

LINCOLN.

A Continuator of Our Lincoln Legislative Literature.

Matters of Revenue, State Institutions, Railroad Corporations.

Courts, County Government and Various Other Matters.

And a History of Each Member of the Senate.

Brown and Church Howe Have a Passage at Arms.

The House Appropriates \$10,000 for the Home of the Friendless.

LEGISLATIVE LITERATURE.

A FEW MORE BILLS.

Special Correspondence to the Bee.

LINCOLN, February 11.—Following is a brief outline of some of the bills now before the house:

MATTERS OF REVENUE.

House, 192.—Nichol, Providing the payment of taxes in two installments—March 1st and October 1st. In case the first installment is not paid before April 1st the whole amount delinquent penalty 10 per cent.

House, 172.—Jindra, Governing the mode of assessment by county commissioners.

House, 561.—Holt, Schedule for assessors.

House, 221.—Caper, Making it the duty of county boards to have stricken from tax books assessments against lands prior to issuance of government patent. This includes unpatented railroad land.

House, 199.—Robertson, Relating to duties of assessors.

House, 155.—White, Providing that holders of tax titles may secure possession in 10 months from date of purchase on giving proper notice.

FATE INSTITUTIONS.

House, 174.—Cornell, Establishing the Central Nebraska asylum for the insane, the place to be designated by the board of public lands and built by and appropriated \$100,000 therefor.

House, 247.—Wright, Providing for a system of revenue for the city of Lincoln, one-half the cost to be borne by each, and appropriating \$25,343 to pay the state's proportion.

House, 223.—Merrill, Providing for the location of a lunatic asylum at York, on condition that eighty acres of land are given for a site, and levying one-half mill for 1885 to carry out the provisions of the act. In addition counties will be charged with the cost of caring for its inmates.

RAILROAD CORPORATIONS.

House, 190.—Russell, Making it the duty of railroads to erect stations and stop trains at all towns on the line having a population of 200 or more.

House, 183.—Lee, Fixing passenger rates on railroads at three cents per mile, penalty for violation \$25 for each offense.

House, 125.—Johnson, Fixing maximum rates of freight and express jointly with the city of Lincoln, one-half the cost to be borne by each, and appropriating \$25,343 to pay the state's proportion.

THE COURTS.

House, 190.—Harlan, Giving early entry to a suit where the amount exceeds \$200, the right to demand a jury waived jointly with the city of Lincoln, one-half the cost to be borne by each, and appropriating \$25,343 to pay the state's proportion.

House, 191.—Brandt, Limiting revival of judgment.

House, 186.—Riley, Governing proceedings against tenants.

House, 162.—Obmsted, Repealing chapter 1st of title 8 of statutes of 1881, entitled "Arrest and Bail."

House, 155.—Wright, Defining powers and duties of county commissioners.

House, 299.—Stevenson, Governing appeals from judgments.

House, 291.—Riley, Amending section 1041 of the code of civil procedure.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

House, 179.—Baco, Providing for abandonment or continuance of township organization as the majority of voters of the township may determine.

House, 182.—Riley, Authorizing the opening of public roads on section lines without preliminary survey.

House, 160.—Wolbach, Defining qualifications of county superintendents of schools, to be not lower than first grade.

House, 161.—Kilroy, Extending the powers and jurisdiction of city and village officers.

House, 183.—Hoy, Providing for the election of county commissioners of highways and drainage ditches.

House, 193.—Gill, Prohibiting a school district officer teaching school in the district in which he resides.

House, 167.—Taggart, Regulating formation of school districts.

House, 181.—Lee, Relating to collection and payment of claim against counties.

House, 159.—Riley, Fixing fees for surveying lots, lands and county roads.

House, 188.—Holworth, Providing for annexing unorganized territory to adjoining counties on majority vote.

House, 160.—Muhlhall, To divide school districts on lines of railways in certain cases.

MISCELLANEOUS.

House, 174.—Troup, Relating to the registration of municipal bonds by state auditor.

House, 218.—Finney, Committee, Transferring to the state sinking fund moneys transferred to county treasurers' fund.

House, 173.—Linsvold, Giving authority to any number of persons not to exceed 200 to issue themselves from any fire or death.

House, 148.—Riley, Limiting amount of taxable land for cemetery purposes to 640 acres.

House, 204.—King, Making the property, real and personal, used or occupied by saloon keepers, liable for fines and costs assessed against them.

House, 165.—Johnson, Punishing the crime of rape with death; abuse of female child under 10 years with life; rape of female child under 10 years with life; rape of female child under 10 years with life.

House, 202.—Taggart, Prohibiting the dumping of carcasses of dead animals, or offal, or

parted matter in rivers, creeks, ponds, roads, streets, alleys, or any other place of public ground; penalty not more than \$50.

House, 238.—Kaley, An elaborate law governing the organization and affairs of life insurance companies in this state.

House, 187.—Taggart, Legalizing the incorporation of the village of Bennett.

House, 182.—Wright, Allowing diminution of the sentence imposed on a convict for a first offense.

House, 214.—Finney, Committee, Transferring moneys in the state bond fund to the state sinking fund.

THE SENATE.

Special Correspondence to the Bee.

LINCOLN, February 11.—The senate today was crowded this morning to hear the discussion of railroad bills. After important preliminaries the senate resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and considered the special order.

Snell's three cent mileage bill and the railroad committee's freight bill. Mr. Snell's bill is changed from the original wording that it is doubtful if it can recognize it now. The title is changed to all railroads.

Senator Burr offered the first amendment making the bill applicable to roads out of the 10th principal meridian. This was crushed through a lively that few members knew its import.

Senator Lewis, of Pitt, then offered to the first section by dividing all roads into three classes, Class "A" to be all roads earning over \$1,000 per mile per annum, and to charge three cents per mile. Class "B" all roads earning less than \$8,000 to charge four cents per mile. Senator Lewis stated his reasons that it was unjust to roads in the north part of the state to impose such low rates as in the south where rates have been classified, he thought it proper to classify the passenger traffic.

Senator Durand also favored the amendment, and proceeded to give a number of facts and figures regarding the Sioux City road. Behind Mr. Durand sat John D. Howe, governor of the state, who coughed Mr. Durand through his speech in this style, Mr. Durand asked that Mr. Howe be allowed to address the committee as representatives of other roads had done so, and he thought it was only fair to treat alike. He made a motion to that effect, which motion was supported by Mr. Love, of Brown, and opposed by Mr. McAllister of Platt. The motion was lost by a vote of 11 to 11, and Mr. Howe was not heard on the question.

Senator Snell then spoke against the Lewis amendment as it was amended, and against every other amendment offered to his bill.

Senator Hastings thought the amendment would kill the whole measure. At the suggestion of Senator Howe, class "B" was stricken entirely from the amendment and class "B" made to include.

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THE HOUSE.

LINCOLN, February 11.—The morning session of the house is usually not of a very lively nature. This was no exception. Members generally strolled into the house in a listless manner with a more or less unenthusiastic look on their faces. Right a cigar and look through the daily papers. That is the actual business was to receive the report of committees.

The committee on common schools reported H. R. 91, 100, 108 and 103 all for passage.

The committee on constitutional amendments reported H. R. 210, with a recommendation that it pass.

The judiciary committee sent eight bills, all save one for passage.

The claims committee, having reported favorably on Pat Howe's claim, and seeing the reception their report got in the house, so more careful now, and reported the bill dealing with the claim of Peter Pringle and the city of Lincoln for indistinct postponement.

The special committee appointed to visit the asylum for the feeble minded at Glenwood, Iowa, made a glowing report, and advocated a similar institution for this state.

The clerk read for first time the bills from the senate which had accumulated on the desk. This occupied the most of the morning, the remainder being absorbed in calling the roll, passing bills for third time, which could not be done until the afternoon.

The house took a recess at 11:30 until 2:30. There will be three sittings of the house today, the first at 10 o'clock, the second at 2 o'clock, and the third at 7 o'clock.

To allow the ladies connected with the different charities of the state an opportunity of explaining to the house the objects and working of their respective institutions.

We may expect a picnic to-night, for every one of the ladies will prove that the institution is interested in the one worthy of needed aid. In this state they practice their motives to the house and take good care to give any facts concerning that which they were advocating.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Special Telegram to THE BEE.

LINCOLN, February 11.—This afternoon the house received a report from the special committee appointed to inquire into the condition of the state agricultural farm. The committee reported the farm building in a very dilapidated condition and unsafe. The dormitories were in a disgraceful state, the beds were of the worst description, with no bedding. The rooms were filthy, and the inmates were badly treated, and things were generally in a state of neglect, decay and desolation. The report also stated that the inmates were badly treated, and things were generally in a state of neglect, decay and desolation. The report also stated that the inmates were badly treated, and things were generally in a state of neglect, decay and desolation.

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