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26. FARE BILL PASSES

NEBRASKA SENATE ENACTS MEASURE INTO LAW.

GOES WITH EMERGENCY CLAUSE

BILL IS HASTENED TO GOVERNOR SHFLDON IMMEDIATELY.

VOTE 27 FOR, 4 AGAINST

There Had Be. Belief That the Emergency Clause Would Not Be Taken Off the Two-Cent Fare Bill, But the Two-Thirds Vote Was Cast.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 28.—Special to The News: The two-cent passenger fare bill passed the senate today with the emergency clause. The vote stood 27 to 4. The bill will be hurried to Governor Sheldon today for his signature. Some believed that the emergency clause would be taken off the bill and it was necessary for a two-thirds vote to enact the law with the emergency clause. This was had, and there were votes to spare.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

University and New Buildings Left to Separate Bills.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 28.—Special to The News: The big appropriation bill for current expenses now ready for introduction before the legislature asks for \$110,590 less than the similar bill of two years ago, although the provisions for most of the state departments and institutions are slightly increased. The reduction is due to the fact that the provision for the state university is left to a separate bill disposing of the proceeds of the one-mill levy and to the cutting out of all provisions for buildings at the various institutions. The bill of two years ago appropriated \$1,910,000 while this bill asks for \$1,799,410. If any new buildings are obtained at any of the state institutions they will have to be provided for in separate bills.

A bill providing for a twenty-five cent bounty for adult gopher scalps has been introduced by Senator Saunders of Douglas. It has roused much jocular discussion.

In regard to his reason for introducing his bill prescribing maximum rates on wheat, corn and grain products, Senator Sibley of Lincoln has explained that this and similar bills are introduced as insurance policies in behalf of the people and against any possible risk incurred by reason of the state board of railroad commissioners. He declares that the maximum rate measures are not meant to reflect upon or in any manner impair the usefulness of the commission, which undoubtedly for at least the first year of its existence will be overwhelmed with work, and insists that the commission should welcome such laws if enacted by the legislature as so much relief from their great burdens.

Senator Phillips of Holt yesterday introduced a bill similar to one contemplated by Senator Sibley, providing a maximum rate on hay, potatoes and apples, the rates being made the same as those which have been in force in Iowa since 1889. The Iowa rates are about 20 per cent. lower than those of Nebraska on hay, potatoes and apples.

Lincoln, Feb. 28.—A new anti-pass bill was introduced in the house, read the first time and will be advanced today. It is intended to cure any possible defects in the bill heretofore pending, which, however, retains its place. To supplement anti-pass legislation, bills were introduced prohibiting franks or passes from telegraph, telephone, express, street car or sleeping car companies, or special privileges of any kind to individuals or corporations.

Two maximum freight rate bills were offered in the house, one bearing on grain, the other on coal and lumber.

The senate took up the railroad terminal taxation bill. It was slightly amended and recommended for passage, as was the bill compelling corporations to pay employes twice a month.

The senate indefinitely postponed the bill compelling life insurance companies to make an annual statement of dividends earned and surplus available for distribution or credit to policyholders.

Governor Sheldon has signed the anti-tipping bill.

DEMONSTRATION AT LINCOLN

South Omaha Anti-Annexationists Protest Against Bill.

Lincoln, Feb. 28.—A delegation of 1,100 citizens of South Omaha, many of them women, headed by Mayor Hoctor, spent the day in Lincoln and protested before the legislature against a bill providing for the forcible annexation of South Omaha to the city of Omaha. A joint session of the two houses was held to give the visiting delegation a hearing, and ad-

visors in opposition to the bill. Another bill, permitting the question of annexation to be put to a vote of the two cities was not particularly opposed, but the South Omaha people let it be known that they preferred to have both bills killed.

OLTMAN BOUND OVER.

Judge Cowan Believes That the Old Man is Guilty. Stanton, Neb., Feb. 28.—Special to The News: The preliminary hearing of Henry Oltman, sr., was concluded here yesterday afternoon. The defendant went on the stand and testified in his own behalf. Judge Cowan held that the evidence disclosed that the crime had been committed and that there was probable cause to believe the defendant guilty. He was bound over to the adjourned term of district court to be held in June, fixing the bond at \$1,500.

A HANDSOME BANK BUILDING.

Wisner Now Has One of the Finest in the State.

Pilger, Neb., Feb. 28.—Special to The News: Pilger now boasts of having one of the finest bank buildings in the state. It is of pressed brick, stands 25 by 60 feet and is two stories high. The living rooms up stairs are fitted with every modern convenience. The bank proper is fitted with steam heat and good gas lights. The floor is tile. The cage is of the latest pattern with marble base and marble railing. The vault is large and fitted out with the best pattern of burglar proof safes. Altogether it is a fine structure and

POWDER RIVER RANCH SOLD.

Big Tract of Stanton County Land Changes Hands.

Wisner, Neb., Feb. 28.—Special to The News: The Powder River ranch sold today, one quarter for \$92.50 per acre and the remainder at \$85. Stanton county soil is good and a sure sign that people here know it is that the parties buying the land are resident neighbors.

Business Change.

Wisner, Neb., Feb. 28.—Special to The News: The John Mewis saloon changed hands yesterday. It was bought by Aug. Schumacher of this place and his brother-in-law of Scribner.

TWO FIREMEN MEET DEATH

Ammonia Fumes Fatal to New Yorkers and Captain May Not Recover.

New York, Feb. 28.—Two firemen were killed and eleven others rendered unconscious by fumes at a fire in a basement of a building in Eighth avenue. The condition of two others is serious.

The dead: Adam Damm, Harry F. Baker.

Damm and Baker had carried a pipe through the basement and into the opening leading to a sub-cellar, when they called for water pressure. However, when other firemen reached the men to assist in directing the hose upon the blaze, Damm and Baker were not to be seen. Ammonia fumes poured up through the hole and filled the basement. The fire had melted the coupling of one of the ammonia pipes connecting with the cold storage plant of the market. Rescuing parties were formed and Damm and Baker carried up from the hole with difficulty. They died soon afterwards. Each of the rescuers succumbed on reaching the outer air. Roll call revealed the fact that Captain Bernard Carlock was down in the hole, where he had gone in search of victims of the fumes, and he was brought to the surface. It is believed that he will not recover.

Complaint of Wool Growers.

Cheyenne, Feb. 28.—An important meeting will be held here March 7, between representatives of all railroads west of Chicago and committees from the national and other wool growers' associations. The car shortage and service problems will be discussed at great length in the hope that plans can be formed whereby the shippers of live stock will be accorded relief.

St. Louis Police Scandal.

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—On charges of having protected thieves and receiving money and other valuable gifts in recognition of the alleged protection, Assistant Chief of Detectives John Keely and Detectives Michael Cremin, A. H. Dooley, H. P. McQuellan, D. J. McGrath and John McCarthy and Special Officer Tom Mason were suspended pending trial.

Take \$10,000 of Bank's Money.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Charles H. Thornton, a note taker, and William Baker, a clerk, both employed by the Hamilton National bank of this city, were arrested, charged with having embezzled \$10,000 of the funds of the bank. The men were placed under \$10,000 bonds each. High living is said to be responsible for the downfall of Thornton and his companion.

Brownsville Inquiry Adjourned.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Brownsville investigation committee in the senate on military affairs was adjourned until March 11. By that time it is expected that white officers of the discharged battalion of negro soldiers will be available as witnesses.

SAYS THAW WAS INSANE

DR. EVANS SCORES A POINT FOR THE DEFENSE.

UNDER JEROME'S CROSS-FIRE

A Large Portion of the Day Was Occupied by the District Attorney in Cross Examining Dr. Evans Concerning Letters Written by Thaw.

New York, Feb. 28.—A strong point for the defense was made under the cross-examination of Dr. Evans by District Attorney Jerome today in the Thaw murder case.

Dr. Evans declared on the stand in cross-examination that he was convinced Harry Thaw had been insane for a time in his life, but not insane in a way from which it would necessarily follow that he is insane now.

This is the point that the defense has been attempting to establish all along—that Thaw was insane when he killed White, but that he is not insane today.

Letters Serve For the Point.

Letters written by Harry Thaw served to bring out this opinion from Dr. Evans.

Dr. Evans was the first witness called to the stand today and District Attorney Jerome continued his cross-examination. Dr. Evans was one of the alienists produced by the defense. The entire morning was taken up with questions concerning certain letters written by Thaw.

Dr. Evans declared that the letters convinced him that Harry Thaw was insane at the time he wrote these letters, but not in the sense that Thaw would always remain insane.

New York, Feb. 28.—Interest in the Thaw trial centered in the maneuvers of District Attorney Jerome, who seemed to give further indication of his purpose in the near future to apply for a commission in lunacy to report on the present condition of the defendant's mind. The witness stand for the greater part of the day was occupied by Dr. Evans, director of the New Jersey hospital for the insane at Morris Plains, an alienist for the defense, who was up for cross-examination. Jerome seemed to direct his efforts at getting from Dr. Evans information as to the exact recognized forms of insanity from which the expert declared Harry Thaw was suffering at the time of the "143rd storm," which resulted in the killing of White. Dr. Evans had testified that in his will Thaw displayed evidences of a melancholic state of mind. The district attorney dwelt for an hour or more on the subject of melancholia and asked the expert if it was not true that in acute melancholia there is a recurrence of the affliction in at least one-third of all cases. Dr. Evans said there was. Jerome said he intended calling as the witness in rebuttal Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, the alienist, who was first employed by the Thaw defense, but who has not heretofore figured in the trial. Dr. Hamilton recently returned from Europe and in a published interview just after he landed was reported to have said that he came to the conclusion that Thaw was insane at the time of the tragedy and that he is insane now. The district attorney also stated that he would call Dr. Charles F. Bingham of Pittsburgh, the Thaw family physician, in rebuttal. Dr. Bingham was on the stand for a short while, but Delmas objected when Jerome started in to cross-examine the physician as to insanity in the Thaw family on the ground that the witness had not qualified as an expert.

By recalling Evelyn Thaw to the stand for a few questions which he had omitted in his long cross-examination Jerome indicated that he would call Howard Nesbit, her brother, to contradict her in a matter of credibility. He asked Mrs. Thaw if she had not told her brother that Thaw had treated her cruelly while abroad because she refused to tell lies about Stanford White and say he had drugged and mistreated her. He also wanted to know if the brother had not bought her a pistol with which she might defend herself against Thaw. The defendant's wife denied absolutely that there was any truth in any of these statements.

Delmas announced that the defense would conclude its case this week.

MINE PROMOTERS ARRESTED

Charged With Using Mails to Defraud by Selling Worthless Stock.

Denver, Feb. 28.—C. L. Blackman, fiscal agent, and Arthur Levan, trustee of the Lost Bullion Spanish Mines company, with offices in this city, were arrested by United States Marshal I. I. Frank on charges of having used the mails to defraud by advertising and selling worthless stock. The charges were made by Postoffice Inspectors Macomic and Biddeford, who have investigated complaints made against the company. The company's books, the inspectors say, show that \$60,000 has been secured in the last four months from the sale of stock at 40 cents a share.

Seventeen Shot at Riga.

Riga, Russia, Feb. 28.—Seventeen persons condemned by court-martial for participating in the recent rising at Tukum were shot today.

SHALLENGER GOES OUT

James McCleary Will Soon Be Second Assistant Postmaster General.

Washington, Feb. 28.—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Second Assistant Postmaster General W. S. Shallenberger. Representative James McCleary of Minnesota, who is to retire from congress at the close of the present session will be Mr. Shallenberger's successor. The resignation of Third Assistant Postmaster General Edwin C. Madden, it is expected, will be submitted to the president in a day or two. No intimation yet is given of his successor.

FATAL WRECK ON THE WABASH

Engineer Killed When Freight and Accommodation Trains Meet.

Mexico, Mo., Feb. 28.—During the heavy fog an eastbound accommodation train on the Wabash road and a westbound freight train collided in the railroad yards here, resulting in the death of Passenger Engineer William Shlicing and injury to twenty others, some being only slightly injured.

TO INVESTIGATE A CLERK

CHARGED WITH GIVING OUT LETTERS UNAUTHORIZED.

WEIGHTY MATTER FOR SOLONS

Nebraska State Senate, Nearing Close of Session, is Spending a Little Valuable Time in Taking Care of its Own Private Laundry.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 28.—Special to The News: L. E. Corrick, clerk of the committee of the whole, will be investigated by senators.

Sibley of Lincoln county today declared that Corrick had been guilty of giving letters from Dawson county men to the press, without authorization. The matter will come up tomorrow.

DES MOINES IS ENJOINED.

Judge McPherson Hands Down Decree in Street Railway Case.

Des Moines, Feb. 28.—Judge McPherson's decree in the case brought by the city of Des Moines ousting the Des Moines street railway from the streets was filed in the federal court. The decree enjoins the city from its purpose, the court holding that the company has a perpetual franchise, granted in 1865, and that legislation passed in 1873 and since 1873 is not applicable, because it conflicts with the federal constitution, and that the city has recognized the franchise by ordering extensions and betterments.

South Dakota Legislature.

Pierre, S. D., Feb. 28.—A bill requiring a residence of one year in the state and three months in a county before beginning divorce proceedings, with all hearings in open court, was advanced on the senate calendar despite strong opposition. The bill ordering the return to North Carolina of \$30,000 obtained from that state on bonds was defeated in the senate—25 to 16.

RUSS AN FAM'NE GRAFT

Members of Parliament from Novgorod Adopt Resolutions on Subject.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The members of parliament-elect from Novgorod met and drew up a strong protest against the provincial administration, which, for political reasons, it is claimed, interferes with the public famine relief and prosecutes those who open free eating rooms. Similar protests are being made at Hazan.

The representatives from the Caucasus famine now include the districts of Mingrelia, Guria, Imeretia, Yelzibethpol and Eriyan. Subscriptions are being organized here and the papers are commenting sympathetically with the dispatches announcing the opening of subscriptions in America.

3,000 ARE GIVEN LAYOFF

Demand of Butte Miners Cause of Stopping Development Work.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 28.—Although 3,000 miners and top men are idle, owing to the action of the miners' union in demanding an increased scale of wages May 1, no apprehension is felt that any of the mines will close down. It is understood that it will be the policy of the operating companies in the future to pay the scale, but to employ only half as many men as at present. Only the most urgently necessary development work will be carried on. Sufficient ore bodies have been blocked out in the larger properties to keep a good force of skilled miners at work for the next fifteen years.

Arguments in Oil Case Ended.

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—Arguments in the ouster case of the state against the Standard, Republic and Waters-Pierce Oil companies were concluded. Special Commissioner Anthony will submit his findings in the case to the supreme court for final action.

Garrett Heads Air Line.

New York, Feb. 28.—W. A. Garrett was elected president of the Seaboard Air line, to succeed Alfred Walter, who died recently.

HILLIARD TELLS OF ALTON

GOVERNMENT RENEWS ATTACK ON FAMOUS DEAL.

ROAD MORTGAGED BEFORE BUILT

Harriman Completes His Testimony.

Mum on Price Paid for St. Joseph and Grand Island Stock—Bought Road and Sold it to Union Pacific.

New York, Feb. 28.—Counsel for the government renewed their attack on the financial methods of the Harriman group in the Chicago and Alton road before the intrastate commerce commission when they called Charles W. Hilliard, comptroller of the road, as a witness. Hilliard testified that he became comptroller in October last when, under the joint arrangement of the property, the Rock Island took its turn. Hilliard said his first task was to find money to carry on the improvements under way. There was money in the treasury for current expenses, but not enough to carry on the improvements, which included a cut-off of thirty-four and one-half miles of road, from a point near Murrayville to Springfield.

"I looked into the question of raising money by mortgage," he said, "and I discovered that it had already been mortgaged."

Road Mortgaged Before Built.

"Do I understand that this road had been mortgaged before it was built?" asked Commissioner Lane.

"Yes, I was told that it was covered by the mortgage of 1900, and there was nothing that could be done except to put a second mortgage on it, which would have been poor security," said Hilliard.

Mr. Kellogg then read the mortgage to show the line had been covered by it and the witness said: "All the bonds were gone. I found from the books that \$13,000,000 had never been paid to Stanton for the stock, that the \$3,900,000 had never been paid to Stanton for the road, but that the \$22,000,000 in bonds had been turned over to the syndicate, who delivered the stock and the road through the intermediary, Mr. Stanton."

The commission wanted to know what the books showed had been actually expended in connection with the handling of the property, but while the witness was searching for the records the session was adjourned until morning.

Harriman Completes His Testimony.

Edward H. Harriman concluded his testimony at the morning session. He testified that the Union Pacific had purchased the St. Joseph and Grand Island since last year. The price paid was \$2,022,000 and the witness owned the property and sold it to the Union Pacific. A section was made to questions as to when he bought the stock of the St. Joseph and Grand Island and what he paid for it, and the witness declined to answer.

The commission ruled against all objections, and the record was in each instance properly completed for reference to the courts.

William H. Moore and Daniel G. Reid, directors of the Rock Island, testified as to the contracts with Mr. Harriman and his associates for joint control of the Alton and that there was no other written or verbal agreement. Mr. Moore said that while the contract was still being fully observed, its effect was nominal. He and his associates had expected benefits from the arrangement that had not materialized and their earlier plans in connection with the project had not been carried out.

Statistics of Mortality.

Consumption and Pneumonia Still Lead in Death Rate.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Out of only two-fifths of the population of the United States more than half a million lives were offered up in 1905 as a sacrifice to disease. Startling as this death rate may seem, it was less than that for the preceding year, but was in excess of the number of deaths registered for any other year.

The death rate from nephritis and Bright's disease, apoplexy, cancer, diabetes and appendicitis is increasing, while that from old age, bronchitis, convulsions, peritonitis and scarlet fever are decreasing.

The greatest death rate recorded for any one disease in 1905 was that from pulmonary tuberculosis, amounting to 56,770, while pneumonia follows closely with a death rate of 39,068, exclusively of broncho-pneumonia.

The much dreaded cancer shows a steadily growing death rate, the figures being 24,329.

PEORIA SCANDAL REVIVED

Arrest of Tate for Robbing Safe May Implicate Prominent Citizens.

Peoria, Feb. 28.—Edwin H. Tate, an ex-convict, has been arrested in New York city for the robbery of the safe in the office of the board of school inspectors in the library building, Jan. 6, and the taking of the script, for the forging of which Newton C. Dougherty, former superintendent of schools, is now doing time in Joliet.

The arrest has implicated four prominent residents and officials of Peoria. Tate reached Chicago in charge of detectives. It is said the robbery was planned by Dougherty, who is serving a sentence at Joliet.

Flood Takes Out Tracks.

Vermilion, S. D., Feb. 28.—Waters from the Missouri river overflow are now covering the railroad grade near Meekling for two miles. Half a mile of track is washed out and train service is cut off from the west for days.

Married at Pierce.

Pierce, Neb., Feb. 28.—Special to The News: A wedding of more than local interest took place yesterday at high noon, when Rev. Chas. H. Dains united Miss Gertrude Henzler and Bruno Klok in matrimony. The bride has grown to womanhood in Pierce

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	24
Minimum	14
Average	19
Snowfall	4 inches
Barometer	29.76
Rainfall	.63

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Snow and colder tonight with cold wave eastern portion Friday. Generally fair.

and is the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Henzler, who are among the oldest and most highly respected people of this place. She is admired by all that know her, while the groom is equally as popular. The groom has an extensive acquaintance over northeast Nebraska and being a splendid cornetist as well as a vocalist, Pierce people will doubly regret the departure of this society couple, as they left on the Northwestern immediately after the ceremony for their new home in Gregory, S. D., where the groom will engage in the hardware business.

SENATE PASSES DANIEL BILL

Establishes Foundation for Promotion of Industrial Peace.

Washington, Feb. 28.—After listening to an argument by Senator Patterson (Colo.) in favor of government ownership of railroads, the senate agreed to the conference report of the river and harbor appropriation bill.

The senate passed the Daniel Bill, establishing "the foundation for the promotion of industrial peace." It authorizes a board of trustees to receive from President Roosevelt the "Nobel peace prize" as the nucleus of a fund to bring together at Washington representatives of capital and labor to discuss labor problems.

The expatriation bill also was passed. It authorizes the issuance of passports to persons who have declared their intention of becoming citizens of the United States and have lived in this country three years and who wish to visit countries other than the one of which they are native. The bill provides that a naturalized citizen of this country who goes abroad and resides for five years shall be presumed to have abandoned his American citizenship.

The house agreed to the conference reports on the bill authorizing the allotment and disposal of surplus lands in the Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota.

Conference reports were agreed to by the house on the river and harbor appropriation bill. The president returned to the house, without his approval, a bill for the relief of J. W. Bauer and others, growing out of their failure to make returns for special tax as retail duties on oleomargarine. The ship subsidy bill was debated, a still further extension of one hour having been agreed to for debate.

The first indorsement of President Roosevelt for the Republican presidential nomination in 1908 on the floor of the house was made by Representative Gronna (N. D.), who, while opposing the ship subsidy bill, said he was for Roosevelt for president in 1908 and so was his state, and they would send a delegate to the convention to urge his nomination. This statement elicited applause from the Republicans.

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