BILLS BEGIN TO COME

The Nebraska Legislature Settling Down to Active Work.

A RECORD OF THE TWO HOUSES

Senate Committees Have Been Announced and Those of the House Will Soon Be Forthcoming—Daily Doings of Both Branches.

When the house adjourned on the 7th the republican members went into caucus to consider the report of the committee on standing committees, which will be made to the senate. Following is the full list of committee selections:

Judiciary—Baldrige, chairman; Martin, Young Crounse, Owens, Oleson, Harlan, VanBoskirk Ransom.

Finance, Ways and Means—Arends, chairman; Owens, Berlet, Edgar, Allen, Oleson, O'Neill, VanBoskirk, Reuting.

Public Lands and Buildings—Allen, chairman; Young, Trompen, Arends, Berlet, Owens, Steele, Lyman, Krumback.

Agriculture — McCarger, chairman; Young, Trompen, Berlet, Currie, Crounse, Creigier.

Highways, Bridges and Ferries—Trompen, chairman; Newell, McCarger, Liddell, Krumback.

Accounts and Expenditures—Currie, chairman; Oleson, Harlan, Martin, Pitney.

Counties and County Boundaries—Pitney, chairman; Ransom, Webber, Paschal, VanBoskirk.

Military Affairs—Steele, chairman; Newell, Crounse, McCarger, Meredeth.

Municipal Affairs—Harlan, chairman; Baldrige, O'Neill, Edgar, Woostinholm.

Internal Improvements—Berlet, chairman; Allen, Crounse, McCarger, Lyman.

School Lands and Funds—Crounse, chairman; Trompen, Arends, Webber, Paschal.

Printing—Edgar, chairman; McCarger, Newell, O'Neill, Campbell.

Labor—Steele, chairman; Currie, Harlan, Young, Hodges.

Educational—Allen, chairman; VanBoskirk, Harlan, Currie, Zeigler.

Library—Young, chairman; VanBoskirk, Harlan, Trompen, Lyman.

Claims—Oleson, chairman; Arends, Edgar, Martin, Cummins, McCarger, Steele.

Banks and Currency—Crounse, chairman; Berlet, O'Neill, Martin, Meredeth.

Live Stock and Grazing—VanBoskirk, chairman; Currie, Trompen, Miller, Reuting.

Manufactures and Commerce—McCarger, chairman; O'Neill, Edgar, Pitney, Krumback.

Public Charities—Martin, chairman; Newell, Steele, Hodges, Liddell.

Miscellaneous Subjects—Oleson, chairman; Crounse, Currie, Harlan, Steele, Young, Webber.

Miscellaneous Corporations — Berlet, chairman; Allen, Baldrige, Martin, O'Neill, Arends, Campbell.

University and Normal Schools—O'Neill, chairman; Baldrige, Allen, Owens, Meredeth.

Constitutional Amendments and Federal Relations—Young, chairman; Baldrige, Crounse, Martin, Owens, Oleson, Ransom.

State Prison—Trompen, chairman; Oleson, Arends, VanBoskirk, Krumback.

Medical Societies—Newell, chairman; Miller, Crounse, O'Neill, Meredeth.

Privileges and Elections—Young, chairman; Harlan, Martin, Compbell, Woostinholm.

Revenue—Martin, chairman; Edgar, Currie, Young, Owens, Woostinholm, Zeigler.

Railroads—Owens, chairman; Edgar, Baldrige, Arends, Steele, VanBoskirk, Currie, Allen, Meredeth.

Enrolling and Engraving Bills—Newell, chairman; McCarger, Oleson, Harlan, Edgar, Hodges, Zeigler.

Immigration—Currie chairman; Berlet, Newell, Paschal, Liddell.

Soldiers' Home—Edgar, chairman; Steele, Crounse Newell, Lyman.

Insurance—O'Neill, chairman; Harlan, McCarger, Owens, Baldrige.

Irrigation—Owens, chairman; VanBoskirk, Currie, Allen, Trompen, Miller, Campbell.

Reform School, Institute for Feeble Minded and Home for Friendless—Harlan, chairman; Edgar, O'Neill, Reuting, Miller.

Insane Hospitals—Arends, chairman; Baldrige, Oleson, O'Neill, Cummins.

Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylums—Baldrige, chairman; Arends, Owens, Young, Cummins.

Mines and Mining—Ransom, chairman; Meredeth, Liddell, Webber, Campbell, Reuting, Pitney, Hodges, Lyman, Cummins, Miller, Paschal, Woostinholm, Zeigler, Krumback.

New Committee Apportionment—VanBoskirk, chairman; Baldrige, Owens, Currie, Oleson, Martin, O'Neill, Allen, Harlan.

Standing Committees—Savage, chairman; Arends, Allen, Young, Owens, Baldrige, VanBoskirk.

Rules—Harlan, chairman; Martin, Owens.

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Speaker Sears on the 8th announced the appointment of the following standing committees.

Medical Societies, Sunday Laws and Regulations—Hathorne, chairman; Fowler, Sandall, Whitmore, Coffee, Tanner, Loomis.

Judiciary—McCarthy, chairman; Lane, Fowler, Whitmore, Marshall, Brown of Otoe, Cain, Loomis, Edmonson, Lichty.

Finance, Ways and Means—Lane, chairman; Crissey, Brown of Furnas, Armstrong, Wilkinson, Laflin, Mead, Tefft, Jordan, Waring, Grell.

Agriculture—Hibbert, chairman, Fredericks, Beethe, Broderick, Rohwer, Vandergrift, Watson.

Roads and Bridges—Scott, chairman; Smithberger, Hall, Broderick, Cooksey, Diers, Persinger.

Militia—Hall, chairman; Laflin, Andrews, McCoy, Shellhorn, Frederick, Sprecher, Householder, Hoy.

Public Lands and Buildings—Corneer, chairman; Andrews, Humphrey, Tweed, Harris, Fredericks, Hibbert, Evans, Jouvenat, Mendenhall, Wilkinson, Coppoc, Jordan, Shinstock.

Internal Improvements—Wenzel, chairman; Corneer, Humphrey, Horton, Ream, Gishwelter, Taylor.

Federal Relations—Horton, chairman; Warner, Whitmore, McCoy, Hunter, Lichty, Dahlsten.

Engrossed and Enrolled Bills—Marshall, chairman; Jouvenat, Uhl, Scott, Mendenhall, Gawne, Ollis, Murray, Tanner.

Accounts and Expenditures—Steinmeyer, chairman; Andrews, Gawne, Lane, Buresh, Wenzel, Redman, Boyd, Hoy.

Constitutional Amendments — Fowler, chairman; McCarthy, Horton, Evans, Brown of Furnas, Crissey, Armstrong, Watson, Fellars, Hawxby, Hanks.

County Boundaries, County Seats and Township Organization—Evans, chairman; Broderick, Rohwer, Buresh, Beisner, Jouvenat, Stockwell, Hunter, Householder.

Railroads—Smithberger, chairman; Andrews, Swanson, Steinmeyer, McCoy, Buresh, Tweed, Scott, Cain, McCarthy, Humphrey, Persinger, Redman, Boulier, Becker.

Penitentiaries—Tweed, chairman; Uhl, Lowe, Evans, Scott, Gallogly, Diers, Zimmerman, Calkins.

Insane Hospitals—Gawne, chairman; Steinmeyer, Tefft, Wilkinson, Wilcox, Whitmore, Redman, Ollis, Cooksey.

Other Asylums—Buresh, chairman; Hibbert, Wilkinson, Mullin, Olson, Brown of Otoe, Boyd, Fuller, Anderson, Johnson.

Corporations — Armstrong, chairman; Fowler, McCoy, Laflin, Mead, Ream, Hanks.

Cities and Towns—McCoy, chairman; Fowler, Lane, Spencer, Hunt, Watson, Hoy.

Library—Beekly, chairman; Warner, Marshall, McCarthy, Fowler, Hawxby, Taylor.

Banks and Currency—Cain, chairman; Swanson, Jouvenat, Lowe, Miskell, Stockwell, Waring.

Public Schools—Broderick, chairman; Miskell, Wilkinson, Fowler, Steinmeyer, Crocket, Thomssen, Hpousehelder.

University and Normal Schools—Warner, chairman; Brodperick, Hathorne, Armstrong, Marshall, Spencer, Gawne, Beall, Zimmerer.

Public Printing—Uhl, chairman; Laflin, Harris, Lowe, Olson, Wilkinson, Murray, Tanner, Sprecher.

Mines and Minerals—Hamilton (fusion) chairman; Jordan, Householder, Anderson, Shinstock, Fellars, Hunt.

Immigration—Rohwer, chairman; Evans, Mockett, Beisner, Olson, Brown of Otoe, Becker, Fellars, Thomssen, Ollis, Anderson.

Manufacture and Compmerce—Miskell, chairman; Buresh, Mead, Tweed, Coppoc, Dahlsten, Zimmerman.

School Lands and Funds—Spencer, chairman Smithberger, Beethe, Crissey, Shellhorn, Walker, Edmonson, Shinstock, Grell.

Miscellaneous Subjects — Fredericks, chairman; Brown of Furnas, Mendenhall, Sandall, Corneer, Gishwelter, Kaveny.

Claimps—Wilcox, chairman; Swanson, Cain, Wenzel, Marshall, Mockett, Tefft, Kaveny, Crockett, Boulier, Fuller.

Live Stock and Grazing—Beisner, chairman; Beekly, Smithberger, Gallogly, Harris, Sandall, Kaveny, Hamilton, Stockwell.

Revenue and Taxation—Mockett, chairman; Jouvenat, Hall, Warner, Scott, Tefft, Armstrong, Crell, Hunter, Coppoc, Loomis, Johnson.

Fish and Game—Gallogly, chairman; Rohwer, Hathorne, Mockett, Jouvenat, Coppoc, Lichty.

Insurance—Laflin, chairman; Brown of Otoe, McCoy, Smithberger, Mockett, Crissey, Stockwell, Beall, Thomssen.

Apportionment—Brown of Otoe, chairman; Gallogly, Swanson, Evans, Jouvenat, Brown of Furnas, Mendenhall, Miskell, Fowler, Lane, Mead, Sprecher, Jamison, Cooksey, Calkins.

Benevolent Institutions—Brown of Furnas, chairman; Andrews, Fowler, Horton, Mullen, Walker, Zimmerman.

Rules—Mr. Speaker, chairman; McCarthy, Lane, Andrews, Laflin, Hamilton, Jamison.

Labor—Jouvenat, chairman; Wilcox, Humphrey, Sencer, Brown of Otoe, Cain, Tweed, Taylor, Ream, Hanks, Jamison, Hunt, Murray.

Telegraphs and Telephones — Mead, chairman; Hibbert, Spencer, Mockett, Beekly, Olson, Hamilton, Waring, Murray.

Fees and Salaries—Mullen, chairman; Brown of Furnas, Evans, Rohwer, Scott, Broderick, Becker, Dahlsten, Vandergrift.

Soldiers' Home—Humphrey, chairman; Hibbert, Hathorne, Shellhorn, Beckley, Zimmerer, Fuller.

Irrigation—Harris, chairman; Evans, Lowe, Fowler, Horton, Vandergrift, Jordan, Gishwelter, Coffee.

Deficiencies—Lowe, chairman; Mead, Andrews, Mockett, Swanson, Marshall, Armstrong, Diers, Calkins.

Primaries and Elections—Writmore, chairman; Armstrong, Marshall, Mullen, Beisner, Hibbard, Warner, Brown of Furnas, Hamilton, Tanner, Loomis.

HOUSE.—After passing the Fowler bill providing for an appropriation of $115,000 for the expenses of the legislature and listening for two hours to the first and second reading of bills, the house of representatives adjourned on the 11th to meet at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Among the bills introduced was one by Coffee of Dawes county proposing a constitutional convention to be held in Lincoln beginning on the first Tuesday of June, 1902. The conditions of the bill provide for a representation of counties similar to that in the legislature, each member to receive same salary and mileage as allowed members of the legislature. Other bills read first time were: A bill for an act to protect employes from being blacklisted through the machinations of guaranty bond companies or corporations and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof. A bill for an act to prevent pawnbrokers in this state from charging a greater sum as interest on loans than 10 per cent per year and to provide for the mode of selling unredeemed property, and to provide a penalty for the violation of the same. A bill for an act to amend section 2 of chapter xxi of the Compiled Statutes of the State of Nebraska designated by a compiler as 2504, and to repeal said section as now existing and authorizing jury to fix damage for death. A bill for an act providing for the holding of a constitutional convention and apportioning the state into district for the election of members thereof, the convention to be held in Lincoln in June, 1902, to be composed of 133 members. A bill for an act to define the liability of employers and making employers liable for all damages in consequence of negligence, and making ivalid all contracts restricting damage. A bill for an act to regulate bakeries and bakeshops in the state of Nebraska, and to provide for the sanitary conditions of the same and provide for a penalty for the violation of this act.

HOUSE—After a protracted debate the house, on the 10th, voted to have every members of the house supplied with a daily copy of the record of the house proceedings. The duplicate copies will be made by the mimeograph process from the official record prepared by the chief clerk; they will contain his signature and in all essential points will be similar to the official document. By the action the cost of producing the duplicates is limited to $596. The following biils were introduced and read first time: An act to amend sections 146, AA and B of chapter xxvi of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska for 1899, entitled "Elections," and to repeal section 146 and schedules A and B of said chapter xxvi as originally existing, and prescribing form of election ballot, similar to the one now in use, but enabling the voter to vote for straight party ticket by making one cross. A bill for an act to provide for the safety of employes engaged in the erection, repairing, altering or painting of any house, building or structure in the state of Nebraska, and to provide a penalty for violation of this act. A bill for an act to provide for the safety of employes by providing for counter floors in the construction or erection of any block, building or structure of two or more stories in height in the state of Nebraska, and to provide for a penalty for the violation of this act. An act to provide for the giving of notice to officers of claim of ownership of property taken, or to be taken, under writs of execution and attachment, and to provide for the giving of indemnity bonds in such cases to officers. An act to appropriate $5,000 to enable the governor of the state of Nebraska to comply with joint resolution of the twenty-sixth session of the Nebraska legislature, which empowers him to purchase medals of honor for all officers and men who belonged to the Nebraska volunteer army during the Spanish war.

HOUSE.—The attention of representatives on the 9th was devoted almost exclusively to the first and second reading of bills. At the morning session two bills introduced by Fowler of Fillmore, providing an appropriation of $115,000 for all expenses of the legislative session were ordered advanced and engrossed for third reading. In the measure an allowance of $85,000 is made for salaries for all members, clerks and assistants of both branches, and the incidental expenses of the session. The second reapportionment bill to come before the house was introduced by Gallogly of Brown. It is different in many respects from the bill introduced by Brown of Lincoln county, but provides similar representation for Douglas, Lancaster and several other counties of largest population. Both were referred to the reapportionment committee, of which the authors of the two bills are members Representative Steinmeyer of Gage introduced a joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of three by both branches of the legislature to draft a new revenue bill. Among house rolls read appear the following: A bill for an act prescribing the duties of county attorneys in cases where changes of venue are taken in criminal cases, and requiring the county attorney to follow such cases to the county to which they may be removed. A bill for an act to provide for the drainage for agricultural and sanitary purposes and to repeal article iii of chapter lxxxix of the Compiled Statutes of 1897, and allowing land owners to drain their property by constructing drainage ditches, discarging water into any natural water course or depression leading to same. An act providing for a landlord's lien upon crops planted or sown on demised premises, and providing for the foreclosure of such lien and a penalty for selling, removing or disposing of such crops during the existence of such lien. An act for the relief of a person owning real property having an insane husband or wife, and to empower such person to sell, mortgage or convey such property under power of the district court. An act to provide for the erection and maintenance of a hard-fibre twine plant at the Nebraska state penitentiary at Lincoln and making appropriations therefor and limiting cost to $35,000. An act to district the state into senatorial and representative districts and for the apportionment of senators and representatives and to fix the number of the same and to repeal section 2 of chapter v of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska.

HOUSE.—During the morning session of the house on the 8th forty-one bills were introduced, and in the afternoon seven more were added. Mr. Ollis, fusionist of Valley, moved that all appointments made by the employes committee to be submitted to the house for approval or rejection. It was defeated by a strict party vote, as was also a similar motion requiring the submission of appointments made by the speaker. Among the bills introduced the most important provide for reapportioning the senatorial and legislative districts of the state, by Evans of Lincoln, free high school attendance, by Mockett of Lancaster; a different election ballot, by Humphrey, and making kidnaping punishable by imprisonment for twenty years and a fine of $20,000, either or both, at the discretion of the court, the latter being introduced by Tefft of Lancaster. A bill by Representative Miskell provides that if a fire insurance company refuses to pay a just claim for loss, thereby causing litigaion, it shall be liable to 25 per cent interest annually from the time it became due to the time it is paid. Teachers and school children come in for a good round of bills. One of those introduced provides that when there are less than eight school children in a district the superintendent of the county shall designate the neighboring district in which they shall attend school. Another measure provides that any teacher who has been regularly employed in the schools of the state for six consecutive years, who has manifested true professional spirit and who holds a first or a second grade certificate, shall be entitled to a life certificate on application to the state superintendent. Representalive Murray introduced the first anti-cigarette bill. It seeks to require the payment of a license fee of $300 for the sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper. The new election ballot proposed by Representative Humphrey is said to be similar to the one used in Iowa and Illinois. It would contain the names of all candidates of one party in one column, with a place at the top for a straight ticket vote. Representative Fowler introduced a bill providing that a majority is sufficient to pass a constitutional amendment.

SENATE.—The senate session on the 11th was a strictly business meeting and during two hours a considerable amount of routine work was accomplished, a number of the members being anxious to get through with the work in order that they might leave for their homes on the afternoon trains. The introduction of bills was proceeded with. During the reading of bills the clerk of the house was announced, who stated that house rolls 11 and 13, both being appropriation bills, were ready for the senate. The bills were read and placed on file. A large number of bills came up for second reading, after which they were ordered printed and referred to their respective committees. Among measures introduced were the following: An act to amend sections 521, 530, 531a and 531c of the Code of Civil Procedure and chapter xxxvi of the Compiled Statutes of 1899 entitled "Homesteads," and to repeal said sections 531 and 531a, and to except certain claims, debts and liabilities from the operation of the homestead and exemption laws. An act to provide penalties for blackmail, extortion and kindred felonies. An act to establish a military code for the state of Nebraska and to provide for the organization, government and compensation of the organized militia, and to provide for the enrollment of the unorganized militia, and to repeal chapter 1, session laws of 1897, known as chapter lvi, Compiled Statutes, approved April 12, 1877. An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to facilitate the giving of bonds, undertakings and recognizances, and to authorize the acceptance of certain corporations as surety thereon, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith, approved April 8, 1895, and to repeal said section 1 as now existing.

SENATE—In the senate on the 10th the report of the committee on privileges and elections recommended seating the fusion members from Douglas. The report of the committee was unanimous. The following senate files were introduced: A bill for an act to govern the appointments and revocation of appointments of clerks of the county courts, and other help or assistance for the county judges, and to fix the compensation of such clerks and help, and to repeal sections 9, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e, 9f and 9g of chapter xxiii, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, and all acts in conflict therewith. For an act to incorporate cities of the first class having a population of more than 40,000 and less than 100,000 inhabitants; to define, regulate and prescribe their organization, duties, liabilities, powers and government, and to repeal article i of chapter 13a of the Compiled Statutes of 1899. An act to provide for the apointment of a chaplain at each of the Soldiers' and Sailors' homes in this state, and to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation. For a joint resolution proposing a convention to submit amendment to the constitution of the United States to elect United States senators by direct vote of the people. An act to provide for the manner of selecting, drawing and summoning grand and petit jurors in counties having a population of 60,000 or more.

SENATE.—Bills on first reading was the first order in the senate on the 9th and quite a number of these were disposed of by being ordered printed and referred to the various committees to which they properly belong. A number of new bills were also introduced, including one by Martin of Richardson to provide a board of railway commissioners, and to repeal the present law as it stands, it having been declared unconstitutional. Senator Harlan, at the request of a delegation of mayors and officials of cities of Nebraska having more than 5,000 and less than 25,000 inhabitants, introduced a bill the purpose of which is to provide for the incorporation, government, regulation duties and powers of such cities. The bill was framed at a meeting of the mayors of the various cities affected, which was held in Fremont last week. The new law is for the purpose of replacing one which has been declared unconstitutional, and is somewhat broader in its provision of government for cities of this class. Owens of Dawson, chairman of a special committee appointed to ascertain the cost of printing the daily journal, reported that the expense for printed or mimeograph copies of a sufficient number would be from $10 to $20 per day, and after some discussion it was decided not to have a daily journal printed, but to have the secretary of the senate prepare fixed copies by means of a typewriter and carbon paper, which would be on his desk and at the disposal of the members the following day. Among bills introduced was an act making it a crime to threaten to accuse any person of a crime or offense, or to do injury to the person or property of another, with the intent to extort money or pecuniary advantage, or to compel the person threatened to do any act against his will, and providing punishment, and to repeal section 46 of the Criminal Code of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska of 1899. An act to repeal chapter lxv of the session laws of 1885 entitled "An act to provide a board or railroad commissioners and define their duties and provide for their salaries," and to repeal chapter lx of the session laws of 1887 entitled, "An act to regulate railroads, prevent unjust discrimination and provide for a board of transportation and define their duties, and repeal articles v and viii of chapter lxxii, entitled, 'Railroads of the revised statutes,'" and all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith. An act for the relief of a person owning real property having an insane husband or wife, and to empower such person to sell, mortgage or convey such property under power of the district court.

SENATE.—The senate put in a full day's work on the 8th. The Boer resolution of Trompen of Lancaster, which had been made a special order brought forth consierable oratory. The resolution as formerly presented by Senator Trompen, expressed sympathy with the Boers in their struggle against the powers of those who seek to establish a despotism maintained by English power and English armies, and in this form was favored by fusion members. The resolution was amended and adopted. Among senate files introduced were the following: An act to amend section xx of chapter vii, title "Attorneys," subtitle "County Attorneys," "Deputies," of the Compiel Statutes of the State of Nebraska, 1881, wih amendments of 1882 to 1899, and to reepal said section xx of chapter vii as it now exists. An act concerning the care of and to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases among domestic animals; to provide for the appointment of a state veterinarian and assistants; to regulate their power and duties; to provide for their compensation and to repeal sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, article xi of chapter iv, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, 1895, entitled "State Veterinarians." An act to define fraternal beneficiary societies, orders of associations and to regulate the conduct of same and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act. An act to provide that county superintendents of public instruction shall possess the necessary educational qualifications to enable them to perform their duties of that office. An act to amend section 179 of chapter lxxvii, article i of the Annotated Statutes of Nebraska for 1899, of an act entitled "An act to provide a system of revenue," approved March 1, 1879, and took effect September 1, 1879, and to repeal said original section. An act to amend sections 2 and 5, article v, chapter lxxvii, Compiled Statutes, 1889, and to repeal said sections 2 and 5 as the same now exist.

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