

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

Iowa Lawmakers Have Passed Several Measures.

CARPENTER BILL RECONSIDERED.

Its Fate Hanging In the Balance—House Committee Considering a High License Bill—Woman Suffrage Question to Be Decided This Week—New Jersey Senator Caused a Sensation.

Des Moines, Feb. 27.—Republican members of the senate committee on the suppression of intemperance at a conference Monday night, on motion of Carpenter, reconsidered its approval of the local option bill drafted by Ellis, Waterman and Carpenter and voted to call a full session of the committee for definite action. Senator Harsh is making a hard fight and the question at the next meeting will come to an issue as between the local option bill and the Harsh model tax measure.

Of the 11 Republicans, Funk, Harmon, Ellis, Carpenter, Upton and Waterman are known to favor local option, while Jamison, Harsh, Conway, Turner and Boardman will vote to report the model bill. The result will therefore depend upon the action of the four Democrats, Mattoon, Olson, Downey and Groneweg. Should they absent themselves or decline to take any part in the final action of the committee, local option will win.

Talk of a Stringent License Bill.

The house subcommittee, of which Martin of Adair is chairman, has about concluded a draft of a bill authorizing the common council of cities of 5,000 and over to license saloons under stringent regulations by the payment of a tax of at least \$1,000. The bill will be submitted to the full committee and if approved will be introduced at once.

The most important bill presented in the senate was introduced by Ellis (Clinton). If this measure becomes a law all jurors will be restricted to those persons of good moral character, sound judgment, in full possession of sight and hearing and able to read the English language. The selection of jurors is also to be made by lot from the whole number of qualified voters, to be selected by the clerk or judge of election.

Bills were also introduced: By Lewis, authorizing cities of second class to assess special taxes against adjoining property for sewers and tiling, and by Perrin, limiting the application of the law authorizing the voting of taxes in aid of railroads. A long discussion followed on a motion by Ellis to reconsider the vote by which the bill to punish husbands for deserting their wives passed. The motion was finally tabled.

Woman Suffrage Question.

The woman suffrage question is to be decided this week. The senate will vote on the Jamison resolution, allowing women universal suffrage, Wednesday afternoon, and the house has set the Watkins bill, granting to women the right to vote at school and municipal elections, as a special order for Thursday forenoon. If the Jamison resolution is defeated in the senate it is understood that Senator Bowen will immediately call up the school measure, which may pass.

In the senate Senator Phelps introduced a bill to protect depositors in state and savings banks and other associations. It requires that a statement shall be furnished the auditor of state and published as the statement of the association.

The senate committee on military recommended for passage a bill providing for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the appointment of a commission to ascertain and mark with monuments the positions occupied by Iowa troops participating in the battles of Chattanooga.

The house passed the Davis joint resolution instructing the Iowa senators to oppose action on the Wilson bill till after the next election. Morrison (Rep., Sioux) voted with the Democrats against the resolution.

New Jersey Senator's Sensation.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 27.—A sensation was caused in the Democratic senate Monday night by the speech of Senator Miller, in which he said he was tired of the deadlock, and added, that if the Republicans would come, he would vote to seat their senators. He held that the Democratic senate had but one incentive, and that was to protect the race track legislation and he did not propose to be a party of this organization any longer. Senator Miller was severely criticized.

Governor Waite Appoints Women.

DENVER, Feb. 27.—Governor Waite sent to the senate the name of Mrs. Emma G. Curtis of Canon City to be a trustee of the state industrial school at Golden and Mrs. Ella L. C. Dwinell of Colorado Springs to be one of the trustees of the state institution for the deaf, mute and blind at Colorado Springs. These are the first appointments offered women under the equal suffrage law.

Tammany Chief in Texas.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 27.—Richard Croker of New York, Tammany's chief, and his family, reached here from New Orleans and made a formal call on the governor at the capital. He dined with the governor and family at the mansion.

Ohio Town to Be Sold.

FINDLAY, O., Feb. 27.—The village of Harris City, 10 miles west of this city, is bankrupt and will be appraised and sold at sheriff's sale. Nearly the entire town is owned by the Exchange bank of Ottawa, O., which failed a few days ago.

Dropped Dead at Muscatine.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Feb. 27.—Henry W. Moore, president of the First National bank, dropped dead in his hardware store. The deceased was 75 years old and had been a resident of Muscatine 45 years. He leaves a sister and two sons.

Stallion Outonian Sold.

FULLERTON, Neb., Feb. 27.—W. H. Bowman, the owner of the champion racing 5-year-old stallion Outonian, sold him to an Indiana party for \$3,500 cash.

ANNOUNCED A CUT IN WAGES.

Two East Chicago Firms Cut Wages to One Dollar a Day for Laborers.

HAMMOND, Ind., Feb. 27.—The managers of the National Forge and Iron works at East Chicago announced a cut of 10 per cent in the wages of laborers, making the pay \$1 a day. Two hundred and fifty Poles walked out Monday and held a consultation on the main street of the town for several hours. There were several fights. Some of the foreigners refused to go on a strike and knives were used in some instances. Peter Stalanski was fatally gashed on the head and shoulders by the strikers; others were slightly injured.

The Lake Side mill in this city also announced a cut of 10 per cent in the wages of the laborers, bringing the pay down to \$1 a day. The men have accepted the reduction, about 300 being affected. The national works will close down unless the men come to an agreement. This would throw about 600 men out of employment.

Chicago Carpenters Won Their Fight.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—The striking carpenters at the new Stock Exchange building won their fight. Faulkner & Bros., contractors, agreed to accede to the demand for 35 cents an hour and promised to reinstate, without discrimination, the men who walked out. This surrender was forced by the action of the building trades council, which called out the plumbers, painters, steam fitters, iron workers and other union workmen Monday morning.

Reduced Ten Per Cent.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Feb. 27.—Samuel G. De Courcy, receiver of the Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad, notified all employees that their wages would be reduced 10 per cent after March 1.

After the Insurance Companies.

TOPEKA, Feb. 27.—Another chapter was written in the famous Hillman insurance case by the application of Sallie C. Hillman, through her attorneys, to the state insurance board for an order prohibiting the New York Life Insurance company, the New York Mutual and the Connecticut Mutual from doing business until they have complied with the laws of this state, repeated violations of which is charged against them in connection with the Hillman case. The authority now held by the companies to do business expires Feb. 29. The superintendent of insurance has notified the companies interested that he will hear the application of Mrs. Hillman on March 8.

Talk of an Arkansas Lynching Bee.

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Anderson Carter has confessed that her husband with Bart Carter and Jasper Newton killed Hunter Wilson and afterwards robbed the house of \$1,000. Her confession was followed by one from Bart Carter. The three were jailed, great excitement prevails in this vicinity. Men are going to Mountain Home in squads and it is thought here that the three men will be lynched.

Short in His Accounts.

WINONA, Minn., Feb. 27.—E. G. Hornbrook, general auditor of the Winona and Southwestern railroad, and a prominent citizen, is short in his accounts and has acknowledged his guilt. The discovered shortage is \$500, but will probably be a great deal more. Hornbrook is president of the State Epworth league and treasurer of the Central Methodist church, both of which organizations are said to be losers through Hornbrook's speculations.

Fatal Quarrel Over Land.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Feb. 27.—J. W. Smith of Aspen, who has been prospecting at Westwater, Utah, shot Roy Grant through the heart at that place. One story is that Grant and his father and brother attempted to jump the ranch of C. H. Hallett, and Smith killed Grant to prevent his shooting Hallett. Another account says that Hallett, who had had some trouble with Grant about a piece of land, provoked the fatal quarrel.

Brilliant Mining Engineer Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A private telegram from Washington announces the sudden death of Sprinkle Baden, one of the most brilliant and successful mining engineers of the country. He was for years United States assayer at Helena, Mont., and was probably the best contemporaneous authority on silver, gold and copper ores of the Rocky mountain regions.

Double Scull Championship Race.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A London cablegram says: Sullivan and Hardin will row Hamlin and Gaudaur in double sculls for \$2,500 and the championship of the world. The race will be rowed over the Thames championship course.

Fullerton Votes Bonds.

FULLERTON, Neb., Feb. 27.—A special election was held in this county Saturday for the purpose of voting courthouse and jail bonds and tax in the sum of \$17,000. The proposition carried by 46 majority.

Sioux City Chief of Police Sued.

SIOUX CITY, Feb. 27.—J. F. Stockman, a plumber, well known in Sioux City, has sued Chief of Police Hawman for \$10,000 damages for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

An Old Iowa Couple Married.

FAIRFIELD, Ia., Feb. 27.—At Batavia, near here, Mr. James Dunn, aged 75, and Mrs. Maria Dixon, aged 64, were united in marriage. The old settlers gave them a rousing reception.

Nebraska Jewelers Will Combine.

OMAHA, Feb. 27.—Nebraska retail jewelers have called a meeting to be held in Lincoln on March 14 and 15 to organize for mutual protection.

Mrs. Ballington Booth Ill.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Ballington Booth of the Salvation Army is ill at her home in Montclair, N. J., with an attack of the grip.

He Will Be Archbishop Zaradetti.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 27.—Bishop Zaradetti of St. Cloud, Minn., is to become archbishop of Bucharest, in Roumania.

DOWN IT, OR IT WILL DOWN YOU.

The Stomach Not Easily Distressed When Once It Obtains Mastery.

One of the greatest misfortunes that can happen to a man in his earthly career is to discover that he has a stomach. He may know it theoretically or recollect the lessons in physiology of his school days, but when he finds out by actual personal experience that he has a stomach he is to be pitied. The whole science of gastronomy—and it is a science—has been devised and perfected for the benefit of the men who have made this discovery. All the studies of the whole glittering galaxy of gastronomists, all the culinary triumphs of the great restaurants in the capitals of the world, are due to the simple fact that men have found out that they have stomachs, and that that organ, when once discovered, must be petted and flattered and soothed and kept in good humor to prevent its revolting and creating revolution and civil war. It is safe to say that the primitive man never knew that he had a stomach. It has been reserved for civilization to make the discovery, and it is by means of a foregoing conclusion that civilization should pride itself upon having done so.

The maxim that one never enjoys a good dinner until after it has been eaten is a refinement of modern and degenerate days, containing much sound philosophy from a certain standpoint, but that standpoint is a fictitious and mistaken one. There is no natural reason why a dinner, good or bad, should be enjoyed. The one object of eating is to satisfy hunger, and that being done the dinner should be forgotten. It is only the impulsive and arbitrary stomach which insists upon a further recognition of its claims, and it is only human weakness which submits to its demand. A modern philosopher, in these though indecent dietics, has laid down this maxim, which is almost illogical: "You must down your stomach, or your stomach will down you."

There is more in this than will meet the eye of the casual reader. The stomach may, as certain of the ancients believed, be the real seat of the emotions, passions and affections, but we make a great mistake if we subordinate the ego to a single organ, and especially to one which is only too ready to presume upon the favor shown it and the license given it. Healthy children know nothing about their stomachs, except that they ache sometimes if called on to do double duty, and there is nothing so healthy and happy in the world as a healthy child. If children of a larger growth could but ignore the gastric organ or forget it, dyspepsia would become a lost disease, and all the evils that follow in its train would disappear.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Do Flying Fish Fly?

A very common error made in natural histories where this fish is mentioned is that it does not fly. "Its supposed flight is nothing more than a prolonged leap. It cannot deviate from a straight line and cannot rise a second time without entering the water." This, briefly, is the sort of thing one meets with in text books where reference is made to this fish.

The simplest way of dealing with it is the professor's method of answering the query of the French academy whether their definition of a crab was correct. The story is so well known that it does not need repetition. As the result of personal observation extending over a good many years, I assert that the exocetus does fly.

I have often seen a flying fish rise 200 yards off, describe a semicircle, and meet the ship rise 20 feet in the air periodically, at the same time darting off at right angles to its previous course. Then, after another long flight, when just about to enter the water, the gaping jaws of a dolphin emerging from the sea gave it pause, and it rose again, returning almost directly upon its former course. This procedure is so common that it is a marvel it is not more widely known.

A flying fish of mature size can fly 1,000 yards. It does not flap its fins as a bird, but they vibrate, like the wings of an insect, with a distinct hum. The only thing which terminates its flight involuntarily is the drying of its fin membranes and their consequent stiffening.—Chamberlain's Journal.

A Plucky Pandy.

After the man had laid apparently dead for about an hour some one noticed that he had gradually dragged himself out of the water, till at once he sprang to his feet and ran like a deer in the direction of the gate of the Badshahibagh. He was still quite within easy range, and several rifles were leveled at him, but Sergeant Findlay, who was on the rampart and was himself one of the best shots in the company, called out: "Don't fire, men. Give the poor devil a chance!" Instead of a volley of bullets, the men's better feelings gained the day, and Jack Pandy was reprimanded, with a cheer to speed him on his way. As soon as he heard it he realized his position, and like the Samaritan leper of old he halted, turned around and was himself one of the best shots in the company, called out: "Don't fire, men. Give the poor devil a chance!" Instead of a volley of bullets, the men's better feelings gained the day, and Jack Pandy was reprimanded, with a cheer to speed him on his way. 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