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## STATEHOOD BILL

IT WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE SENATE WEDNESDAY.

## THE QUESTION OF ADMISSION

Committee Report Will Be Adverse to New Mexico and Arizona—Senate Will Probably Adjourn Thursday for Several Days.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In accordance with the unanimous agreement of the last session, the senate will take up the statehood bill Wednesday, and it is expected to remain the unfinished business for some time. The bill undoubtedly will provoke considerable debate and it is generally believed that it will continue to receive attention until the adjournment for the Christmas holidays at least.

Senator Beveridge, as chairman of the committee on territories, will call the bill up Wednesday, and probably will make a speech in support of the report in favor of the substitute bill presented by the committee. Other members of the committee who agree with him will follow. All of them will give careful attention to the testimony taken by the sub-committee which recently visited the territories. The committee's written report has not yet been submitted to the senate and this, too, will probably be put in on Wednesday. The report will analyze the testimony, dealing with the questions of soil, mines, agricultural possibilities, educational facilities and general fitness of the population of the various territories for statehood. It is generally understood that a strong position will be taken in opposition to the claims of New Mexico and Arizona, considerable stress being laid on the fact that a large percentage of the people of these territories do not use the English language and that interpreters are necessary in the conduct of the business of the many courts. Attention will be given to the previous question of statehood of those territories, many of which are seriously criticised by the present committee, on the ground that they fall entirely to represent the real conditions. The report giving the views of the committee will be accompanied by a transcript of the testimony taken by the committee, which will be printed for the information of the senate and the country.

It is expected that the immigration bill will continue to receive desultory attention on Monday and Tuesday, but the proceedings with reference to this bill will consist largely in the reading of the bill and the consideration of amendments.

There will be more or less of executive business during the week, and in all probability another adjournment from Thursday until the following Monday.

## CATTLE EXPORTS HALTED.

New England Shippers Stay Idle Till Disease is Stamped Out.

BOSTON.—No reply has been received as yet to the cable sent to the British government by the acting consul expressing the desire of steamship men and cattle shippers that its quarantine against the shipment of cattle from New England be modified so as to permit shipments from Portland of western and Canadian animals.

Meanwhile the New England export cattle trade is at a standstill, though some information from Washington says that the British authorities have requested a statement with regard to the foot and mouth disease, and a report as to the wisdom of allowing cattle to be loaded at Portland.

Dr. Salmon said today that it had been his intention to have the work of slaughtering the affected cattle begun by Tuesday, but the heavy snow about the state might cause a delay.

## Fix Next Year's Fair Dates.

CHICAGO.—The National Association of Fairs and Exhibitions met on Tuesday and decided dates for state fairs in 1903 as follows:

Missouri, August 17 to 22; Iowa, August 24 to 29; New York, August 24 to 29; Minnesota, August 31 to September 5; Ohio, August 31 to September 5; Wisconsin, September 7 to September 12; Nebraska, September 7 to 12; Indiana, September 14 to 19; Kansas, September 14 to 19; Kentucky, September 21 to 26; Illinois, September 28 to October 3; St. Louis, October 5 to 10.

## REED PASSES AWAY.

Former Speaker Succumbs at Arlington Hotel, Washington.

WASHINGTON—Thomas Brackett Reed former speaker of the house of representatives, died here at 12:10 Saturday night in his apartments in the Arlington hotel. The immediate cause of death was uraemia.

A change for the worse was noted in Mr. Reed's condition early in the morning. At 9:30 he was given a subcutaneous saline transfusion in order to stimulate his kidneys, which were failing to perform their proper function.

At 5 in the afternoon saline solution was again administered, about three-quarters of a pint of fluid being used.

The heart became weaker and weaker, but the patient retained consciousness until 11 o'clock at night, when a complete coma supervened.

At the bedside were Mrs. Reed and Miss Catherine Reed, Drs. Gardner, MacDonald, Bishop and Goodnow, and the nurses.

Dr. Goodnow, who had been in consultation with the local physicians on Thursday, was again summoned from Philadelphia.

It is stated that Mr. Reed had been suffering from Bright's disease for some time, which reached the acute stage Saturday, and this furnished an additional cause for alarm. Mr. Reed passed away peacefully and without pain.

The remains of Thomas Brackett Reed left here Sunday afternoon for Portland, Me., where the interment will take place on Tuesday afternoon.

The casket was placed on a special train, leaving Washington at 4:50 and running as the second section of the Federal express, scheduled to arrive at Portland Monday.

Accompanying the body were Mrs. Reed, Miss Catherine Reed, Amos L. Allen, Mr. Reed's successor in the house; Asher C. Hinds, Mr. Reed's parliamentary clerk while speaker, and Augustus G. Payne of New York, a lifelong friend. At Mrs. Reed's request there were no ceremonies of any kind and at Portland they will be of the simplest character.

## Reed Chronology.

1839—October 18, Thomas Brackett Reed, born in Portland, Me.  
1860—Graduated from Bowdoin college.  
1864—Joined the United States navy as acting assistant paymaster.  
1868-69—Member of the Maine legislature, lower house.  
1870—Member of the Maine senate.  
1870-72—Attorney general state of Maine.  
1874-77—Solicitor city of Portland.  
1877-99—Representative in congress.  
1889-91—Speaker of the house.  
1895-99—Again speaker of the house.  
1896—Prominently mentioned for president.  
1899—Retires from congress.

## Says Swift Buys Railways.

KANSAS CITY.—George H. Ross of Chicago, for several years traffic manager of the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railway, has succeeded Theodore C. Bates of Boston as president of the Union Depot, Bridge & Terminal Railway company. Mr. Bates says he resigned so that the company's interests might be in the hands of a practical railroad man. A dispatch from Boston however, positively asserts that Mr. Bates sold his interests, and the Winner bridge piers in the Missouri river, and the valuable river land and terminals owned by it, have been purchased by Swift & Company, who contemplate building an independent stock yards and a new plant.

Another rumor is to the effect that the Rock Island system has purchased but no reply had been received.

## MEET AND TALK ON TREATY.

General Bliss Says Things Are Moving Along.

HAVANA.—General Tasker H. Bliss, who is here to arrange a basis for a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba had another conference Tuesday with Secretary of State Zaldo and Secretary of Finances Manos. General Bliss afterward said: "We expect to conclude the conference by next Saturday. Everything is progressing satisfactorily."

It is generally understood that the Cuban commissions have accepted all propositions which General Bliss has advanced thus far on behalf of the United States.

## RESTRAIN TRUSTS

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUPPORTS PUBLICITY PROPOSAL.

## LITTLEFIELD'S BILL REPORTED

Measure Will Now Be Considered with Others Affecting Combines—Information in Which Particulars Are Required to Be Given.

WASHINGTON.—The subcommittee of the house judiciary committee, to which was referred anti-trust bills, on Friday reported favorably to the full committee on Mr. Littlefield's bill providing for giving publicity to the affairs of commercial combinations.

The acting chairman of the judiciary committee appointed a subcommittee consisting of Representatives Littlefield (Me.), Overstreet (Ind.), Powers (Mass.), De Arrmond (Mo.), and Clayton (Ala.), to which all anti-trust bills, including the publicity bill, have been referred. A meeting of the committee is called for tomorrow.

The publicity bill, as amended, provides that every corporation, joint stock company or similar organization engaged in interstate or foreign commerce, and every such corporation which shall hereafter be organized, shall file with the interstate commerce commission on or before September 1, each year, a return stating its name, date of organization, where and when organized, the statutes under which organized, and, if consolidated, the name of the constituent companies and the same information concerning them.

If the concerns have been reorganized the original corporation is to be stated, with information concerning it. The following particulars must also be given:

- (1) Amount of authorized capital stock, shares into which divided, their par value, whether common or preferred and distinction between each.
- (2) Amount issued and outstanding, amount paid in, how much, if any, in property, and if paid in property a description and cash value of the property at the time it was received.
- (3) Indebtedness, its nature and for what purpose incurred.
- (4) A statement of the assets at their present cash market value, giving the elements upon which the market value is based.
- (5) The total earnings and income, operating expenses, interest, taxes, permanent improvements, net earnings, dividends declared, with rate and date, during the period preceding the first preceding July, salaries of officials and wages of employes.

It is further provided that the treasurer or other officer of concerns affected shall answer on oath all inquiries that may be made in writing, under the direction of the interstate commerce commission, relative to its financial condition and its capital stock. Such answer is not to be used as evidence against the person making it, except in prosecutions under the proposed act.

A tax of 1 per cent per annum is imposed on so much of the capital stock outstanding which is not fully paid in cash or property at its full cash market value, and provision is made for collecting the tax.

Any concern failing to make the return as required, and any concern failing to pay the tax imposed, is to be restrained, on the suit of the United States, from engaging in interstate or foreign commerce.

## DIE IN A FIRE TRAP.

Fourteen Guests Perish in Another Chicago Holocaust.

CHICAGO.—Fourteen persons among the scores crowded into the Lincoln hotel, at 176 Madison street, met death shortly before 6 o'clock Thursday morning in a fire. Death came suddenly to a few, but with awful suddenness to others, who were penned in the death trap and suffocated or burned to death. Some died in their rooms, some chanced all in jumping and lost, while others were found in the hallways, where they had expired with their fingers dug into the cracks of the floor.

All the bodies were recovered, as the hotel was not destroyed.

The building was a fire trap of the worst kind, according to experts. There were but two exits, a narrow stairway leading down the four floors of the building and an incomplete fire escape in the rear.

## THE SICK CATTLE.

Unprincipled Dealers Said to Have Sold Them.

BOSTON.—Dr. Salmon reached Boston from Washington Tuesday. His first action was to hold a conference with Dr. Samuel E. Bennett, the Boston agent of the bureau, Dr. Austin Peters, chief of the Massachusetts Animal Bureau, and Dr. John R. Mohr, chief of the pathological division at Washington, James Law of Cornell university and Dr. Leonard Pearson of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Salmon said: "The situation is very disquieting, principally because cattle dealers have been selling diseased animals and scattering the contagion and because there has been no adequate conception of the danger of carrying the disease by persons who have visited diseased herds."

Dr. Salmon will take office so as to be in the closest touch with the cattle bureau.

Dr. Peters on Tuesday issued a notice calling attention to the statutes which direct local board of health to report all cases of contagion among cattle as soon as their presence is known.

WASHINGTON.—Official notice of the action of the British government prohibiting the landing of stock from New England was received Tuesday.

Mr. Moore on Tuesday ordered about twenty veterinary surgeons in various western cities to proceed to New England to augment the force of experts already fighting the epidemic. This force also will be added to by the inspectors relieved from duty owing to the cessation of exportation to Great Britain.

PORTLAND, Me.—The steamship officials have stopped loading cattle at this port until word is received from England that cattle shipped from Canada via Maine will be allowed to land.

## CUBAN TREATY IS READY.

President Palma Will Sign Document at Havana Next Wednesday.

HAVANA.—After a conference with Secretaries Zaldo and Montes Friday night President Palma said: "My commissioners, Senores Zaldo and Montes, will sign the reciprocity agreement with General Bliss Tuesday or Wednesday next. It will be then sent to Washington, where the treaty will be signed by Secretary Hay and Minister Quesada."

"After confirmation by the United States senate I will send the treaty to the Cuban senate for approval. I shall not send it to the house of representatives because that house has, with the approval of the senate, the right, according to the constitution, to make a treaty which does not affect the tariff."

"This agreement provides for certain reductions in the duties on imports from the United States, but the tariff on those articles is not changed. After the approval of the treaty I intend to send a message to the senate and the house asking for a revision of the tariff in order to keep up the revenues which will be necessarily lessened by the treaty."

A senator who represents the administration gives his opinion that the reciprocity agreement must be approved by the house of representatives. The matter of issuing a loan for \$35,000,000 is again being taken up in the senate.

## Suit Over Harrison Estate.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Mrs. Mary Scott Harrison McKee, daughter of the late President Benjamin Harrison, has brought suit against Elizabeth Harrison, Mary Lord Harrison, her guardian; Russell B. Harrison, William Schoppenhorst, the Union Trust company and Martha E. Clark and Stephen A. Clark. The complaint sets forth that the plaintiff and Elizabeth Harrison and Russell B. Harrison each owns an undivided one-third interest in the property at 20 North Pennsylvania avenue, occupied by William Schoppenhorst.

## Honduras Faces Revolution.

PANAMA.—A revolutionary movement is threatened in Honduras. General Sierra has been induced to refuse to turn over the presidential power to Senor Monilla, who was elected president in October. It is believed that the Honduras congress will try to declare the last elections illegal, and Senor Bonilla's numerous partisans threaten to protect their leader's rights by force. Juan Angelarias, the defeated candidate, has been appointed minister of state.

## NEBRASKA IN GENERAL

### A RULING ON INSURANCE.

Important Decision Announced by the Supreme Court.

An important decision on life insurance is announced in the supreme court in the case of the Royal Neighbors of America against Wallace, an error case from Dodge county. The court adheres to its former ruling of reversal, announced at the last term of court, but changes its mind materially as to the rule that applies to answers to questions in the application. The matter turned upon whether these answers are warranties or merely representations. The court says that the proper rule is that the asking of a question by the company is a declaration that the fact sought to be elicited by the question is material, and the answer by the applicant, when he procures a policy to be issued is an assent to its materiality, the form of application and the policy constituting an agreement that the statements are material to the risk. This still leaves it open, says the court, to the determination of the jury whether the answer was true, and if not true, whether the variance was material to the risk. It is not for the jury, however, to say that the answers, though substantially true, were nevertheless immaterial.

### WANTS A BOND REGISTERED.

Auditor Refuses Because He Alleges it is Not Legally Issued.

LINCOLN.—J. Y. Niles has filed a suit in the supreme court for a writ of peremptory mandamus to compel Charles Weston, state auditor, to record a bond for \$1,000 issued by Douglas county in 1877. Weston refused to record the bond because, he claimed, the law under which the bonds were issued was unconstitutional. The bonds were issued to the Omaha & Northwestern Railroad company, bearing 8 per cent interest. In 1887 the county refunded the bonds and issued others bearing 5 per cent. These were issued under the law of 1885, which the supreme court has declared unconstitutional. This year the bonds were again refunded and others issued bearing 3 1/2 per cent. The state holds \$176,000 worth of the bonds.

### Earnings of Iowa Railroads.

According to the reports of the railroad companies for the year ended June 30 last, as made to the railroad commissioners in accordance with law, there has been a rapid increase in the earnings the first half of the year. The aggregate of earnings on Iowa business as shown by the reports for the year ended June 30 last was \$3,000,000 more than the aggregate for the year ended January 1 last, as reported at that time to the state. The mileage reported in Iowa for the year ended June 30 last was 9,614, the gross receipts \$59,106,191.41, the expenses \$39,839,794.93, leaving as net earnings \$19,266,396.58.

### Has a Corpse on His Hands.

BEAVER CITY.—The Burlington agent here has a piece of express on hand which he would be glad to dispose of. It is the dead body of James Bisbee, formerly of this county, who died at the insane asylum in Lincoln. His mother lives twelve miles south of this place and the authorities shipped the body to her with C. O. D. charges for the casket and transportation, amounting to \$66. When the family of the dead man called for the remains they were surprised by the charges and were unable to raise the money.

### No Fear of Contagion.

The "hoof and mouth" disease, so prevalent among cattle in the New England states and against which many of the states in the west have quarantined, need occasion no alarm among cattle and stock men in Nebraska, was the statement issued from the state veterinary surgeon. While some of the surrounding states have quarantined against the disease, Nebraska will not do so, for the officials do not believe there is any danger of the disease reaching here. "We see no occasion for alarm," said Dr. Thomas, "and therefore will establish no quarantine. It would interrupt traffic and do no good."

Sunday closing is to be enforced at Crete.

A bank is about to be established at Sterling.

An ice making plant is to be established at York.

Crete's new lighting plant has been put in operation.

A series of religious meetings are being held at Wymore.

A war is on between the telephone companies of Fremont.

The postmaster at the village of Smartville has resigned.

At Broken Bow, "Pink" Brown was killed by the kick of a horse.

The Burlington road will put in a new passenger station at York.

A brick factory at Hastings was damaged by fire to the extent of \$1,200.

The new Methodist church at Geneva will soon be ready for occupancy.

Dr. Covert of Pawnee was thrown from his horse, sustaining a broken collar bone.

The saloon of Jacob Thomas of Wahoo was robbed of 800 cigars and a few bottles of wine.

Dogs are dying off fast in Fremont, all classes of the canines suffering from some unknown disease.

George H. Thomas, a colored barber and an old resident of Wauneta, was found dead in bed at Wauneta.

There are six divorce cases to be disposed of by the district court of York county at the December term.

Peter McDermott, for a long time an engineer on the Burlington, running out from Alliance, fell dead in Salt Lake.

An unusually large amount of wheat has been sown in Gage county this season and farmers report that it is in splendid condition.

Mrs. Myrtway, wife of the pastor of the Baptist church at Falls City, in taking a dose of medicine got the wrong bottle and took arnica. It almost proved fatal.

At Valentine John and Harry Junod were sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for stealing about 6,000 pounds of wire from David A. Hancock, a large ranchman.

Dr. Alma Chapman, second assistant physician at the Hastings asylum for the incurable insane, has handed in her resignation to the governor and the same has been accepted.

The Alfred Cowrie farm of 280 acres, near Beatrice, was sold for \$62.50 per acre, the top price so far paid for Gage county land. The purchaser was Charles Hentges, who the same day sold his farm in Hanover township to William Pardee for \$50 per acre.

William P. Redifer, who has made his home in Fremont for some time, was arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., on a warrant issued for him here, charging his with disposing of some horses and other property after first obtaining all that he could get from them on a chattel mortgage.

Chester Brown, alias John Finn, is under arrest at Wayne charged with stealing a team of horses from a citizen there some time ago and later leaving two citizens of Fremont in the lurch by departing from that city with three horses on which they held chattel mortgages. He was captured after being traced to Platte, S. D.

Hallie, the 20-year-old daughter of John Rathbun, a merchant of Shelby, had her life hanging by a thread for several hours. She arose to build a fire and was discovered later in a chair, partly dressed, unconscious and her body quite cold. Through mistake she had taken carbolic acid, mistaking it for a cough remedy.

Proofs were offered to the governor by Frank Lasse, E. W. Cullen, David Leary and Perry Boram of Winside, in support of their claim of the \$200 offered by the governor for the apprehension of Gottleb Niefenfind, the Pierce county murderer. In order that there might be no mistake about it the certificates were made out so that each one of the four is entitled to \$50 and payment will be made in that way.

The report of the officers of the Fremont Sugar Beet company shows that the crop of 1902 yielded a profit of 30 per cent, a dividend of 25 per cent being declared and 5 per cent added to the surplus fund. The syndicate raised 1,749 tons. Out of the total disbursements of \$5,861, the sum of \$4,352.18 was expended for labor. The company has rented 480 acres of land near Fremont for a term of four years and will rotate beets with other crops.