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NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE.

SENATE

The Judiciary committee recommended that H. R. No. 22, a bill to amend section 13a of chapter 28 of the compiled statutes of 1877, entitled fee, be passed.

The agricultural committee recommended the passage of S. F. 213, a bill to establish experimental stations at Culbertson and Ogalalla, Nebraska, and fixing the control and management of the same, and an appropriation of \$5,000 therefor.

The committee on railroads recommended that H. R. No. 103, an act to compel railroad corporations to name their stations the same as the name of the city or village in which located, be passed.

Senator Collins offered a resolution that the president appoint a committee of three to act with a like committee of the house to fix date for final adjournment.

The resolution was adopted. The clerk of the house was announced and informed the senate that the house had passed H. R. No. 230, a bill to amend sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, chapter 13, session laws 1889, entitled an act to provide for the manner of selecting, drawing and summoning grand and petit jurors in counties having a population of 70,000 or more, to prescribe the qualifications of jurors, to provide for the punishment of persons seeking to serve as jurors and to repeal sections 658, 659, 660, 661 and 665 of the code of civil procedure and all the acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith, and to repeal said sections and also to repeal section 9 of said act.

In committee of the whole the following business was transacted:

S. F. No. 146, a bill to amend section 3, article 6, chapter 72, compiled statutes of 1887, and to repeal said original section, was considered, and Senator Beck moved that the committee recommended the passage of the bill.

The bill was recommended to pass. S. F. No. 204, a bill to amend section 39, of chapter 77, of the compiled statutes of 1880, and to repeal said original section, was considered and recommended to pass.

Senator Kountz moved that the committee arise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

The committee then arose and reported.

The report was adopted.

Senator Switzler was called to the chair.

The committee on judiciary by unanimous consent was allowed to present a report recommending that H. R. No. 284, a bill to allow county boards to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing seed grain for the needy be passed.

The committee report was adopted. It was then moved that the senate go into committee of the whole to consider H. R. No. 284.

The motion was amended so as to include S. F. No. 871, and then adopted. H. R. No. 274, a bill to authorize the several counties of this state to issue warrants on the general funds of the county, in excess of the amount now authorized by law, not to exceed 10 per cent of the grand assessment roll of the several counties, and to provide for finding the warrants so issued, was then considered and amended, after which it was recommended to pass.

H. R. No. 271, a bill to form a new county, was considered and recommended to pass.

S. F. No. 91, a bill to amend section 1, subdivision 1, chapter 79 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska, 1887, relating to the qualifications of teachers, and to provide for granting teaching privileges to certain graduates of the university of Nebraska, was considered and recommended for passage on motion of Senator Shumway.

H. R. No. 52, a bill to authorize the organization of county mutual insurance companies, was then read, and recommended to pass.

S. F. No. 156, a joint resolution relating to the foreclosure of the government mortgages on the subsidy railroads was considered and recommended to pass.

S. F. No. 206, a bill to amend sections 87, 89, 91, 92, 93, 93, 97, and 103, of article 1, chapter 77, of the revenue laws of Nebraska, and to repeal chapters 71 and 73 of the session laws of 1889, was considered and recommended to pass.

HOUSE.

In the house the committee on finance reported H. R. No. 507 back with the recommendation that it be passed. This bill allows stenographers who took part in the election contest \$9,000 in lieu of their claims of \$18,000.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Under that order of business H. R. No. 525 was recommended to pass. This bill fixes the salary of district clerks in counties having over 40,000 inhabitants and less than 100,000 at \$4,000 per year. In counties having over 100,000 the salary shall be \$6,000; in counties having over 30,000 and less than 40,000 inhabitants the clerk shall receive \$2,500 per annum. At present clerks receive fees unlimited.

H. R. No. 526, by Elder, appropriating \$40,000 for the support of the national guards, was placed on file without recommendation.

S. F. No. 156 compelling county

commissioners to publish their proceedings in German, Scandinavian or Bohemian papers when such papers have a circulation of 1,500 copies was amended by striking out the words “German, Scandinavian or Bohemian” and recommended to pass as amended.

H. R. No. 259, by Fee for senatorial and representative apportionment was recommended to pass. As amended by the committee the bill makes no change whatever in the present apportionment.

H. R. No. 231 by Cornish, was taken up for third reading. This bill provides that justices of the peace shall be elected at large instead of from districts. The amendment not being on the members' desks the bill was laid aside.

H. R. No. 230, by Gillilan, was read the third time and placed upon its passage. This bill provides for the manner of selecting jurors in counties having a population of more than 70,000, prescribes their qualification and provides for the punishment of persons seeking to serve as jurors. Its provisions differ from the present law in that it increases the panel, and provides that jurors drawn shall be notified by registered letter twenty days before the first day of any trial term of the district court. Under the present law Lancaster county court it is said, will be compelled to close some time in April because the list of jurors will have been exhausted. This bill is also intended to do away with professional jurors. The bill passed by a vote of 71 yeas to 4 nays.

H. R. No. 231, the usury bill, was passed by a vote of 71 yeas to 11 nays. Those who voted against the bill were: Carpenter, Clapp, Cornish, Cramb, Curtis, Hinkle, Oakley, Ritchie, Schlotfeld, Scott and Stensdorf.

The bill makes it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to charge a greater rate of interest than \$10 on the \$100. Discounting notes at a greater rate of interest for the purpose of evading the provisions of this act is made unlawful.

Every person violating the law shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000. In addition the violator shall be liable for five times the amount of the whole interest charged. Suit may be commenced any time within five years after contracting.

H. R. No. 443, by Gunnert, was passed by a vote of 73 yeas to 8 nays. This bill provides that all public funds in the hands of the state treasurer or the treasurer of any county or municipality shall be deposited in some bank of his own selection. The bank so designated shall give a bond for an amount equal to the highest sum deposited with good and sufficient securities. The bank shall pay for the use thereof not less than 4 per cent per annum and the interest for the use of the money deposited shall be paid into the general fund of the state, county, or municipality to which the same belongs. Nothing in the act shall be construed to release the treasurer or his sureties from liability on his official bond. The bill has no emergency clause attached.

The house resolved itself into committee of the whole, with Brennan in the chair, for the consideration of bills on general file.

S. F. Nos. 210 and 175 were both read and without debate were recommended to pass. The first allows country commissioners to use the surplus general fund in purchasing fuel and clothing for destitute farmers suffering from drought, and the other makes chattel mortgages given for the purchase of seed grain a valid lien on crops even though the grain be not sown or growing at the time of execution.

H. R. No. 453, by Nichols, was next considered and recommended to pass. This bill authorizes the state treasurer to transfer \$11,050.39 from the saline land stock yard to the state general fund.

H. R. No. 463, by Nichols, was also recommended to pass. It authorizes the state treasurer to transfer \$37,781.97 from the capitol building tax to the general fund. Nichols explained that those sums could not be used unless so transferred.

H. R. No. 7, by Howe, came up for consideration. This is a joint resolution submitting to the constitution providing for the investment of the permanent educational fund of the state in registered school district bonds in addition to United States securities or registered county bonds.

The bill was recommended for passage and order engrossed for a third reading.

H. R. No. 82, by Moan, was considered and recommended to pass. As amended the bill fixes the maximum rate to be charged by telegraph companies for messages within the state at 25 cents for the first ten words and 2 cents for each word thereafter.

H. R. No. 384, by Howe, was also recommended to pass. This bill fixes a penalty for voting illegally in any precinct, or in any ward of a city, at any village election. The fine shall not be less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

His Intentions Were Good.

Overheard at a table of a cheap restaurant—Time, Friday, Lent:

Waiter—What'll ye have?

Guest—Baked blue fish.

Waiter—Hain't got eny.

Guest—Let me have some cod, then.

Waiter—Hain't got eny fish at all.

Guest (with a sigh)—Well, then, give me some corn beef and cabbage, the Lord knows I asked for fish.

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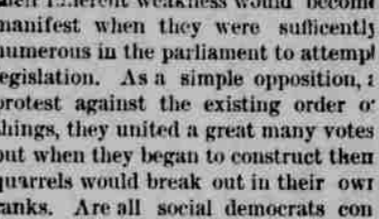
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Emperor William.

The present Emperor William may be something of a socialist; but he is certainly the reverse of a democrat writes a Paris correspondent of the Philadelphia Telegraph. The German movement however, is at once socialistic and democratic. It is, indeed very difficult to tell which of these two currents is the strongest. Prince Bismarck himself was wont to say, when his friends pointed out to him the growing strength of the social democrats that their inherent weakness would become manifest when they were sufficiently numerous in the parliament to attempt legislation. As a simple opposition, protest against the existing order of things, they united a great many votes but when they began to construct their parrels would break out in their own ranks. Are all social democrats convinced socialists? This is doubtful but it is quite certain they are not demagogues. Thus the Emperor William, in spite of his tendency towards socialism still alienates all social democrats by reason of his autocratic tendencies and policy.

Curiosities of Chemicals.

Certain substances which are deadly in their effects upon man can be taken by animals with impunity. Horses can take large quantities of antimony, dogs of mercury, goats of tobacco, mice of hemlock and rabbits of belladonna without injury. On the other hand, dogs and cats are much more susceptible to the influence of chloroform than man and are much sooner killed by it. If this invaluable anesthetic had been tried first upon animals we should probably, have never enjoyed its blessing, as it would have been found to be so fatal that its discoverers would have been afraid to test its effects upon human beings. It is evident, then, that an experiment upon an animal can never be the means of any certain deductions so far as a man is concerned. No scientist can ever know when trying some new drug or some new operation whether or not when he comes to try it upon man the effect will be the same as that upon an animal.



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