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NEBRASKA CONGRESS

DAILY REPORT OF WHAT IS BEING DONE.

Many Measures of More or Less Importance Being Introduced at the Present Session of the Sunflower Legislature.

Tuesday.

The oratorical talent of the senate was given a chance to show itself on the 12th immediately following the reading of the journal. A debate was precipitated by a resolution offered by Mr. Farrell of Merriek providing for the appointment of a committee of three, to act with a like committee from the house, to take action in regard to printing the governor's message.

photograph taken en group, and turned over to the committee on privileges and elections the papers in the Douglas County contest cases. The most important bills introduced are as follows: to prevent extortion and injustice in the collection of debts; providing for the establishment and maintenance of a county college of science, art and industry within the several counties of the state; vesting a right in the voters of the state of Nebraska to, by a petition, refer any law enacted or proposed by the legislature to a vote of the voters of such state and to reject the same by the ballot; vesting a right in the voters of the state of Nebraska to propose laws and enact the same into full force and effect for the government of the state by direct vote of the people who are qualified to vote for state officials; to prescribe the manner of such legislation and provide punishment for all offenders against the provisions of this act; to provide for the temporary issue of non-contest-bearing warrants upon the state treasurer and to provide for the redemption and re-issue of same; to provide for a presentation of the products, resources and possibilities of the state of Nebraska at the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, to be held in Nashville, Tenn., May to November 1897; to provide for the redemption of all real estate sold on execution order of sale and decree of courts and for the repeal of the general stay law in the state of Nebraska relating to real estate sold on execution order of sale.

A number of bills were introduced in the senate on the 14th and read for the first time. The bills offered on the 13th were read the second time and referred to committees. After the noon recess the senators sat in their places while a local photographer took a couple of views of the senate chamber. Motions were agreed to placing all employes under the direction and control of the sergeant-at-arms, and also requesting the mayor of the city of Lincoln to appoint the night watchmen of the senate members of the city police force without pay. Mr. Dundas of Nemaha offered a resolution, by request, making the salaries of state and county officials 80 per cent of what they now are. The senate then adjourned.

Friday.

The bill appropriating \$90,000 for salaries of members and employes, were distributed among the members of the house on the 15th. This was the first bill printed. It was put upon its passage and passed. Following are the most important bills offered in the house: Relating to school lands and funds; to prevent the further sale of school lands and to repeal said original chapter; to authorize the state of Nebraska to erect, maintain and manage a beet sugar factory; providing for the payment of taxes in installments of not less than 25 per cent of the amount due at time of payment and repealing all acts in conflict therewith; to punish hog stealing and to punish persons receiving or buying stolen hogs, and to punish all persons harboring or concealing hog thieves. A motion to adjourn to Monday was defeated, so adjournment was taken till Saturday at 10 a. m.

The senate was unable to take up legislative business for actual consideration on the 15th because of the lack of necessary facilities. The resolution offered by Senator Dundas, relative to a 20 per cent cut in state and county salaries, was made a special order for Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The consideration of the governor's message was made a special order for 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The following bills were introduced: To amend the code of civil procedure so as to provide that the owner of any real estate against which a decree of foreclosure has been rendered, or of any real estate levied upon to satisfy a judgment or decree of any kind, may redeem the same at any time before the confirmation of such bid by paying into the court the purchase thereof together with the interest accruing on such decree or judgment; to require owners or constructors of irrigation ditches to construct bridges over the same when such ditches or canals cross a public highway; to fix commissions for selling live stock in the state of Nebraska; to prevent cruelty to children in certain cases; to prohibit the employment of any child under the age of 12 years in any store, office, shop, factory, mine or other place to exceed three months in any one year; adjourned.

Saturday.

The attempt to shut off the reading of the house journal on the 16th was a pronounced failure. Consequently it was at 11 o'clock before Wooster of Merriek moved that at the hearing of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition matter the opponents of the bill be given equal time by the finance, ways and means committee with those who favored the measure. Hull and Harlan said that the hearing should be held for the benefit of those who favored the bill. Wimblerley of Lancaster was of the opinion, however, that Wooster's motion was all right, and when a vote was taken it was found that a large majority were with him. Preceding adjournment, until 2 o'clock p. m. Monday the following bills were introduced: To regulate the manufacture and sale of cider, to prevent adulteration, deception and fraud therein and to provide penalties for violations thereof; to define the liability of railroad companies for damages sustained by other employes; to provide for the destruction of noxious weeds and for the collection of expenses incurred thereby; to fix penalties for the violation of this act; defining what shall be legal tender in the payment of debt; proposing an amendment to section 1 of article vii of the constitution of the state of Nebraska, relating to woman suffrage; to amend section 189, of chapter xix, of the Criminal Code, entitled "Offenses Against Election Laws," and to repeal said section; to assist and develop the Iowa, Lake Shore & Gulf railroad in the state of Nebraska; to collect a direct tax on dogs for the purpose of creating a fund for the payment of the bounty on wolves, coyotes and wild cats and the suppression of the dog nuisance and to prevent desertion of the American flag; to amend section 4, of chapter lxxxix, of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska of 1895, entitled "Swamp lands," and to repeal said original section; house roll No. 188, to provide for improving and maintaining public roads.

According to Mulhall, the consumption of sugar per inhabitant in the various leading countries of the world is as follows: Sixty-nine pounds in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 30 pounds in Denmark, 29 in Holland, 23 in France and Switzerland, 18 in Sweden, 16 in Belgium, 15 in Germany, 13 in Austria, 11 in Norway, 8 in Russia, 7 in Italy, and 6 pounds in Spain and Portugal.

"What do you think of this scheme of saving doctors' bills by walking barefooted in the grass?" "Well, it saves shoemakers' bills, anyhow." Philadelphia North American.

NATIONAL SOLONS.

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT WASHINGTON.

Detailed Proceedings of Senate and House—Bills Passed or Introduced in Either Branch—Questions of Moment to the Country at Large.

The Legislative Grind.

The House witnessed a sensational episode Tuesday. Mr. Johnson (Cal.), who recently made a bitter attack on Editor Hearst of San Francisco and New York, was himself made the target of denunciatory charges by Mr. McGuire (Cal.). The words "due" grew out of the publication in the Congressional Record, as a part of Mr. McGuire's remarks on Mr. Johnson's speech in which Mr. McGuire defended Mr. Hearst, and without the mention of Mr. Johnson's name, detailed some matters in Johnson's early life when he resided in Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Johnson got the floor on a question of privilege. He was at times dramatic. He denounced Mr. McGuire's attack on him as wanton and cowardly and told the story of his indictment thirty-four years ago in New York for forgery and how he had gone out to California to rear a new home and make a new name. Then with a bitter invective he paid his respects to Mr. McGuire and Mr. Cooper of Wisconsin, who characterized his attack on Mr. Hearst as cowardly. In reply Mr. McGuire said: "He whines at this attack on himself. He thinks only of himself. He does not think of the grief and anguish until it strikes himself. Why did not he think of these things when he made the attack on another who was not present and who was not a member of this body. Those charges are false, and it becomes the author of those charges to whine because I reply." Futile effort was made to have the remarks of both stricken from the Record. The Senate passed the day in lively political debate, upon the free homestead and fourth-class postmaster-ships.

The Senate, in executive session Wednesday, had up for a time the nomination of David R. Francis to be Secretary of the Interior, but no action was taken. Senator Vest, of Missouri, was the principal opponent of confirmation, but he was seconded by Senator Pugh, of Alabama. Senator Gear introduced a new bill for the settlement of the Pacific railroad indebtedness, constituting the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Interior and the Attorney General a commission with full power to make a settlement of the indebtedness of all the bond-aided Pacific roads to the government, upon approval of the President. After a very dull day devoted to passing bills of minor importance the House plunged into a warm controversy over a bill to tax oleomargarine and other imitations of dairy products.

The Senate Thursday passed the free-homestead bill. It is a measure of far-reaching importance to the West. The effect of the bill is to open to settlement all public lands acquired from Indians, free of any payment to the Government beyond the minor office fees, and to release from payment those who have heretofore settled on these lands. The number of acres involved is 32,252,541, which would have yielded the Government, at the prices heretofore established, \$35,343,000. The lands are mainly arid and those who have settled upon them are unable to make payment by reason of the scanty products of the soil. The Senate adjourned until Monday. The House spent almost the entire day debating the Grout bill, to subject oleomargarine and other imitation dairy products to the laws of the States into which they are transported. The bill was passed by a vote of 126 yeas to 96 nays. The advocates of the measure took the view that the States should be allowed to regulate the sale of a product selling under false colors, and the opponents that the bill would establish a dangerous precedent, and invade the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce. In a speech in support of the bill Mr. Henderson of Iowa said with much emphasis: "The opposition to this bill comes from the capitalized institutions in Chicago and Kansas City. It comes from men like Armour and Swift, who are destroying the great cattle interests of my State and other States by keeping down the price of beefs and keeping up the price of beefsteak."

The proceedings in the House Friday were very tame. It was private bill day, but the whole time was consumed in passing House bills favorably acted upon in committee of the whole before the holiday recess. The widow of the late Maj. Gen. John Gibbon was the beneficiary of one of the bills passed, carrying \$100 per month, and the widow of Brevet Gen. W. A. Nichols of another, carrying \$75 per month. The free homestead bill, which came back to the House with Senate amendments, was referred, under a ruling of the Chair, to the Committee on Public Lands. At the evening session fourteen private pension bills were reported with a favorable recommendation. Among them were bills granting a pension of \$50 per month to the widow of Gen. Green Clay Smith and \$75 per month to the widow of Gen. Henry A. Morrow. The last mentioned bill was advocated by Representative Mercer, who had the amount increased from \$50 to the amount named. A bill has been reported to the House for a subsidy of \$100,000 a year to the Pacific Cable Company of New York, in which James Scrymser and J. Pierpont Morgan are interested.

Notes of Current Events.

It is said that Adeline Patté is anxious to secure the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

The third and last of the torpedo boats being built for the United States at the Columbian Iron Works was successfully launched. Her total cost will be \$97,500. She is 160 feet long and sixteen feet broad.

Frederick A. Gregory, private secretary of Proprietor John Hodd, of the Tiff House, at Buffalo, and chief clerk of that establishment, has disappeared, leaving behind numerous bad checks and taking with him, it is alleged, several thousand dollars of his employer's money.

Dr. Callot read before the Academy of Medicine at Paris a remarkable paper describing a decade's experiments in straightening the spines of hunchbacks by pressure. The novelty consisted of the means adopted to keep the spine straight for ten months, by which time a cure is effected.

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