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CUBA RULES ITSELF

UNCLE SAM HANDS THE REINS OVER TO GOMEZ.

New Ruler Goes Into Power as a Liberal and Was the Overwhelming Choice of the People at a Popular Election.

A new era of Cuban independence dawned in Havana Thursday when the affairs of the island, which have been administered by American officers for more than two years as a result of the revolution against former President Palma in 1896, were formally transferred to the newly elected native executive, January 25 will hereafter take rank with May 20 as a national holiday in Cuba, for it was on the latter day in 1902, that the island was first transferred to the Cuban people by the United States after a period of rehabilitation following the Spanish war.

The coming of this new day of Cuban liberty was signified by a general display of fireworks, the screaming of rockets and bombs sending down showers of golden rain and vari-colored lights. The streets of the city, which were brilliantly illuminated and garlanded with chains of incandescent bulbs, were thronged until an early hour Thursday morning and a carnival spirit everywhere prevailed.

Thousands of people gathered around the Clerks' club throughout Thursday night, where inaugural and farewell balls were held jointly in honor of President Gomez and Vice President Zayas, and Gov. Gen. Magallon, all three of whom were quickly recognized on entering the building and leaving it and loudly applauded. The balls constituted one of the most brilliant functions held since the days of the Spanish occupation.

The inaugural parade, in which only native troops, civil organizations and the rural guards participated, passed under the magnificent triumphal arch erected in Monserrat square, facing Central Park, and it was reviewed by President Gomez.

ACCUSED OF WIFE MURDER.

Warrant Out for Husband of Mrs. Campbell.

Although the coroner's jury some weeks ago returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of Mrs. Frank D. Campbell, who was found asphyxiated in the bathroom of her home in Chicago, a warrant charging murder was sworn out for Campbell by Chief of Detectives O'Brien Thursday. Campbell is a salesman, and is said to be in Galesburg, Ill. New evidence, said to have been secured from neighbors of Campbell's and the building in which they lived, is alleged to have led to the swearing out of the warrant.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE.

Few Stood for Acquittal of Edward Marshall, Accused Night Rider.

After being out sixteen hours the jury in the Edward Marshall night rider trial reported Thursday morning at Union City, Tenn., that they were unable to agree on a verdict and were discharged. The jury stood ten for acquittal and two for murder in the second degree.

Marshall is accused of taking part in the lynching of Capt. Ranken at Reelfoot lake.

Victims of the Quake.

The bodies of the two American victims of the convulsion of nature at Messina a month ago United States Consul General Cheney and Mrs. Cheney, arrived in New York Thursday. The bodies were escorted by regular troops to the Grand Central station and there embarked for the homes of the Cheneys, where they are to be interred.

Raise in Tunnel.

Fire which broke out in the great auto tunnel at Virginia City, Nev., Thursday, which drains all the Comstock mines, was brought under control Friday afternoon, but not until a large amount of timbering and the combination drift had been ruined. The damage can be repaired in a few days, however.

Dies of Hydrophobia.

Clarence Campbell, aged 12 years, died at Tulsa, Okla., of hydrophobia. The boy was bitten by a dog November 18. His brother and two other children also were victims. All with the exception of Clarence were sent to the Pasture Institute in Chicago, where they recovered.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Cows, \$5.76. Top hogs, \$6.15.

Two Nations in Quarrel.

The rupture of diplomatic relations between Chile and Peru, signified by the withdrawal of Senor Echenique, Chilean minister at Lima, has aroused more or less excitement at Valparaiso, Chile.

Infant Ruler Has Smallpox.

Cabling from Peking, the correspondent of the London Times says that the infant Chinese emperor is suffering from confluent smallpox.

RAN AT HIGH SPEED.

Republic's Captain Criticized by Richards & Co.

As an outcome of the triumph of the wireless in saving the lives of the passengers and crew of the Republic, congress may require every ocean going steamer that leaves an American port to cross either the Atlantic or Pacific to be equipped with wireless apparatus.

Representative James Francis Burke, of Pennsylvania, Tuesday introduced a bill to require every ocean passenger steamer, certified to carry fifty passengers, before being granted a clearance for a foreign port 500 miles or more distant to be equipped with an efficient radio-telegraph installation, with an operator aboard.

Features of the day in the aftermath of the Nantucket collision, which resulted in the loss of the White Star liner Republic, the serious damaging of the Italian liner Florida, the death of six persons and the injury of several others, were the honors extended to Capt. L. Sealby and Wireless Operator Jack Binns, of the Republic, and a statement by the Florida's people as to how the collision occurred.

The day began with the landing at the White Star pier in New York of Capt. Sealby and Operator Binns. A big crowd awaiting them, cheered them heartily, while a score of enthusiastic admirers tossed them to their shoulders and carried them to the steamer's office. Here the captain and Binns held a reception, receiving congratulations of scores of callers and here Capt. Sealby told the story of how he stood by the ship until she sank beneath the waters. Later Capt. Sealby and Operator Binns, accompanied by Capt. Ransom, of the Baltic, went to the White Star offices, where another great crowd met them and the ovation was repeated.

On the Brooklyn waterfront the Florida, which rammed her nose into the Republic's side, giving that ship her death blow, was the scene of much activity. Her seamen were clearing away the debris and making her shipshape so that she might go into dry dock for repairs. Capt. Rospiel declined to make any statement, but after a conference with representatives of C. E. Richards & Co., his agents, and Archibald Thatcher, an admiralty lawyer, Richards & Co., gave out a statement regarding the circumstances of the collision.

Its feature was the direct charge that the Republic was running at high speed through the fog. It also refuted reports that the quarter master of the Florida was to blame and that the captain struck him.

FEARED SCORE ARE DEAD.

Investigating Party Believed to Have Been Suffocated in Mine.

Two men are dead at twenty others are supposed to be dead as the result of three gas explosions in the Towse mine, Somerset county, Pa., Monday night and early Tuesday. The men were members of the investigating party that entered the mine to make an inspection of suspicious gas traces before allowing the miners to go to work. Until early Tuesday signals were heard from the imprisoned men, but at daybreak, however, the signals ceased and it is believed all the men have fallen under the deadly influence of afterdamp.

LIFE FOR JUDGE HAUSER.

Mail Train Robber Found Guilty at Helena, Mont.

Judge Frank Hauser was found guilty of robbing a Great Northern train, extracting \$40,000 from the registered mails and placing the lives of the custodians in jeopardy, by a jury in the federal court at Helena, Mont., Tuesday. Under the law he must serve the rest of his life in a federal prison at hard labor. Aside from a slight twitching of his face the prisoner showed no emotion. It is probable that Hauser will be sent to Leavenworth, Kan.

Four Burned to Death.

Four men were burned to death and another fatally burned in a fire which gutted the Southern hotel at Fort Worth, Tex. The explosion of a gas-line stove caused the fire, which also heavily damaged six other buildings, all frame structures. The dead have not yet been identified.

Actress Shot and Killed.

Mazie Kenney, a burlesque actress, 20 years old, was shot and killed in Philadelphia by an unidentified man who was infatuated with her. He then fired a bullet into his own brain and died shortly after his removal to a hospital.

Probes Town Lot Fraud.

The federal grand jury has begun an investigation into the alleged town lot frauds at Muskogee, Okla., in which the Indianapolis Contracting company, of which Gov. Haskell is president, is implicated. Haskell claims his implication is due to enmity of William B. Hearst.

Jabbed Him with Hatpin.

Two girls were attacked at Dayton, O., by an unknown man, but they jabbed him repeatedly with hatpins and escaped. They fought their assailant desperately, aided by Mrs. David Wirth, who was walking along the street at the time.

Rear Admiral Cotton Ill.

Rear Admiral S. Cotton, United States navy, is seriously ill at Nice, France.

TRAGEDY AT WASTA.

Black Hills Merchant Kills Despoiler of Home.

David Jennings is dead and Mrs. Edward Morris lies wounded at Wasta, S. D., as a result of a sensational tragedy Wednesday. Edward Morris, the husband who fired the shots effecting the injury and death, made no effort to conceal his part of the tragedy. He did the same only to destroy the despoiler of his home. Morris operates a general merchandise store at Wasta.

Jennings was his chief clerk and resided with the Morris family. Intimate relations between Jennings and Mrs. Morris had been suspected by Morris, and he had watched them. While they thought him at Rapid City on business, Morris entered the house through a rear window, and finding his wife and Jennings in a room together opened fire on both, killing Jennings.

David Jennings was 35 years old and came to Wasta from Sioux City, Ia., last May.

The Morris family has resided at Wasta twenty years, and are all highly respected.

Morris went to Rapid City and surrendered himself to Emerson Vaughn, a deputy sheriff. He waived examination and was released on bonds of \$2,000. The dead body of David Jennings has been sent to Sioux City for burial.

DEATH CALLS NOTED ACTOR.

Coquelin Passes Away at His Home in France After Short Illness.

Constant Coquelin, the great French actor, died Tuesday night at Pont-aux-Dames, Seine-et-Marne.

Coquelin was the best known actor on the French stage. He was born in Bolone-sur-Mer, January 23, 1841, and was the son of a baker. He made his debut at the Comedie Francaise in "Lepetit Amoureux." From 1860 to 1886 he created no less than forty-four parts. He left the Comedie Francaise in 1886 and toured Europe and America. In the United States he had great success. He created the famous part of Cyrano de Bergerac in 1897. He made a grand tour of America with Sarah Bernhardt in 1890 and reappeared with her in "L'Aiglon" in Paris in 1901. Of recent years he had been playing Cyrano de Bergerac and other roles in London.

The severity of Coquelin's illness dates from the early part of January. His illness was diagnosed as angina pectoris.

COURTMARTIAL OF GEN. POOLE.

Military and Civil Bodies of North Dakota in a Conflict.

Another conflict has arisen between the military and civil authorities of North Dakota growing out of the courtmartial of Gen. Poole, late adjutant general, who is being tried for disobeying the orders of the governor. Poole's attorneys at Bismarck Wednesday applied to the supreme court for a writ of prohibition to restrain the courtmartial from trying Poole on the ground that the law under which the governor's orders were issued is unconstitutional. The matter was argued by Judge Ekerude for Poole and Judge Hildreth and Attorney General Miller for the military court and he governor.

The supreme court refused to issue the orders, but later requested the attorneys to appear before the court and argue as to the propriety and legality of the order asked for. In the meantime the courtmartial is proceeding to attempt to try the case.

Misused State Funds.

Ex-State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier, of Lansing, Mich., whose failure in December, 1907, resulted in the closing of the Chelsea Savings bank, of which Glazier was head, and which had on deposit about \$685,000 of state funds, was found guilty Wednesday of misappropriating state funds. Glazier's attorneys gave notice of an appeal, and he was released on \$10,000 bail.

E. H. Harriman is Chosen.

Edward H. Harriman Wednesday at New York was elected a director of the New York Central railroad to succeed C. C. Clarke. W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central, was also elected a director of that company, succeeding Samuel F. Barger, resigned.

To Fight Film Trust.

The Moving Picture Protection association was organized in Chicago Wednesday after a spirited conference in which owners and operators of 5 and 10-cent theaters in nearly all the cities of the country joined to fight the so-called film trust.

Triun Kills School Children.

A freight train struck and killed the two little daughters of David Plick at Arbelo, Mo., Wednesday. The children were going to school.

New Director of Mints.

Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, formerly comptroller of the currency, is mentioned as the new director of mints under President-elect Taft.

No Choice in Wisconsin.

At Madison, Wis., the first ballot for senator in joint assembly Wednesday resulted in no choice. Stephenson received 65 votes; necessary to elect, 67; other votes scattered.

Nominations Are Confirmed.

The senate Wednesday confirmed the nomination of Robert Bacon, to be secretary of state, and John Callan O'Laughlin, to be assistant secretary of state.

Falls Through Trap Door.

Mrs. Anna Bates, of Elk Creek, is suffering the results of falling down cellar. She went to the cellar and returned to the kitchen in response to what she thought to be someone knocking. The lady found no one at the door and in passing through the hallway, which was dark, she forgot that she had left the trap cellar door open and plunged headlong to the ceiling. No bones were broken, but Mrs. Bates, who is well along in years, suffered bruises and a great nervous shock.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

QUAKE IN NEBRASKA.

Violent Shocks Are Felt by Residents of Knox and Pierce Counties. Specials to the Norfolk Daily News tell of a violent earthquake shock through Pierce and Knox counties at 2:15 p. m. Tuesday. The noise resembled a powder explosion. Horses became frightened, cattle stampeded and chickens cackled. A team of mules ran away from fright, and at Foster a young man herding fifty cattle narrowly arrested their stampede at the risk of his life. The school building at Plattville was shaken by the jar. The shock lasted by a few seconds. Horses were more alarmed by it than by thunder.

The shock was felt at Pierce, Plainview, Foster and Creighton, and for ten miles on either side. At Plattville the noise is said to have resembled a wagon rolling over a bridge, while southwest of Pierce it was like a dynamite explosion. Farmers driving along the roads stopped to look and their horses became frightened. It was the severest quake yet felt in north Nebraska. Last summer there was a shock at Niobrara and Verdigris, in Knox county.

STATE LAW ANNULLLED.

Judge Munger Holds Railroads May Appeal to Federal Courts.

A ruling made at Lincoln Tuesday by United States District Judge Thomas C. Munger has the effect of nullifying so much of an enactment of the Nebraska legislature of two years ago as prohibits railroad corporations from appealing to federal courts from orders of the state railway commission. The act of the legislature provided that in appeals the cases should be taken to the state courts. The railway commission ordered the Burlington and Northwestern railroads to construct switches at the town of York for the transfer of cars from one line to the other. The two railroads contested the order and appealed to the federal court. The state attorney general, in behalf of the commission, demurred and advanced the state law compelling actions to be started in state courts. Judge Munger overruled this demurrer, holding the appeal to the federal court to be within the province of the courts. Judge Munger did not pass upon the merits of the commission's order to build the switches.

TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Explosion of Gas in Basement Badly Wrecks Nebraska Hotel.

An explosion of gas in the basement of the Thurston hotel at Columbus Tuesday badly wrecked the building and seriously injured J. L. Hunter, the cook, and Mrs. Hunter, his assistant. A woman so badly she may not recover.

James O'Brien, a workman, who was in the basement, was blown out of the room, but is not seriously hurt. Fifteen traveling men in the dining room escaped with minor injuries. Windows of a store building across the street were shattered. The rear part of the hotel is torn to pieces. Fire which broke out in the wreckage was extinguished after a hard fight.

SUIT FOR HEAVY DAMAGES.

Northwestern Road Made Defendant in \$20,000 Case.

Suits for nearly \$20,000 damages were instituted in district court at Fremont against the Northwestern Railroad company by Thos. H. Hicks, a farmer, and Mrs. Hicks, his wife. Warren, Ill., and the two little daughters of the latter. On November 3, 1907, a carriage in which Mr. Hicks and the others, who were visiting the farmer in Fremont, was struck by a Normal street car moving west, which was backing into the round house yards. The accident occurred at the Military road crossing.

Resign at Insane Hospital.

Resignations at the Norfolk insane hospital are coming thick and fast. Following Dr. Diebold's resignation, Miss Stinclair, superintendent of nurses, has forwarded her resignation to Gov. Shallenberger. Through her resignation the training school for nurses at Norfolk loses its affiliation with Clark's, Methodist and Mercy hospitals, Omaha. Mrs. W. G. Baker, matron, announced her intention to resign.

Omaha Germans Celebrate.

German residents of Omaha are preparing for an elaborate celebration and have taken the initiative in what may become a national movement to celebrate the 1,900th anniversary of the battle of Teutoburg Forest. The battle was fought in the year 9 A. D. between the forces of the Emperor Augustus under the Roman General Varus, and the German tribes under Arminius.

Killed a Wolf.

Chris Shawhan, of Table Rock, killed a wolf Thursday night which had evidently been chased some distance by dogs, and when it ran into his yard it was so weary that he was able to run up to it and strike it on the head with a club. It was a large gray wolf of a kind not often seen in that vicinity.

Dies of His Injuries.

Arthur Carlson, the young man whose arm was torn completely off in a corn sheller Thursday, died at Norfolk.

Times-Journal Stops Publication.

The Norfolk Times-Journal, a weekly newspaper, started as a daily in 1906 to boost Bryan in his first campaign, announced its discontinuance, due to the death of the editor, E. C. Evans.

Dig Up Skeleton.

An old skeleton, supposed to be that of an Indian who was killed by having his skull fractured behind the left ear, was found about 10 o'clock Friday morning by a party of gadsden working in Omaha.

BALDWIN LUMBERMEN HEAD.

Convention Adjourns After Electing Officers and Voicing Views.

After electing new officers, condemning by resolution the parcels post measure, protesting against the railroad rates on lumber which "rob" three-fourths of Nebraska in order to give Lincoln and the southeastern part of the state an advantage and making a number of changes in the "code of ethics," the Nebraska Lumber Dealers' association adjourned its nineteenth convention Friday evening at Omaha, 569 delegates and 87 women visitors having registered.

The following officers were elected: President--Geo. W. Baldwin, of Crete.

Vice President--William Krotter, Stuart.

Directors for Three Years--C. A. Overstreet, Clay Center; G. A. Eggleston, Bennett.

RANCHMAN'S WIFE SUICIDES.

Mrs. Fairchild, Living South of Valentine, Hangs Herself.

Mrs. Fairchild, a ranchman's wife, living about 25 miles south of Valentine, committed suicide Saturday night by hanging herself. It seems that she and her husband have been having some trouble in regard to her living out on the ranch, she finally refusing to stay any longer, and some time ago she came down and has been staying with her folks, who reside in Valentine, but her husband came to town and in some way coaxed her to go back with him, and after arriving at the ranch home she took her own life in the night by hanging herself. She leaves six small children. It is thought that she brooded over the trouble until her mind became deranged.

POISONS HER CHILDREN.

An Insane Mother at Fairfield Then Kills Herself.

Mrs. Charles Mock, aged about 30 years, early Saturday evening killed her three young children by giving them wood alcohol, and then committed suicide by drinking a quantity of the same liquid. The four dead bodies were found by her husband and father on his return to the family home after a trip to Fairfield.

The crime was probably committed shortly after Mr. Mock left the house in the middle of the afternoon. Mrs. Mock has been mentally unbalanced for some time, the result of illness, but it had not been supposed her ailment would take a homicidal form.

HELD FOR ROBBERY.

Well Known Omaha Crook to Be Tried at Gibbon, Neb.

C. E. Long, a white, who came to Omaha from Sioux City the morning after Policeman Smith was killed by Hugh Jackson, will be taken to Gibbon to answer to a charge of bank robbery.

Sheriff Logan Sammons arrived in Omaha Sunday to take the prisoner back, and the officers say they are sure he is the right man. He was arrested in Omaha because he was known as a crook and because he knew Jackson. May Carter, who came to Omaha with Long, will be released.

Long Lost Brother is Found.

After a lapse of twenty-two years Henry Witt, who is entered in the records of the county court at Hastings as having no terrestrial existence, is believed to have been located in Kimberling, Idaho. If the belief proves correct it will be up to the county court to give him a share in the estate of his father, Henry Witt, Sr., who died about four years ago.

Missing Student.

The disappearance last Tuesday of Fred Miller, student of the state university, and son of Mrs. Anna I. Miller, of Beatrice, is causing his friends and home folks a great deal of anxiety.

Young Miller left the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house at Lincoln on the day mentioned, stating that he was going to his home in Beatrice for a few days' visit. Since that time nothing has been heard from him.

Mrs. Leavitt Asks Divorce.

Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of W. J. Bryan, Saturday filed suit for divorce from William H. Leavitt. The petition was immediately withdrawn. T. S. Allen, brother-in-law of Mr. Bryan, is the attorney for the plaintiff. Leavitt is now in Paris. Service will be secured by publication. The reason given in the petition is alleged non-support.

Rebuilding Minden Mill.

Geo. E. Hotchkiss, the Tecumseh miller, has hatched the engine, boiler and shafts of a destroyed Empire roller mill of Minden, and the machinery from the Model mill of Tecumseh, which is the east mill, will be taken down and shipped to Minden. The Minden mill was burned about thirty days ago.

City Can Condemn for Park.

In the injunction suit of Mr. Eunice Wilbur against the mayor and city council of Beatrice to restrain them from taking her property for park purposes, Judge Raper dissolved the injunction and decided the case in favor of the city. Mrs. Wilbur is now in a hospital at Omaha.

No Decision in Kidnaping Case.

After deliberating nearly twenty-two hours, the jury in the case of Mrs. May Eldredge, accused of kidnaping 14-year-old Mable Nichols, reported to Judge Dungan at Hastings that it was unable to agree and was accordingly discharged.

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Nebraska Legislature

It was a woman who first signed her name on the lobby record in the office of Secretary of State Junkin. Mrs. Frances B. Hays of Osceola, lobbying for the cause of "temperance and reform," as she puts it, was recorded Wednesday. She represents the woman's Christian Temperance union, which has headquarters in the Farmers' and Merchants' building in Lincoln.

The fee having been broken by a woman, the register soon bore the names of Edson Rich, attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, and C. C. Wright, attorney for the Chicago and Northwestern road. The three are registered as required by the anti-lobby law adopted by the last legislature.

Both houses of the legislature adjourned before noon Wednesday to rest up for a trip to the state farm in the afternoon. They had been invited by the managers of the bill, by the regents and by W. R. Mellor, secretary of the state board of agriculture to take the trip and see what they were supporting with their good money for the aid of agricultural communities. About 100 of the possible 133 members of the two houses availed themselves of the chance and took the trip.

Wilson's bill for testing those under sentence of death to see if they may be insane, and providing the method of this examination directly affects the proceedings when Barker, of Webster county, was tried for insanity in Lancaster county, and a dispute arose over who should pay the bill. Wilson's bill provides that the superintendent of the three asylums, Lincoln, Hastings and Norfolk, shall be the commission to examine into the sanity of the condemned criminal. The cost of such examination is to be borne by the county in which the accused was tried and convicted. When Barker was tried on the insanity charge the trial took place in Lancaster county, although the condemnation was by the Webster county jury. Lancaster county had no particular interest in the case more than any other county in which a crime had been committed.

Chief Clerk of the House, failed in obtaining county from the state treasury to pay for stamps allowed daily by the house to representatives. He had obtained the consent of State Auditor Barton to draw a warrant for the money, but State Treasurer Brian said he never had authority to countersign a warrant on the state treasury when no appropriation had been made by the legislature back of it. The house provided for stamps by resolution, but a resolution does not suspend the constitution so far as the state treasurer is concerned.

The senate listened with interest to the reading of S. F. 131, by King, of Polk, a bill introduced for the purpose of enforcing the Lincoln system of school reorganization. The bill makes it unlawful for any one to sell or give away intoxicating liquors between the hours of 7 p. m. and 7 a. m., or any time on Sundays or election days, including primary elections. The penalty is a fine of \$10 or revocation of the saloon keeper's license.

Brown, of Lancaster, put in a bill providing an emergency appropriation for the home for the friendless at Lincoln. He asked that \$4,500 be appropriated to run the institution until April 1 is reached and the next biennium's appropriation is made. This bill is of the same nature as the one providing for appropriation for Gov. Shallenberger's office and mansion expense because the appropriation made to last through the biennium was well nigh exhausted when the new governor arrived to take his seat.

Before an audience of house members, senators and their guests, almost as large as that which witnessed Carroll's inauguration in the same chamber, the Rev. J. F. Nugent, of Des Moines, Monday afternoon told the story of "Robbie" Burns, his genius and his fallings, his struggle against poverty and his enduring conquest of the hearts of men.

It was a notable celebration, and in the judgment of members justified the departure from precedent that made it possible. Speaker Feely relinquished the chair to Representative Charles W. Miller, of Bremer, who had presented the resolution providing for a Burns program and headed the special committee that prepared it.

Representative John R. Smith, of Wright county, described a visit to Burns' home in Ayresville, and told how "Tam O'Shanter" came to be written. He drew a vivid picture of the life and local color of the Scotch village where Burns lived.

So serious has become the opposition to the main features of the Hamill-Holes school law revision bill that there were evidences Monday that the school committees in the house and senate may drop some of the leading features entirely. Objections, resolutions opposing, letters from angry constituents and other complaints are pouring in upon the members of the committees, who are showing evidences of what the newsboy would call "red-hot."

It is the intention of the members of the school committee of both the senate and the house to gather in a joint session Tuesday for the purpose of taking up the principal points in the bill, upon which the greater portion of the opposition is being urged. These are the marking of the boundary lines of the counties as to lines of division of the school districts and the election of boards of three members in each county as a board of education, with township boards of three members and the consolidation feature of the bill.

Among the more important bills presented Monday were the following: In the senate, by Burgess, and in the house, by Kall, providing that doors on all public buildings, schools, churches, court houses and theaters, must swing outward.

In the house, by Grier, transferring banking and municipal departments from the state auditor to the state treasurer.

Harding, of Woodbury, introduced a bill allowing cities of 10,000 population to issue bonds on a vote of a majority of citizens.

The White reciprocal demerage bill also made its biennial appearance. When the Hunter junket resolution is brought to the senate it will not be received with open arms.

The senators have been conning the records of other visiting committees and they find much to disapprove. They do not want to quit work right now when the bills are getting in shape for consideration. They do not want to spend the \$5,000 or so that the junket committees will cost. They do not take kindly to the Hunter resolution.

That is to say, some of them don't. There are others who would be glad to see the committees appointed, and there are still others who refuse to say what they would like. Senator Mattes is among those who oppose the naming of the committee.

Scheele, of Seaward, who favored a bill introduced in the house Tuesday, wiping the primary election law off the statute books, asked leave Wednesday to withdraw it. It was granted. He said that he does not intend to refer to past methods of making nominations, but wanted something instead of the present law. As his bill did not provide that he wanted to withdraw it.

The house had a lively debate Wednesday morning over whether a bill appropriating \$16,000 to carry the state penitentiary until the regular appropriation becomes available in April should be advanced to third reading or go to a committee for investigation. Taylor led the fight against Clark, who was pushing the bill ahead, and Clark finally withdrew his motion to advance.

In