

THE FREIGHT BILL

KECKLEY TELLS ABOUT BAD TREATMENT BY COMMITTEE.

BILL PUT OVER ONE WEEK

Chairman Explains He Was Simply Seeking Full Information.—Keckley Didn't See It That Way.

Lincoln.—The proposed reduction of freight rates by the legislature, without regard to the State Railway commission, was the one big question before the house, brought up this afternoon by Keckley of York, who, rising to a question of personal privilege, gave a talk on his treatment at the hands of the railway committee, before which he appeared Friday evening. The action of the committee was defended by Helliger, chairman, and Stephen of Merrick, a member. Keckley wanted the committee to make a report on his bill last night, but instead it went over for a week so the committee could get more facts in the case.

Keckley said, after telling about being the author of the bill to reduce freight rates 20 per cent: "That bill went to the railroad committee and was discussed Friday evening. I asked the committee to report the bill back to the house and I was not particular what report it made. I told the committee I was not competent to discuss freight rates with the railroad experts. I wanted to show my data upon which the bill was based to the committee of the whole and not be compelled to show my hand to the committee."

Forced to Show Hand. "But the committee insisted that I show why the bill should be passed, instead of compelling the freight experts to show why it should not be passed. While making a running fight with the experts I was forced to produce some of my data. I showed the committee figures to prove that the people of Nebraska in comparison with the people of Iowa were extorted out of \$3,125,000 last year. The comparison I showed the committee showed that the extortion in freight rates is about 60 per cent."

Bills Passed by House.

Bill passed were these: House Roll No. 14, by Fries of Howard—Provides for marking county roads on both boundaries and for concrete, iron or stone monuments on survey points. Passed, 92 to 0.

House Roll No. 13, by Fries of Howard—Defines powers, duties and fees of county surveyors and prescribes method of establishing and restoring lost or obliterated corners. Passed, 88 to 2.

House Roll No. 13, by Fries of Howard—Gives state surveyor power to summon witnesses, administer oaths and compel testimony in boundary disputes. Passed, 87 to 0.

House Roll No. 40, by Hardin of Harlan—Repeals the Smith mortgage tax exemption act of 1911. Passed, 53 to 38.

House Roll No. 59, by Keckley of York—Established a civil service system in all the state institutions under administration of state board of control. Passed, 88 to 0.

House Roll No. 51, by Richardson of Lancaster—Makes it a felony to give or sell "dope" or intoxicants to penitentiary or asylum inmates. Passed, 86 to 0.

House Roll No. 92, by Norton of Polk—Proposed constitutional amendment enabling a reform of the state tax system. Passed, 87 to 0.

House Roll No. 18, by Brain of Douglas—Permits the voting of bonds for sewer construction in villages where no newspaper is published. Passed, 90 to 0.

House Roll No. 142, by Greenwald of Custer—Allows cities of from 2,000 to 5,000 population to adopt the Banning commission form of government. Passed, 92 to 0.

Saloon Limit Bill Killed.

Lincoln.—The house killed H. R. 86, by Anderson of Kearney, providing the number of saloons shall be limited to one for every 1,000 people in wet towns. The judiciary committee reported the bill for indefinite postponement.

To Probe Industrial School.

That C. B. Manuel, head of the boys' industrial school at Kearney, has failed to furnish any information as to a deficiency of nearly \$50,000, was asserted by C. H. Busch, chairman of the house deficiencies committee, who asked a committee to investigate where the money was spent. He said the deficiency amounts to half the total maintenance appropriation. A committee of three, with the senate committee, will probe.

Says Horse Disease Is Dreaded One.

State Veterinarian Bostrom has heard of no other cases of the horse epidemic of which four cases were reported from the vicinity of Beatrice. About six weeks ago there were four or five cases of this disease reported from York county. The state veterinarian says that the epidemic which a few months ago raged over Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. He does not believe that a serious outbreak of the disease will develop at this time.

WON'T SPEND THE MONEY.

House Committee Refuses Many Monetary Advances.

With a deaf ear turned to practically all entreaties the house finance committee made up its salary budget for the biennium and presented it to the house in a bill. The measure carries a total of \$883,200 for the biennium as opposed to \$1,194,140 two years ago. This does not mean that the committee actually reduced salaries. As a matter of fact the total increases footed up to \$27,340 over and above those of two years ago. The difference is due to the fact that no salaries were provided for the four normal schools, the Board of Charities and Corrections, and the pure food department. These will be cared for in another way.

If all demands of heads of departments had been acceded to the salary bill would have been almost 50 per cent larger than before, but once in its stride the committee even refused advances of not more than \$100 for a department. All through the first draft of the bill the notation is carried "not recommended" with explanations appended as to reason for hardness of heart.

A separate bill asks that the four normal schools be given a three-fourths mill levy. It comes from the finance committee, which has gone on the assumption that the measure will pass and has left salaries for the normals out of its general bill. The normal mill levy bill will be called up by Chairman Potts and he will ask that it run parallel with the salary bill in order that if it should fail the additions can be made to the general bill before it is too late.

The adjutant general asked for two new officials at combined salaries of \$2,640, but both were rejected. The modest commissioner of labor asked for \$500 increase for himself and for new positions in his department carrying salaries of \$4,900 and \$360 more for his stenographer. The committee turned down the proposed new officials and refused advances for those now in office.

The Board of Charities and Corrections was cut out, the committee being of the opinion that the Board of Control would assume the duties of this department. This action, if approved, would leave the present secretary, Joel Piper, out of a job.

A new position, second assistant agent, for the state public school was allowed at \$800 per year, but increases for the secretary, the governor and the physician, aggregating \$900 were disallowed.

The state printing commissioner, who by law has been getting \$1,500 a year for two years, was cut to \$1,000 under a mistaken idea of the committee that he had been getting but \$1,000 a year.

A new position, superintendent and physician, for the tuberculosis hospital at Kearney was recommended.

Many other changes in salaries were made, but the committee struck a fair average as a whole.

Board of Control Bill to Senate.

The board of control bill brought molded out of all pending measures before the legislature and retouched with suggested changes that may insure better operation of this new adjunct to the state government, was reported to the senate. Its consideration will be a matter of special business at next week's session. The bill bears the name of Otis of Valley. It was prepared, following a tilt on the floor of the senate by a committee consisting of Cordell of Red Willow, Dodge of Douglas and Wink of Buffalo. The measure provides that members of the board may be chosen from any county in the state, this following action taken on one of the old measures by the senate.

Election Contest Undecided.

The senate committee on election contests was to have had a meeting Friday, but not all the members were present and no action was taken toward the writing of a report on the Hancock-Grossman contest. Kiechel of Nemaha explained he did not know there was to be a meeting. Kiechel of Saunders asked if he should not prepare a report for the committee. "Why not let Senator Heasty write it?" replied Kiechel. Kiechel said Heasty might not write the same kind of a report he would write. Kiechel said he did not think there would be any trouble of that kind.

Defer Action on Phone Bill.

Following a short hearing on the Fuller county ownership bill, the senate committee deferred action until the return of President Frank Woods of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company from Chicago. E. M. Morseman and C. N. Pratt of the Nebraska Telephone company appeared before the committee and argued against the bill on account of its alleged confiscatory objects. W. M. Morning of the local public ownership league urged its passage so that the people might hold an effective "club" over the companies.

Lincoln Holiday Bill.

Overriding all opposition the house with shouts of assent lifted the bill which sought to make Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday and recommended it for passage. This was done in the midst of third reading progress, on motion of Hubbard of Adams, in honor of the birthday of the martyr president. Two years ago the legislature made October 12 a legal holiday only after a prolonged debate. Both senate and house members adjourned long enough to honor the martyr.

CASTRO SEEING THE SIGHTS OF NEW YORK



Former President Castro of Venezuela is enjoying himself in New York while awaiting final decision of the question of his deportation. He has been seeing the sights of the great city and even has been entertained at Albany by Governor Sulzer.

BATHTUB TRUST FINED

INDIVIDUALS AND CORPORATIONS ARE HEAVILY ASSESSED.

Run From \$1 to \$10,000 on Fourteen Men and Thirteen Companies —Total \$51,007.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 18.—Judge Clarence W. Sessions in federal district court Saturday imposed fines ranging from \$1 to \$10,000 on the fourteen individuals and thirteen corporations convicted in the trial of the "bathtub trust" for criminal conspiracy. The fines totaled \$51,007 and they must be paid before March 1. In the cases of the individuals, if the fines are not paid before that day a sentence not exceeding six months in the Detroit house of corrections will be imposed.

The sentences follow: Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company of Pittsburg, \$10,000; Barnes Manufacturing company of Mansfield, O., \$1,000; J. L. Mott Iron works of New York, \$5,000; L. Wolf Manufacturing company, Chicago, \$5,000; McVay & Walker, Braddock, Pa., \$500; National Sanitary Manufacturing company of Salem, O., \$1,000; Union Sanitary Manufacturing company of Noblesville, Ind., \$1,500; A. Welskittel & Son company of Baltimore, \$1,500; Wheeling Enamelled Iron company of Wheeling, W. Va., \$50; Humphrys Manufacturing company of Mansfield, O., now in the receiver's hands, \$1; McCrum-Howell company of New York, also in the receiver's hands, \$1; United States Sanitary Manufacturing company of Pittsburg, which pleaded nolle contendere, \$500; the Day-Ward company of Warren, O., also in the hands of creditors, \$1.

Individual defendant fines were: Theodore Ahrens, \$5,000; E. L. Dawes, \$5,000; Frances Torrance, \$500; Frank G. Borden, \$1; A. Welskittel, \$1,000; Herman Hoelscher, \$5,000; Lloyd G. McCrum, \$1; Howard T. Gates, \$500; J. E. Wright, \$500; A. G. Ward, \$1; A. H. Cline, Jr., \$1,000; J. W. Arrott, \$1.

ADMITS HE KILLED DETECTIVE

Chicago Bandit Makes Full Confession of Crimes and Is Promised His Life Shall Be Spared.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Robert Webb, the captive bandit, confessed to State's Attorney Maclay Hoyne that he is the slayer of Detective Peter M. Hart. He also confessed his part in the automobile bandit raids, revealing the strong organization that existed and implicating business men as among his confederates. Many arrests will follow Webb's confession. In return for his confession the death penalty will not be demanded. State's Attorney Hoyne will consent to imprisonment for life as Webb's punishment.

Honor "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

Washington, Feb. 17.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon of Illinois, former speaker of the house, was the guest of honor at a big farewell banquet Saturday night, given by members of the senate and house and others in public life. After nearly forty years of service in the house, Mr. Cannon goes out in March.

Many Attend Ex-Mayor's Funeral.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 17.—Hundreds paid tribute to the memory of Robert Smith, once mayor of St. Paul, Saturday afternoon. Prior to the funeral the body lay in state four hours in the Masonic temple.

Three Arrested as Slavers.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 18.—William Porter, Albert Porter and Pearl Raymond were arrested at Lake Park Sunday for alleged violation of the Mann white slave law. All were wanted in Spokane.

Violinist Kubelik Ill.

Geneva, Feb. 18.—Violinist Kubelik canceled his engagements for a series of concerts in Swiss cities Sunday. His manager wired that Kubelik was seriously ill at his home in Bohemia.

Dr. Hertz Succeeds Dr. Adler

London, Feb. 18.—The British federated synagogues elected Dr. Joseph H. Hertz of New York chief rabbi of England Sunday afternoon. Doctor Hertz will succeed the late Doctor Adler.

SCOTT LAST TO DIE

POSITIONS OF BODIES OF DEAD EXPLORERS SHOW CAPTAIN WAS ALIVE AT END.

WERE DELAYED BY ILLNESS

London, Feb. 17.—According to the Daily Mail's Christchurch dispatch, the position of the bodies when found proved that Captain Scott was the last of the three comrades to die in the antarctic disaster. Wilson and Bowers were lying dead in their sleeping bags, but the leader was seated with his head leaning back against the tent pole. In that position he had breathed his last, and between his head and the tent pole, with his last feeble gesture, he had placed his diary with the records of his journey and his last message to the public.

Every ounce of food was exhausted long before death came to Scott's party. Only a small quantity of tea was found with the bodies. Possibly an expedition will be sent for the bodies next summer. A memorial cross to Scott, Wilson and Bowers was erected on Observation Hill.

Members of the expedition indicate the possibility of disappointment at Amundsen forestalling them took the nerve out of Scott's party for the return journey.

"First, the party was delayed by the illness of Seaman Evans," Commander Evans states, "and Captain Scott dates the beginning of the failure of Evans from the time of reaching the pole. For a month after the pole was left behind Evans delayed the party. In the descent of a glacier he fell and suffered a concussion, making the anxiety regarding him even greater. His final collapse came on February 17. After Evans' death the party pushed on, but once again the condition of one member of the party (Oates) caused delay."

Commander Evans again states that this failure to maintain a higher speed was due to the falling condition of poor Captain Oates, who was a constant tax on the energies of the party and was rapidly weakening them. Dr. Atkinson, one of the search party, found traces of scurvy on the three dead men.

New light is thrown on the mystery by Commander Evans, the successor in command of the expedition, in a long cable message from New Zealand to the Daily Express. He describes in detail the final dash to the south pole and explains that the shortage of fuel was due to the failure of the party to keep up the average speed expected on the return journey.

"Nine miles a day was the average speed prepared for," he says, "but the records left by the dead heroes show the average was much below this, falling at times to so low as three miles a day."

None of the information contained in the diaries of the dead heroes will be forthcoming for some time.

O'Rourke Wins Damage Suit.

London, Feb. 17.—The king's branch division of the high court Friday awarded Thomas O'Rourke, the boxing promoter, \$250 in his suit for damages against the proprietors of Box-Ing, a sporting publication.

Nat Goodwin Loses Auto Suit.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 17.—A. C. Harrington, a Santa Monica grocer, who sued Nat Goodwin, the actor, for \$10,000, was awarded \$1,000 Friday. Goodwin's automobile ran the grocer down some time ago.

TRUST MEN JAILED

TWENTY-NINE OFFICIALS OF CASH REGISTER FIRM SENTENCED TO PRISON.

PRESIDENT IS GIVEN ONE YEAR

John H. Patterson, Head of National, Also Fined \$5,000—Officers of Combine Convicted in Cincinnati Federal Court of Violation of Law.

Cincinnati, Feb. 19.—President John H. Patterson of the National Cash Register company, who, with twenty-eight other officials or former officials of the company, was convicted of criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, was sentenced here Monday to pay a fine of \$5,000 and to serve one year in jail. The twenty-eight other defendants were sentenced to terms ranging from three months to a year in jail and to pay the costs.

Judge Hollister in passing sentence severely arraigned the defendants, declaring that the maintenance of the competition department with its "gloom room" and "morgue" constituted business methods that should not be countenanced.

One of the defendants was given three months in jail, while three others were sentenced to nine months and the rest to one year. George Edgeter of Dayton, secretary of the company, was given the sentence of three months. William Bippus, treasurer; Alfred A. Thomas of Dayton and Jonathan B. Haywood of New York were given nine months in jail.

The following were sentenced to one year: Edward A. Deeds, Dayton, vice-president; William H. Muzzy, Dayton; William Pfum, Dayton; Robert Patterson, director; Thomas J. Watson, sales manager; Joseph E. Rogers, assistant sales manager; Alexander S. Harned, salesman; Frederick S. High, district manager, Boston; Pinney Eves, district manager, San Francisco; Arthur A. Wentz, Columbus; George E. Morgan, Dayton; Charles T. Wainmley, Chicago; Charles A. Snyder, Elizabeth, N. J.; Walter Cool, Denver; Myer N. Jacobs, Pittsburg; Mont L. Lasley, Detroit; Earl H. Wilson, Los Angeles; Alexander W. Sinclair, New York; John J. Range, Washington; M. G. J. Keith, New York; William Cummings, Brooklyn; J. C. Laird, Toronto; W. C. Howe, San Francisco; E. H. Epperson, Minneapolis.

Before passing sentence Judge Hollister denied the motion of the defendants for a new trial.

"JOAQUIN" MILLER IS DEAD

Famous Poet of the Sierras Dies in Piedmont Hills Home From Senile Old Age.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Cincinnatus Heine Miller, better known as "Joaquin" Miller, the poet of the Sierras, died in his one-room cabin, which he built with his own hands in the Piedmont hills many years ago. His daughter, Juanita Miller, and his wife were with him.

Senility was the only cause of death the physician could give. Mr. Miller was born in Wabash, Ind., on November 12, 1841. He was the author of "Songs of the Sierras," "Pacific Palms," "Songs of the Sunland," "The Ship of the Desert," "Life Among the Modocs," "First Families of the Sierras," "The Danites of the Sierras," "Shadows of Shasta," "Memories and Rime," "Baroness of New York," "Songs of Faraway Lands," "The Destruction of Gotham," "The Building of the City Beautiful," "A Poetic Romance," "Forty-Nine; or, The Gold Seekers of the Sierras," "Chants for the Boer," "True Bear Stories" and of several plays that were well received wherever presented.

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WILSON'S BILLS ARE LAWS

"The Seven Sisters" Measures Passes the New Jersey House and the Governor Signs Them.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 19.—Governor Wilson's corporation bills, christened by him "The Seven Sisters," went to third reading and passed the house of assembly Tuesday. They received the governor's signature immediately thereafter, and thus became law, as they had already passed the senate.

Vassar President Resigns.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Dr. James Monroe Taylor, whose resignation as president of Vassar college was announced Monday, maintains strict silence as to his reasons for wishing to quit.

Prince Henry's Car Hits Child.

Heddernheim, Germany, Feb. 19.—Prince Henry of the Netherlands ran over and severely injured a five-year-old child when driving an automobile through the principal street of this town Monday.

House Passes Public Building Bill.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The public buildings bill passed the house carrying appropriations of a little more than \$25,000,000, Monday. The vote was 134 to 16. The debate lasted three hours.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Coming Events in Nebraska. February 20-21-22.—Loyal Order of Moose Fair and Bazar, Omaha.

Feb. 24 to March 1.—Omaha Automobile Show, Omaha.

March 5 to 15.—"Made-in-Nebraska" Show, Omaha.

Alliance will get the fire tournament this summer.

Trailers are being put on all the street cars in Omaha.

A new camp of W. O. W. is being organized at Anselmo.

Merrick county's new court house is nearing completion.

Franklin pays its city superintendent of schools \$1,121 a year.

Four hundred and fifty-four bills have been introduced in the senate.

Alsworth Monks of McCook was killed at Wray, Colo., in a train accident.

About 500 tons of hay was destroyed in a prairie fire near Hyannis recently.

The farmers in the vicinity of Peru closed a successful three days' farmers' institute.

Three wolves were killed near Ohiowa this week. About 800 people joined in the hunt.

J. C. Franklin, aged 95, a wealthy pioneer of Nebraska, died at Fremont on February 12.

The Omaha Woman's club's resolutions against the repeal of the Albert law, the Sackett law or the 3 o'clock closing law have been received by the house.

In a one-sided game of basket ball, University Place defeated Beatrice by the score of 46 to 18. Allen of the visitors was the star and made most of the goals.

One case of smallpox has been reported to the city physician at Aurora, and in order to take precaution the schools have been closed for the purpose of fumigating.

The Cortland basketball team defeated Wilber at Cortland by the score of 36 to 28. Cortland has won eight straight games and claims the championship of the county.

The Union Pacific has announced the posting of a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the party, or parties, who murdered George J. Hood, the station agent at Miller.

The progressiveness of the Village of Dodge is best shown by the construction of the new \$40,000 school building now nearing completion upon the site used for school purposes for many years.

The Rev. L. W. Corey, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fremont for the past five years, recently tendered his resignation to his congregation. He will go to Kenosha, Wis., to assume charge of a church.

John Elmer recently sold his fine one hundred and twenty-acre farm, a few miles southwest of Snyder, for the longest price paid for farm lands in that section, getting \$165 per acre. It is a fine farm and one of the best in the section, though the improvements were only ordinary.

Fire caused by the explosion of a barrel of headlight oil damaged the Union Pacific roundhouse at Kearney Thursday night to the extent of \$36,000. One engine burned and another was badly damaged. The damage to the building was heavy. The fire raged for two hours.

At a meeting of the Alliance retail merchants' association Tuesday ways and means were discussed and plans formulated for placing before the people of Box Butte county the necessity of a new court house and the getting out of the vote, April 7, to decide for the issuance of bonds for the building thereof.

Contracts were signed and work began this week on a 16 room hotel at the town of Van Tassel, Wyo., near the state line. Work is to be rushed and building completed by April 15. Cost of building \$3,500.00. J. H. Knoeter of Spearfish, S. D., is the proprietor, and he will spend \$1,500.00 more in furnishings this giving Van Tassel an up-to-date hostelry.

Stephen T. Reasoner, a well known business man of Kearney and for two terms county superintendent of Buffalo county, died at Rochester, Minn. He had been successfully operated upon for intestinal trouble in July, but a second operation Wednesday was fatal. The funeral will be held from Ashland, Neb., his old home, on Monday under the auspices of the Masons, of which order he was a member.

The clerks in the auditing department of the Burlington at Omaha have begun packing up preparatory to taking the records of that office to Chicago, on or about March 1. There are a lot of clerks in the sorting room and who come under the jurisdiction of the auditing department, who have rebelled. Vincent Astor has selected the field of agriculture for aiding humanity. Governor Sulzer announced today he had appointed Mr. Astor to head the delegation which will represent New York state, at the meeting of the general assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture to be held in Rome, Italy next May.

Bailey R. Simmons, a pioneer of York, died recently.

Lon Wright and Dave Rockie won the Fremont bowling tournament doubles by scoring 1,043 pins. The tournament has been in progress for six weeks.

Farmers living in the locality of Arnold are profiting over a fierce competitive fight the three