

WORK IN LEGISLATURE

Laborers of the Two Houses Will Soon Be Finished.

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Many Measures Being Put Through Since Settlement of the Senatorial Matter—Bills Signed By the Governor—Miscellaneous Legislative Notes.

HOUSE—In the house on the 29th the bills passed were by Zeigler, to restrain male animals from running at large; by O'Neill, to admit veterans of the Spanish-American wars to the state soldiers' and sailors' homes; by Harlan, to correct mistakes in senate file 72; to provide a charter for cities of from 5,000 to 25,000 population; by McCargar, to authorize a 2-mill city library levy; to McCargar, to provide for the compulsory education of children; by Martin, to abolish the state barbers' examining board; by Campbell, for the relief of A. H. Blair; by Currie, for the relief of certain home-owners. To enable cities of the first and second class to establish and operate gas lighting plants, providing penalties for kidnaping, the crime being made punishable by imprisonment for from three months to a life sentence, and where injury is threatened, by death. Relating to the punishment for offenses against election laws, to accredit university graduates as qualified teachers within the state. Relating to contracts with teachers. To repeal the spread of swine diseases. To repeal the state board of transportation and state railway commission laws. For the relief of any person having an insane husband or wife, was defeated by a vote of 21 yeas to 59 nays. Repealing the "age of consent" clause of that section of the criminal code which provides a penalty for seduction. Providing a penalty of from one to twenty years imprisonment for the kidnaping of children under the age of eighteen. To legalize and regulate dissections.

HOUSE—Owing to the absence of the republican members in caucus on the 28th it was 11 o'clock before the house convened. Save for the reports of standing committees there was no business transacted before the joint session except under the heads of resolutions. The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, By the house of representatives of the state of Nebraska, that we look with disfavor upon the attempt of Great Britain to destroy the republics of South Africa, and the cruel warfare being carried on which is about to exterminate the sturdy race; and that we acknowledge our sympathy for the Boers who are fighting to maintain their homes and to perpetuate a free government. That we deplore Great Britain's action in choosing war rather than arbitration, and frown upon her tendency to extend her dominion in South Africa by force of arms, thus violating the last treaty agreement with the Transvaal republic." House roll 220, by Loomis, providing that Nebraska mutual insurance companies must have \$5,000,000 at risk before being permitted to do business outside the state, and that mutual insurance companies of other states must have \$5,000,000 at risk before being admitted to do business in Nebraska, was defeated by a vote of 27 yeas to 43 nays. Senate file No. 3, by Young, curative, was passed. Senate file 102, to authorize the practice of osteopathy, was passed after a prolonged call of the house, by a vote of 54 yeas to 31 nays.

HOUSE—These measures were passed in the house on the 27th: To authorize county board in counties not under township organization to issue funding bonds to pay off bonded indebtedness of precincts. Levying county licenses on peddlers. Requiring each ball of binder twine offered for sale to be stamped with name of manufacturer and number of feet per pound. Providing for a state registry of brands and marks. After recess senate file No. 103, by Currie, relating to the government of the Boys' Reform school at Kearney, was read for the third time and passed. Loomis of Dodge moved that senate files 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 18, all curative bills, and 202, be advanced to third reading. Ream of Custer amended to include senate files 184, 34, 72 and 121. The motion as amended prevailed. Tanner moved that senate file 102, the osteopathy bill, be also advanced to third reading. Dr. Andrews objected to the motion and demanded that the bill be considered in committee of the whole. If the motion were insisted on, he declared, he would resort to dilatory tactics and keep the house here until tomorrow night. Tanner withdrew his motion and Lane moved that the house go into committee of the whole to immediately consider the bill. The motion prevailed and Uhl of Douglas was called to the chair. After discussion the bill was recommended for passage. The vote for senator resulted: Allen, 48; Baldrige, 2; Crouse, 7; Currie, 7; Hinshaw, 7; Hitchcock, 44; Jesson, 5; Lyman, 21; Melkjohn,

24; Rosewater, 29; Thompson, D. E., 57; Thompson, W. H., 6.

HOUSE—In the house on the 26th the following bills were read for the third time and passed: To provide for the proportional distribution of all funds heretofore paid into the treasury of any county for the maintenance of free high schools for non-resident pupils. Giving the state banking board jurisdiction over state bank receivers. To authorize the investment of county sinking funds in warrants and county bonds. To prohibit any person from soliciting employment as a juror. Providing that irrigation water shall be measured at the headgate of the canal, and that no allotment shall exceed one cubic foot per second for each seventy acres of land. Raising the salaries of officers and employes at the industrial home at Millard. To provide free attendance at public high schools of non-resident pupils. To amend the present ballot law. The bill provides for the voting of a straight ticket by one cross mark opposite the party name at the head of the ballot. It permits each candidate to have printed, opposite his name, the names of all parties nominating him and provides for the group system of voting where two or more candidates are to be elected to the same office. Election officers are to be chosen from lists submitted by the county or city committees and service is made compulsory on the part of those chosen. The bill is a compromise measure, drafted by Representatives Wilkinson and Sprecher. It was passed by a vote of 86 yeas to no nays. House roll 285, by Sears, appropriating \$60,000 for the equipment of a new cell house at the penitentiary, \$50,000 for rebuilding and repairing the damaged portions of the penitentiary, \$50,000 for the equipment of a new electric light plant on the university grounds, and \$2,402.40 for replacing 700 woolen blankets destroyed at the penitentiary fire, was considered and passed without amendment of any kind. The vote for senator resulted: Allen, 55; Berge, 4; Crouse, 6; Currie, 8; Hinshaw, 11; Melkjohn, 27; Rosewater, 29; Thompson, D. E., 59; Thompson, W. H., 59.

HOUSE—The entire morning session of the house and a part of the afternoon on the 25th was devoted to consideration in committee of the whole of house roll No. 478, by Wilcox, the claims appropriation bill, carrying appropriations of about \$60,000. The principal amendments made to the bill in committee of the whole were the striking out of the old newspaper printing claims, aggregating some \$15,000, and the smallpox claims of South Omaha and various other cities, towns and counties, aggregating between \$7,000 and \$8,000. The bill, as recommended for passage by the committee of the whole, carries appropriations for nearly 200 items, the amounts aggregating \$37,000. The following measures were passed. Making an additional appropriation of \$18,000 to defray the incidental expenses of the legislative session. Appropriating \$15,000 for the purchase of a tract of land for the Nebraska Institute for Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice. Appropriating \$35,000 for the purchase of a permanent site for the state fair at Lincoln and for the erection of buildings thereon. For the more thorough organization of high school districts. Relating to the incorporation of cities of the second class and villages. To increase the salaries of county treasurer by increasing to \$6,000 to the amount of tax collections on which 10 per cent fees shall be allowed. To provide a standard size of brick for the state, to be 8 1/4 x 2 1/4. The general appropriation, carrying approximately \$1,309,000. Providing for a state exhibit at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. The general appropriation bill carries \$10,000 to defray the expense of the exhibit.

SENATE—The senate was in committee of the whole all day on the 29th considering the miscellaneous claims bill. The following claims were not allowed: J. R. Ferris \$124, for teaching in the Boys' Industrial school at Kearney; L. G. Chevrant, \$100, extra work in labor bureau; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Williams, \$100; Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Bostrom, \$147 for expenses while attending the Nashville exposition in 1896; L. W. Pomeroy, \$704.74 for plumbing; F. B. Pestner, \$125.25; M. C. Dawes, \$366.67; T. W. Christie, \$3150; J. Levy, \$5 for rent of quarters during the Douglas county contests last fall; J. F. Burnett, \$5, also arising for the Douglas county contests; J. E. Butler, \$189; J. E. Hill, \$3,502.60 for attorney's fees and expenses in his impeachment case while state treasurer; J. E. Crane, \$500, whose claim was for extra work while engineer at the state house. At the night session the appropriation bill for current expenses was considered in committee of the whole, item by item, amended and recommended for passage.

SENATE—The senate on the 28th passed Representative Loomis' bill, house roll No. 56, providing that all

executions shall take place inside the penitentiary and that the warden shall be state executioner. The following were also passed: Appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of a fire-proof wing at the Hastings asylum. Providing that the aggregate school tax in cities of the first class having over 25,000 inhabitants shall not exceed 20 mills a year. Amending the law relating to publication and method of submitting proposed amendments to the state constitution. It provides that a majority voting on the proposition shall be sufficient to carry it. It is to amend section 1 of article 15 of the constitution. The senate then resolved itself into committee of the whole with Senator Ransom in the chair to consider the salary appropriation bill, house roll No. 438. Without finishing the bill the senate adjourned.

SENATE—After a struggle of two hours the senate on the 27th cut the appropriation of \$75,000 for a new wing for the insane hospital at Hastings to \$50,000. Most of the time of the morning session was devoted to the passage of twelve house rolls on third reading. They were as follows: To appropriate \$36,370 for reimbursement of those who advanced money for the return of the First regiment from San Francisco to Nebraska a year ago last fall. Appropriating \$610.14 from the state treasury for relief of Sherman county, which paid this much in excess taxes to the state. To make the present law relating to commissioners in counties with 70,000 population or more apply to counties of population of 60,000 or more. Empowering the governor to appoint a commission of three to confer with a similar commission from South Dakota relative to state boundary. Requiring all plumbers of Omaha to register. Appropriating \$18,000 to meet the additional incidental expenses of this legislature. Empowering the governor to appoint a commission to confer with a similar commission from Missouri to negotiate concerning state boundary. Empowering the governor to appoint a commission of three to confer with a similar commission from Iowa relative to state boundary. Providing that in counties having a population of less than 3,000 there shall be no office of county attorney. Providing that no proceedings for reversing, modifying or vacating judgments or final orders shall be commenced unless within six months after rendering of the same. Providing that two or more county superintendents, with consent of the state superintendent, may hold joint teachers' institutes.

SENATE—The senate on the 26th, by a vote of 23 to 7, passed on third reading house roll 20, the bill of the late Representative Brown of Otoe county, creating free traveling libraries. Senator Young's reapportionment bill was defeated. These measures were passed: Senate file 311, by Harlan, introduced by request of the governor. It amends errors in senate file 74, by Harlan, incorporating cities of the first class having a population of less than 25,000 and more than 5,000. To amend the statutes relating to officers of Lancaster county. The only change relates to number of inhabitants made necessary by the decrease developed on the last census. Relating to issue of irrigation district bonds. Emergency clause attached. House roll 159, by Evans, providing that assessors shall return all leasehold estates in all lands belonging to the state leased to any person, less value of the improvements. At the afternoon session Senator Steele's judicial reapportionment bill, as amended, was declared passed by a constitutional majority. Senator Van Borkirk's legislative reapportionment bill, senate file 70, was also passed on third reading by a strict party vote—18 to 13. The amendment to the constitution proposed by Senator Baldrige, increasing the number of judges of the supreme court from three to six, senate file 109, was lost for lack of a three-fifths vote. Representative Fowler's bill, house roll 117, proposing the form for proposing amendments to the constitution, was recommitted on motion of Senator Currie when it came up for consideration.

SENATE—The senate on the 25th spent an hour in discussing the report of its special committee recommending adjournment Thursday. It was finally adopted. The following were passed: Senate file No. 302, by Currie, providing for foreclosure of tax liens on real estate by counties. Senator Owens alone voted against it. Senate file No. 114, by Currie, raising salaries of comptroller, police judge, clerk and prosecutor of Omaha. Emergency clause attached. The vote was unanimous. A lively discussion developed over consideration of house roll No. 29, a bill for the creation of traveling libraries. It was recommended for passage. Governor Dierich, displeased because of the house's action in killing his special bill proposing to put the clerk of the supreme court on a fixed salary, sent a special message, together with another bill on the same subject, to the senate this morning.

Most men are bad.—Bras,

CHARGED AS KIDNAPER

However He Will Not Show His Hand Until Trial Is Called.

CASE WILL COME UP APRIL 22D

An Extra Fireman Meets Death at North Platte—Mrs. Knox of Richland Attempts Suicide—Other Matters of More or Less Interest in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., April 1.—James Callahan, now in the county jail, charged with being one of the kidnapers of Edward A. Cudahy, jr., will not show his hand until his trial is called in the district court, the date of which has been agreed upon and set for April 22.

When Callahan was arraigned before Judge Vinsonhaler a few days ago, he stood mute and a plea of not guilty was entered by the court.

County Attorney Shields for the state and Attorneys Haller and Macfarland for the defendant, got together and by an agreement it was decided that when the case is called Callahan will waive examination. It was also agreed that the case will be called for a hearing in the district court on the morning of April 22.

Callahan is still seeking funds for his release and hopes to get out of jail within the next few days.

It has been agreed that the complaint charging Callahan with robbing Cudahy of \$25,000 will be the first one to be tried.

Mrs. Knox Tries Suicide.

RICHLAND, Neb., April 1.—Mrs. Lillie Knox, wife of J. L. Knox of this place, attempted suicide by shooting herself at the home of Hulin Galbraith, two and one-half miles south of this place. The act was committed with a 32-caliber revolver, the ball passing between the heart and the lungs and will probably prove fatal.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox had been residents of this place for two years and always seemed to live happily together until about two months ago, when Mrs. Knox said she was going to retire and went to her room. She bundled up part of her wearing apparel and divided their savings, leaving Mr. Knox's share on the dresser with a note saying she had left him, and took her departure through the window. Since that time she has been making her home at Mr. Galbraith's.

Fireman Killed.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 1.—Troy E. Goddard, an extra fireman, who came here from Hastings to work August 1, 1900, was killed Saturday. He took the place of the regular fireman, Lewis, who laid off, and went east on an extra with Engineer Wood White. When they were near Coyote the train broke into three pieces and while the trainmen were getting the train in on a side track Goddard went forward to flag No. 3. His signal was answered by Engineer Whitlock of No. 3. Why Goddard did not get out of the way of the engine is not known. He was struck, probably by the pilot, and instantly killed.

Boys to Remain at Manila.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 1.—Theodore Knapp, Frank Fountain and Edward Barnhouse, three Hastings boys who have been in the Philippines with the Thirty-second United States volunteer regiment, have decided to remain in that country. They have been mustered out and will soon engage in business. Theodore Knapp has taken the management of a large drug store at Manila.

Free Rural Delivery.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Additional rural delivery service will be established at York, York county, April 1. It will embrace an area of thirty-two square miles, with a population of 1,575. William M. Allen and Lee S. Carey have been appointed carriers.

To Be City of First Class.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 1.—Governor Dietrich has issued a proclamation declaring Beatrice a city of the first class. The proclamation was issued at the request of Mayor Jackson, who certified to the population as shown by the census of 1900.

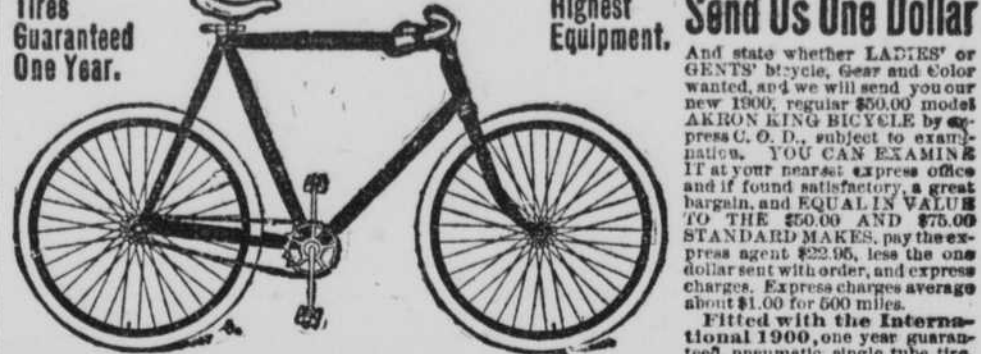
Southwestern Teachers' Normal.

TRENTON, Neb., April 1.—Teachers from Hayes, Chase, Dundy and Hitchcock counties are planning to attend the summer normal school of southwestern Nebraska at Wauneta June 3 to 29.

Gets Verdict Against Woodmen.

HARTINGTON, Neb., April 1.—District court adjourned last week. There will be an adjourned term June 13 to clean up a number of equity cases. One of the most important cases disposed of at this term was that of Helen Hamilton against the Woodmen Accident association. A verdict was given Helen Hamilton for \$2,023.42. The defendants intend to carry the case to the supreme court.

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