money.

DES MOINES, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme court today handed down a decision in the case of Adjutant General John R. Prime against State Auditor McCarthy, appellant, appealed from the Polk district court, in relation to the fund from which the National Guard should be paid. The court holds that the expense must be paid from the executive council's contingent fund and be audited by the executive council.

The case grew out of claims for services of the National Guard in the Kelly army invasion at Council Bluffs, coal strike at Muchakinock and Evans and railway strike at Sioux City, in each case the troops being ordered out by the governor.

The court says: "No question is made as to the governor's authority or the necessity for his action. Neither is it questioned that the claim is just and correct and should be paid. It is conceded that the adjutant general is entitled to the sum of $4,102.11 from the source from which it is payable for disbursement to the persons entitled thereto. The claim was presented by the adjutant general, under whose immediate command its services were rendered and the expense incurred, to the executive council, by whom it was audited and certified under section 120 of the code. Appellant refuses to issue the warrant on this certificate, contending that the claim was chargeable to Pottawattamie county under section 8, chapter xxiv, acts of Eighteenth general assembly, and that if not so payable it is payable out of the appropriations made in section 21 of chapter lxxiv, and the additional appropriations thereto made in section 5, chapter lxv, acts of the Twentieth general assembly, and section 19, chapter xxxi, acts of the Twenty-fourth general assembly.

"While it is true that section 120 does not employ language usually found in laws appropriating money, still we think it was the intention of the legislature that under authority of section 120 all expenses authorized under it and all other necessary expenses for which no other appropriation was made should be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated upon the certificate of the executive council, and that upon such certificate it is the duty of the auditor to draw his warrant therefor and of the treasurer to pay the same."

OTHER DECISIONS.

Other decisions were filed as follows: Sarah I. Acker and Sarah I. Acker as next friend of William Franklin Priest, John Edward Priest, Joseph Henr teph Morton Raymond Priest, Elmer C. Priest and Charles S. Priest, minor heirs of Elizabeth V. Priest, appellant, against Stephen Priest and Isaac Dickerson and G. S. Acker, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth V. Priest, deceased, Cass district, affirmed. B. F. Winey, appellant, against Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, Crawford district, reversed. D. Griffith against Milwaukee Harvester company et al, appellant, O'Brien district, reversed. Sarah J. Helmer, administratrix, against J. C. Yetzer, appellant, Cass district, modified and affirmed. Farmers Loan and Trust company, appellant, against John Olsen, L. E. Gutz and August Ripke, Calhoun district, affirmed. T. A. Morgan against Fremont county, appellant, Mills district, affirmed. John R. Taylor and Citizens National bank of Des Moines against F. M. Gilbert, appellant, and Henry E. Yeomans et al, Polk district, affirmed. M. E. Hawley, administratrix, against the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance company, appellant, Wapello district, reversed. C. S. Young against the Omaha & St. Louis Railway company, appellant, Fremont district, affirmed. Fillmore Noyes, appellant, against Edward Collins, Harrison district, affirmed. E. McCoy, assignee, appellant, against the Hastings & Bradley company et al, appellant, J. V. Farwell & Co., intervenor, appellee, Lyon district, affirmed. John P. Burke, appellant, against C. D. Dillin, C. M. Witt et al, Pottawattamie district, affirmed. Sophia White and John D. White against D. R. Kinley, sheriff, and John Thomas, intervenor, appellant, Linn district, affirmed. C. T. Sater, appellant, against Henry County Farmers Insurance company, Henry district, affirmed. H. H. Oberholtz against John D. Hazen, sheriff, appellant, Pottawattamie district, affirmed. C. G. Culver & Co. against the American Express company, appellant, Woodbury district, affirmed.

## VAN LEUVEN FOUND GUILTY.

**Jury Declares that He Attempted to Bribe the Pension Examining Board.**

DUBUQUE, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Pension Agent Van Leuven of Lime Springs, Ia., was this afternoon found guilty of conspiracy with John Rankin, a pensioner seeking an increase, to bribe the board of examining surgeons at Cresco, Ia. The jury returned the verdict after an hour's deliberation, and while another jury was being impaneled to try Van Leuven for conspiracy to bribe the Decorah board. Erwin of St. Paul, in his argument for Van Leuven, insisted the purpose of the prosecution was to place a "political stigma" upon the union soldier.

Judge Shiras instructed the jury that the government's pension policy was not on trial, and that Allen, the man in whose presence Van Leuven asked for $15 with which to "grease" the surgeons, was not an accomplice if he was there to see Van Leuven about his own case and not about Rankin's.

"If the defendant is guilty," said the court, "say so without regard to your sentiments concerning politics or pensions."

**Jail Bird's Plans Frustrated.**

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Will Gaitley, the youthful burglar who is languishing in the county jail awaiting trial, evidently does not look forward to his appearance before Judge Towner with much enjoyment. He is very anxious to release himself from his present confinement, and planned to make his escape yesterday, but the failure of the message to reach the proper person frustrated his plans. Gaitley had written a letter to his brother, a local resident, requesting him to furnish saws and files so he could escape. This letter was given to a tramp for delivery, the tramp being released after a few days' confinement. Officers promptly fired the tramp out of town after giving him liberty, and he did not have an opportunity of delivering Gaitley's message. The tramp gave it to an operator at East Creston, and the contents became known and Gaitley will hardly make his escape.

**Dreadful Accident Near Lonetree.**

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—A terrible accident occurred at the home of a Mr. Edwards, a farmer living near Lonetree. Several of the neighbors gathered there last evening for an evening's visit. Among the children were Jimmie Ryan and Eddie Goldsberry, who stole away from the older folks and were upstairs playing. Picking up a loaded gun Eddie Goldsberry pointed it at his little companion and pulled the trigger. The charge carried away the whole front of his face, causing instant death.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—John Jermia, a young farmer living near Emmetsburg, accidentally shot and killed himself while hunting jack rabbits by moonlight. He was riding a pony and it is supposed the pony fell and the gun, striking the ground, was discharged. The back part of his head was entirely shot off.

A fair complexion comes from pure food. What woman would not prefer food cooked with Dr. Price's Baking Powder?

**Brakeman Charged with Robbery.**

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Two special detectives from the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company passed through the city today, having in custody A. R. Brown, a brakeman on freight trains between Belle Plaine and Boone, who, with two confederates, is charged with having broken into a car and stolen 70,000 cigars and a large quantity of general merchandise. The officers were taking Brown to Boone, where he will be arraigned and tried.

**Had a Single Friend.**

DUBUQUE, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The jury in Mrs. Handyside's breach of promise case against Dr. Guthrie was discharged tonight, having failed to agree after deliberating since noon Thursday. An old farmer stood out for the widow.

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155 Ladies' Suits, worth from $8 to $15, AT **$4.49.**

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Boys' 3-piece knee pant suits, ages 10 to 15. Not a suit worth less than $5.00 and $7.50. Choice tomorrow at $3.25.

375 boys' 2-piece knee pant suits, ages 4 to 15, double-breasted coat; the pants have the patent elastic waistband; not a suit worth less than $4.00. On sale tomorrow at $2.50.

240 very fine worsteds and cassimere suits, same ages, the kind we always sold for $5.50 and $6.00. Tomorrow your choice at $3.75.

A handsome Christmas gift with every suit in this sale. Your choice of the handsome battleship Columbia or a fine snare drum.

All wool knee pants at 50c.

NOTICE OUR LOCALS ON 8TH PAGE ABOUT TOYS.

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Men's coin silver watches, hunting case, stem wind and set, fine lever nickel works, worth $12.00, at $4.98.

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Gents' initial linen handkerchiefs, 15c

Gents' fancy teck and four-in-hand ties, new styles, 25c, 50c and 75c.

Elegant suspenders, 25c, 50c and 75c.

Gents' dogskin gloves, $1.00; worth $1.50.

Men's fine wool half-hose, 25c; worth 50c.

Best quality linen collars, 12½c.

Men's linen cuffs, 25c quality go at 12½c.

Men's unlaundered shirts, 39c, 50c and 75c.

Men's fancy nightgowns, 50c, 75c and $1.00.

Gents' silk umbrellas, $1.98, $2.50 and $3.00.

Gents' heavy wool underwear, 50c, 75c and 98c.

Beautiful display of gents' pocket knives.

Gents' fast black cotton half-hose, 12½c; worth 25c.

100 doz. gents' fancy border handkerchiefs, 18½c; worth 25c.

Men's lined gloves and mittens, 50c, 75c, 98c and $1.25.

## FEATHER BOAS.

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# DEFENDED THE PENSIONERS

General Sickles Takes His Last Opportunity to Rebuke His Political Friends.

PENSION FRAUDS ARE FEW IN NUMBER

Pickler of South Dakota and Dunn of New Jersey Get Into a Squabble—Pension Bill Finally Passed Without Division.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The time of the house was consumed today with debate on the pension appropriation bill, and, although it abounded in charges and counter charges, it lacked interesting details. The bill carries $141,381,570 and was passed without amendment. The Hitt resolution of inquiry calling on the secretary of state for the correspondence relating to the payment of $425,000 in the bill in connection with the fur seal controversy was adopted. The evening session was devoted to the consideration of private pension bills, after which the house adjourned until Monday.

The house went into committee of the whole and resumed consideration of the pension appropriation bill. Mr. Grosvenor, republican of Ohio, took the floor and delivered a speech of an hour, in which he criticised the attitude of the pension office toward the pensioner and pension claimant.

He reviewed the policy of the office, detailing the evidence of alleged hostility toward the soldier and citing many instances of injustice. Mr. Morse, republican of Massachusetts, and Mr. Lacey, republican of Iowa, followed in the same strain.

Mr. Sickles, democrat of New York, expressed his disgust with the frequent recurrence in the president's message and in the report of the secretary of the interior and commissioner of pensions of charges of fraud in the pension roll. For the last time, probably, before his retirement from congress, he said, he desired to defend his old comrades from this slander. With almost 1,000,000 names enrolled and $150,000,000 disbursed in pensions annually, he declared that the fraud discovered was utterly insignificant and should be a subject of self-congratulation to every soldier in the land.

"I want to reply once for all to the charges from the other side," said Mr. Pickler of South Dakota, "that the pension roll is a roll of dishonor."

"Who on this side has ever made such a statement?" asked Mr. Dunn of New Jersey.

"A great many."

"Who? Name one," came in chorus from the democratic side.

"I refer you to the record," replied Mr. Pickler.

"I have no time to look through the record," persisted Mr. Dunn; "name one."

"I do not care to drag names in here," replied Mr. Pickler. Mr. Pickler went on to detail the result of the pension office purging, which he declared had resulted in but twenty-nine convictions.

"You would not deprive the government of the means to discover even twenty-nine frauds, would you?" asked Mr. Dunn, returning to the attack.

"Certainly not," said Mr. Pickler.

"Then what are you talking about?" retorted Mr. Dunn sarcastically.

"The report of the commissioner of pensions and the message of the president show they are demagogues," returned Mr. Pickler hotly.

The general debate proceeded without marked incident, Messrs. Baker of New Hampshire, Enloe of Tennessee, Mahon of Pennsylvania, Hulick of Ohio, Coombs of New York, Bynum of Indiana, Cannon of Illinois and Milliken of Maine participating, and was concluded by a brief speech from Mr. O'Neill of Massachusetts, in charge of the bill. He explained that $139,000,000 had been expended for pensions during the last fiscal year, and the commissioner had estimated that the same sum would be expended during the present year. The commissioner believed that the limit of pension expenditures had been reached, and that after wavering about the present figure for two or three years it would begin to decrease. The bill was then passed without division.

Mr. Outhwaite reported the army appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. McCreary the Hitt resolution calling on the secretary of state for all correspondence and reports relating to the shipment of $425,000 to Great Britain, growing out of the controversy over the Alaskan fur seals, was adopted.

A motion to adjourn until Monday was carried and then, at 3:10 p. m., the house took a recess until 8 o'clock.

The evening session was devoted to private pension bills.

**Porte Withdrew Its Invitation.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The United States will take no part in the investigation into the Armenian outrages. Finding that the limitations imposed by President Cleveland upon the function of Consul Jewett were such as to prevent his joint action with the representatives of the other countries, the sultan has withdrawn his invitation to the United States to appoint a commissioner, and consequently Mr. Jewett's appointment lapses. As an extra precaution against involving the United States in any European disagreements, Mr. Jewett was instructed to make an independent inquiry and report only to the State department. The last restrictions were apparently unpalatable to the porte, and so by the withdrawal of its invitation Mr. Jewett's appointment is canceled.

**Overruled Howgates Demurrer.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The application of Captain Howgate for an appeal from the decision of Judge Cole overruling demurrers to the indictments against him was denied today by the district court of appeals. An additional indictment was reported by the grand jury today charging Howgate with forging the name of Rosewell H. Rochester, treasurer of the Western Union Telegraph company, to vouchers to the amount of $1,199.

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*CORNING AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS*

**Ugly Stories Concerning a Beautiful Woman Are Not Yet Substantiated.**

CORNING, Ia., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—What promises to be either a rare piece of scandal or cruel slander is just now agitating the church and society circles of Corning. Last spring the Christian denomination of Corning began the erection of a costly edifice. Mrs. H. A. Stigler, a charming woman of prepossessing appearance, who had recently removed to Corning with her husband, was very active in the interests of the church, and became chief solicitor, visiting nearly all the towns far and near soliciting funds. The church being finished, Mrs. Stigler started out six weeks ago to collect the maturing obligations. Rumors for several days past have been coming thick and fast that the lady has eloped with a traveling man who, previous to her departure, had been in Corning seating the new house of worship. The rumors cannot yet be substantiated, as the husband has had frequent letters from his wife advising him of her whereabouts, and he still places implicit confidence in her, and says she will undoubtedly return home within a few hours. Mrs. Stigler has been the central attraction in the circles of the church, and the current rumors are branded as the work of envious, mischief-making women.

**Good Citizens Indignant.**

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The publication of warrants set aside by the sifting committee of the citizens committee and the county bankers has led to grief, because it contained the names of many reputable citizens who had secured money on them. They find their names were used by corrupt supervisors to get money, and object to having their names made public, lest it reflect on them. The sifting committee is not nearly done work yet.

**Ran Away with Cash.**

Henry Watters, a barber, and treasurer of the Elite Social club of South Omaha, left the city Thursday night, carrying away about $150 belonging to the club and leaving a number of creditors unpaid.

**Small Blaze at Hastings.**

HASTINGS, Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The wagon and carriage manufacturing shop of James Rooney was damaged to the amount of about $200 by fire this morning.

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