

TRYING TO WIPE OUT DEBT

Iowa Legislators Attempt to Devise Ways and Means.

MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO YEARS

Joint Report of the Committees on Ways and Means is Submitted—Necessary to Carry on Appropriations.

DES MOINES, Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The joint report of the committees on ways and means of both houses was filed in both bodies today. It gives the basis of anticipated revenue on which the state must work in arranging its appropriations for the coming biennial period. For 1898 it is estimated the treasury will receive \$2,231,254, which, adding \$100,000 on hand January 1, gives \$2,331,254 available. Expenditures for the same time are estimated at \$2,945,000, this including only \$30,000 for extraordinary appropriations. Resources thus exceed expenditures by \$296,000. Applying this amount to the state debt of \$717,325 will reduce the debt at the end of the year to \$421,325. The 1899 estimated expenditures are \$1,825,000. With the same income as estimated for 1898, the balance of the debt would be paid during 1899; all but \$83,000 of it during the first half of that year.

If the legislature makes extraordinary appropriations to any amount it must raise the levy to give up the effort to get out of debt during the next biennium. A levy of 3 mills for 1899 would get the state out of debt and leave about \$100,000 surplus, providing the valuation under the new revenue law remains as high as under the old, of which there is some doubt. The substance of the report is that the 2-mill levy in 1898 and 1899 and the assumption that the valuation will not contract under the new law to allow the state to get out of debt provided any extraordinary appropriations are made, is a policy that cannot be maintained. The amount is impossible to estimate, but there will be some. If the state gets out of debt in the next two years, especially in the latter year, the clamor against an increase of the levy to 3 mills, it will be a remarkable accomplishment.

In the house Ray presented a resolution to adjourn March 15. There is no prospect that work can be completed by that date. The resolution by Dowling, populist, to encourage Congressmen Hull of the Des Moines district for leaving his post at Washington and coming home to lobby for a building and loan bill was unceremoniously killed by indefinite postponement. Efforts were made, both forenoon and afternoon, to pass the primary election bill in the house, but it fell both times. The bill by Bailey of Sioux to prevent insurance companies discriminating between the sexes in the charge of premiums passed by a large majority. It is aimed at certain organizations outside the state which have taken advantage of a law in the law.

The senate did little business, devoting the time to minor matters. A bill was passed providing that the state pay the expenses of charges of documents issued by it and another allowing the agricultural college to buy a tract of land for the experimental work.

At the afternoon session the house passed the McArthur senate bill to make appointment of police officers in cities optional with the council. The Potter bill, to increase from 1 to 2 per cent of gross production the tax on express companies, passed unanimously. The bill to provide a state board of barbering was defeated by a vote of 41 yeas to 30 nays, lacking ten of a constitutional majority. It will be reconsidered when there is a fuller attendance.

CAMPAIGN MANAGER ARRESTED. S. L. Gross, one of the managers of the campaign of John W. White, the express nomination for mayor, was arrested this evening on charge of M. Chiese, a prominent saloon man, who accuses him of forgery. The charge is that Gross, in collusion with other Sherman managers who are not named, forged and issued 10,000 tickets reading "Good for 5 cents in trade, M. Chiese. These are said to have been distributed promiscuously by the Sherman agents, with the explanation that they were given out from MacVicar headquarters. The object was, it is charged, to give the tickets to the candidate, a large number of the tickets were presented at the saloon and refused, finally a bunch of them was secured from a man who came in and offered them in exchange for a quarter keg of beer. The man charged that he was the ticket man, and explained that they were from MacVicar headquarters. The MacVicar people promise other arrests.

Estimate of Iowa's Debt. DES MOINES, Feb. 26.—The ways and means committee will report today an estimate of the state's debt at the end of the fiscal year June 30, viz.: \$122,325.50. The committee is unable to estimate the levy to be made this year because of the uncertainty of appropriations. It is hoped that the state will again be out of debt at the end of 1899.

Woman Commits Suicide. CEDAR RAPIDS, Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. William Streeter, a young married woman, committed suicide this evening while in a state of delirium by taking morphine and arsenic.

Iowa Congressional Comment. Des Moines Leader: Judge Lot Thomas of Storm Lake is an avowed candidate in the Eleventh district. His name forbids the thought that he will look back.

Kokoiu Gate City. There is talk that Fred White will move into the Second district and be a candidate against Congressman Curtis. Mr. White will be remembered as the gentleman who was nominated for governor of Iowa last fall, he was defeated.

Davenport Democrat: Of course Congressman Perkins wants another term in congress and he is an avowed candidate. Judge Thomas, who appears to be a candidate for several years, feels the same way about it. He is going to get the nomination for congress in the Eleventh district if he can.

Glenwood Eighteenth. A number of congressmen are beginning to make their influence felt on every hand and the probability of his re-nomination seems to grow every while he has had a bitter experience with the legislature.

IS IT CURABLE? A Question Often Asked By Those Afflicted With Piles. Is a strained joint curable? Is local inflammation curable? Of course, if properly treated. So is piles.

COMPLETES THE SCHEDULE

Western League Closes Its Season and Adjourns.

OMAHA WILL OPEN THE SEASON AT HOME

Plays Two Games at Columbus on Decoration Day and Two at Kansas City on the Fourth of July.

WIND AND ITS VAGARIES

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Announcing that the secretary of war had received advice from Havana stating that the body of J. J. McManus had been recovered from the wreck of the Maine, and after being fully examined had been buried by the Spanish authorities. The telegram also stated that the Navy department had announced that the remains could not be brought home for burial. No particulars were given, but it is supposed that owing to the fact that the remains were easily identified McManus lost his life by drowning and was not torn to pieces by the dreadful explosion that obliterated so many of his brave fellows. The information was conveyed to the family yesterday afternoon.

Council Bluffs Churches.

Following are the announcements of religious services to be held in the city today: First Baptist Church, Corner of Sixth Street and First Avenue—Services conducted by Rev. R. Venting at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Three Links in a Golden Chain"; afternoon subject, "Little Cups and Great Flagons"; evening subject, "This Telescope and What I Saw Through It." Baptism will be administered at the close of the evening preaching service, and immediately following a meeting of the church society is desired. Sunday school at 12 m. young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. L. F. McDonald, Rector—Holy communion at 8 a. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; morning service and sermon at 11 a. m.; evening service and sermon at 7:30 p. m.; subjects, "Ninewh 'throned"; and "The Sixth Commandment." Sunday school at All Saints' chapel at 3 p. m. Services during the week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 4:30 in the church; Friday at 7:30 in the church.

Christian Tabernacle, Corner of Scott and Myrtle Streets, S. M. Perkins, Pastor—Services begin at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; morning subject, "Seven Wonders of the Modern World"; evening subject, "Conversion of the Mound Man." The latter is the second of a series of sermons on conversion. Congregational Church, Corner of Seventh Avenue and First—Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Wilson; subjects, "Divine Love Manifested According to Human Conduct"; and "Joseph and His Brethren." Sunday school at 12 m. young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Fifth Avenue Methodist Church, Rev. G. P. Fry, Pastor—Morning subject, "The Duty of the Home and Church." Child, "Theological subject," "Physiological Effects of Alcoholic Drinks on the Vital Organs of the Body." Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior League at 3 p. m.; Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Second Presbyterian Church, Corner of Hornum and Logan Streets, Rev. Alexander Litherland, Pastor—Morning subject, "The Gospel Preacher for This Age." Evening subject, "The Christian Yoke." Sunday school and Endeavor meeting at the usual hours.

Christian Science, Room 402 Spaulding—Service begins at 10:45 a. m. Reading from the Bible and Science and Health. Experience meeting Friday evening at 7:45.

A New Location. The hardware and furniture store of Peterson & Schoening will remove in a few days from their present location, 51st and 517 South Main st., to 208, 210, 212 and 214 South Main st., in the Merriam block. They will occupy four large storerooms and in their new location will carry one of the most complete lines of hardware and furniture to be found in the city.

Big auction sale every day from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. at The Fair, 502 Broadway.

Real Estate Transfers. The following transfers were made from the title and loan office of J. W. Spivey, 501 Pearl street: C. R. L. & P. Ry. Co. to George W. Jones, lot 1, block 7, Cannon, 50 Washington, Steubing Bank, by receiver, to Charles R. Hamann, 45 lots 1-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-13, 15-16, 18-19, 21-22, 24-25, 27-28, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37, 39-40, 42-43, 45-46, 48-49, 51-52, 54-55, 57-58, 60-61, 63-64, 66-67, 69-70, 72-73, 75-76, 78-79, 81-82, 84-85, 87-88, 90-91, 93-94, 96-97, 99-100, 102-103, 105-106, 108-109, 111-112, 114-115, 117-118, 120-121, 123-124, 126-127, 129-130, 132-133, 135-136, 138-139, 141-142, 144-145, 147-148, 150-151, 153-154, 156-157, 159-160, 162-163, 165-166, 168-169, 171-172, 174-175, 177-178, 180-181, 183-184, 186-187, 189-190, 192-193, 195-196, 198-199, 201-202, 204-205, 207-208, 210-211, 213-214, 216-217, 219-220, 222-223, 225-226, 228-229, 231-232, 234-235, 237-238, 240-241, 243-244, 246-247, 249-250, 252-253, 255-256, 258-259, 261-262, 264-265, 267-268, 270-271, 273-274, 276-277, 279-280, 282-283, 285-286, 288-289, 291-292, 294-295, 297-298, 300-301, 303-304, 306-307, 309-310, 312-313, 315-316, 318-319, 321-322, 324-325, 327-328, 330-331, 333-334, 336-337, 339-340, 342-343, 345-346, 348-349, 351-352, 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