

the elevation and transfer of grain in transit is beyond the delegated power of the commission." Referring to the Kansas City decision, the Omaha World-Herald prints the following: "News of the decision was hailed gladly by several members of the Omaha grain exchange. They agreed that it was a good thing for the Omaha grain market. As to how great a thing it was they differed. One company said: 'It means that the Omaha grain market will be maintained. If it had gone the other way the market could not have been kept up except in a comparatively small way. The interstate commission at first allowed 1 1/2 cents elevation charges, then three-quarters of 1 per cent per 100 pounds, and then none at all. The date to stop allowing has been extended from time to time to enable the court to look into it and reach a decision.' Another large grain company said: 'The best thing about it to our minds is that it establishes the Peavey contracts as if it were a contract with an individual instead of a corporation. The deci-

sion will be a good thing for Omaha, but it does not seem to us to be a vital one.'"

Alderman Bauler has introduced, in the Chicago city council, an ordinance forbidding women to wear long hatpins. The ordinance was discussed at length and finally referred to a committee.

An Associated Press dispatch from Buenos Ayres, March 2, says: "William J. Bryan has arrived here. He will be received by President Alcora tomorrow, Minister Sherrell making the presentation. The minister of foreign affairs will give a banquet in Mr. Bryan's honor."

Twenty-five hundred men participated in a county option convention at St. Paul, Minn. Governor Eberhart addressed the convention, saying that he personally favored county option.

Nebraska was forty-three years old March 1.

Henry J. Furlong, a New York City magistrate, has been found guilty of accepting a bribe. He has been sent to jail.

A Seattle, Wash., dispatch carried by the Associated Press, says: "Sweeping down the steep mountain sides on the west slope of the Cas-

cadates at dawn this morning, an avalanche of snow overwhelmed two Great Northern trains, three locomotives, four huge electric motor engines and brought death to more than a score of persons, according to meager reports that have drifted in from Wellington, a station near the scene of the disaster. Most of the dead are believed to have been passengers on the westbound Great Northern express, bound from Spokane to Seattle, which has been stalled in the mountains since last Thursday. They were asleep when the slide came. The other train was the transcontinental fast mail, which carried no passengers."

Press dispatches say that fully two thousand people have been made homeless by floods in Ohio.

Between 50,000 and 75,000 union workers in the city of Philadelphia went on a strike March 5. One hundred different branches of industry are effected.

Mayor Gaynor of New York has appointed a large committee to arrange for the reception to Theodore Roosevelt.

The Russian government has rejected China's proposal for the construction of the Aigun and Chincow railroad.

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Washington News

The Aldrich bill providing for a commission of senators, representatives and civil appointees to be selected by the president to supervise the business methods of the executive departments was passed by the senate practically without opposition. Senator Newlands vainly sought to have the bill amended so as to authorize the appointment by the president of a co-ordinate commission to represent legislative and executive departments. He conceded that as the purpose was to be the reform of the departments the executive branch of the government should be represented. Senator Aldrich stated that he felt authorized to say that the president would co-operate heartily with the proposed commission.

A bill framed because of the situation arising from the indictment in New Jersey of members of the alleged "beef trust" was introduced in congress by Representative Henry of Texas. It provides that the demand of the executive authority of a state, accompanied by a copy of the indictment, or an affidavit, shall be indisputable proof on which the authorities of another state must act and that no court of a state or territory to which the fugitive has fled shall ignore such demand. "My amendment plainly means," said Mr. Henry, "that although those individuals composing the 'beef trust' in Chicago have not been actually present in New Jersey, they have caused the execution of their conspiracies on New Jersey soil."

A Washington dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas, failed today in an effort to have stricken from the records of the house committee on public lands a statement which he made before the committee several days ago when he appeared there in advocacy of a bill introduced by Representative Oldfield of Arkansas, quieting title of about 100,000 acres of swamp lands in the eastern part of Arkansas, known as 'sunk lands.' Senator Davis' statement was to the effect that he was to receive a fee

for his services as attorney for the Saint Francis levee board in connection with the lands. In correcting his testimony Senator Davis struck out the words 'because there is a good fee if I can recover the price of that timber,' and substituting for them the following: 'Because I am the attorney for the Saint Francis levee board for the recovery of this timber.' Senator Davis asserted before the committee he had not used the words attributed to him, but several members of the committee disagreed with him and declared that he did make the statement. Following the senator's appearance before the committee today, the committee held an extended executive session and finally voted, practically unanimously, not to allow Senator Davis to make the change desired. It was held that no one had a right to change the records of the committee further than to make necessary changes in verbiage."

Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire has introduced in the senate a bill making it a misdemeanor for any one to be drunk in the District of Columbia. The bill provides for a fine of \$100 or imprisonment for two years in a home for inebriates.

The senate passed a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$10,000,000 for the purchase of land south of Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C., as sites for public buildings. There was no opposition.

Thomas Taylor, serving in the Atlanta federal prison a term of fifteen years for the murder in the District of Columbia of his wife, has refused to accept a pardon granted to him by President Taft.

The house has defeated the bill providing residences for American diplomats abroad.

How far will the Taft administration pursue the critics of Secretary Ballinger? An Associated Press dispatch says: "The question of whether A. C. Shaw, late law officer of the

forest service, who was dismissed by order of President Taft, at the time Chief Forester Pinchot was removed, should be allowed to practice his profession before the department of the interior is to be determined by President Taft himself. When Mr. Shaw asked permission to practice before Secretary Ballinger's department, his

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