

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Levi Ankeny, senator-elect from Washington to succeed George Turner, is a millionaire banker and farmer.

The half-yearly report of the Republic Iron and Steel company shows net profits of \$1,384,125, a gain of \$451,000.

General Funston has fully recovered his health and expects that ere long he will be assigned to duty in the Philippines again.

Mrs. Margaret Allen, the oldest woman in the state of Washington, died at the home of her daughter in Tacoma, Wash., aged 104.

The Reading Railway company, during the month of January, hauled down its main line to tidewater nearly 1,100,000 tons of anthracite coal.

Charlemagne Tower, the new American ambassador to Germany, has rented a princely mansion on the Koenigsplatz, close to the reichstag, in Berlin.

Several thousand dyers at Barcelona have struck in sympathy with the Rens strikers. Their action will compel 40,000 spinners and weavers to remain idle.

A bill providing for the abolishment of capital punishment was introduced in the New York state assembly. Life imprisonment is proposed for murder in the first degree.

The degree of LL.D. was conferred on President Andrew Sloan Draper of the University of Illinois at a meeting of the trustees and council of Columbia university.

Representative Chipfield has introduced in the Illinois house a bill providing for the execution of criminals by electrocution. The bill is similar to the New York law.

Senator Thomas Patterson of Colorado says that one of the most enjoyable periods of his life was the two weeks he spent traveling with a circus in southern Michigan.

The members of the foreign legations in Peking are again embarrassed by lavish gifts of game, plants and trinkets from the dowager empress on the occasion of the Chinese New Year.

Joshua G. Dodge, who was an associate of William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and other leaders of the anti-slavery movement, has just celebrated his 90th birthday at Arlington, Mass.

General Gordon, commanding the United Confederate veterans, announces that the thirteenth annual reunion of the organization will be held in New Orleans May 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1903.

The porte has notified the embassies at Constantinople that it has reports showing that the Macedonian committee is organizing several large bands for the invasion of Macedonia in the spring.

There is a strong current of feeling in Mexico favoring the encouraging of Chinese immigration on a large scale and securing an outlet in this way for a considerable share of Mexico's silver output.

John T. McDonough, former secretary of state, labor commissioner and county judge of New York, may be chief judge of the Philippine islands if he can arrange his domestic affairs to suit the position.

The supreme court of Missouri sentenced the following men, who have been convicted of murder, to hang on March 6: James L. Cartrell, in Butler; John G. Taylor, in Kansas City, and Charles May, in St. Joseph.

Because of inability of eastern roads to handle all the traffic offered to them, western roads have issued blockade notices that affect several of the necessities of life. Among the latter is flour, which the northwestern roads will not receive for delivery to eastern roads until further notice.

The president sent the following army nominations to the senate: Lieutenant Colonel Charles L. Cooper, Fourteenth cavalry, to be colonel; Major A. Rogers, Fourth cavalry, to be lieutenant colonel; Captain James Lockett, Fourth cavalry, to be major; First Lieutenant William D. Chitty, Third cavalry, to be captain; Captain Edward H. Humm, Tenth infantry, to be a major.

The condition of freight congestion on eastern roads is very much worse than on western lines.

The International Epworth league convention to be held in Detroit next summer will begin July 16, and continue over Sunday, July 19.

Ex-Governor George S. Boutwell of Massachusetts observed his 85th birthday anniversary on Wednesday.

The German government has decided to readmit the Jesuits who, since July, 1872, have been excluded from Germany.

AS TO STATEHOOD

SENATORS GROW TIRED OF VIRTUAL DEADLOCK.

A SUBSTITUTE BILL PROPOSED

Some Members Wish to Consolidate Territories into Two States—Danger of Split May Kill Suggestion—Republicans Seek Unanimous Vote.

WASHINGTON.—All indications point to the conclusion of the statehood debate during the present week, but no one can tell at this time just when or how the change will come.

If the plans of the republican leaders who oppose the bill are put into effect the committee on territories will bring in a substitute bill early in the week providing for consolidation and the admission of two states. This will probably not be done, however, until assurance can be secured that the full republican vote will be cast for the consolidation.

If this plan does not take shape Senator Quay is likely to press his statehood amendment on the agricultural bill and a test of strength will ensue. The vote on this amendment will be close, if taken, and while the omnibus bill advocates feel that they have a majority they realize that it will not be so large as it would be on a direct vote on the statehood bill alone and by itself.

There is some talk now of admitting only Oklahoma, but if this should be undertaken it will be only as a last resort and will be postponed until toward the end of the session. All senators are becoming restless under the present conditions, which, it is believed, cannot continue much longer.

Monday, in accordance with notice given by Senator Allison, the bill making appropriations for the District of Columbia will be taken up. Some clauses will arouse debate, but advantage will be taken of the opportunity to further the efforts to compromise the differences on the statehood bill.

An effort also will be made to secure consideration of the Cuban reciprocity treaty, and a portion of the time next Saturday will be devoted to eulogies on deceased members of the house.

The house of representatives Sunday held a memorial session to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator William J. Sewall and the late Representative Joshua S. Salmon of New Jersey. Mr. Parker of New Jersey presided.

The eulogists of the two departed statesmen were Messrs. Gardner (N. J.), Hull (Ia.), Syell (Ind.), Stewart (N. J.), Foster (Vt.), Graf (Ill.), Williams (Miss.), Warner (Ill.), Randsell (Tex.), Lloyd (Mo.) and Ball (Tex.)

MUST CURB TRUSTS.

President Prepares to Call Special Session to Convene on March 5.

WASHINGTON.—It can be stated by authority that unless anti-trust legislation at least reasonably satisfactory to the administration is passed at the present session, President Roosevelt will call an extraordinary session of congress on March 5. The president himself has told members of congress of his desire and of his determination in this regard and it is understood that the announcement was direct and unqualified.

It is further stated that the determination of the president was reached only after careful consideration of the strenuous efforts that are being made to defeat any anti-trust legislation by congress. These efforts have covered a wide range. They were characterized by one prominent republican leader: "The most remarkable of which I have had any personal knowledge during my public life."

Passports Needed in South.

MOBILE, Ala.—Information was received here Sunday from Honduras to the effect that because of the revolutionary troubles, all persons coming into that country must have passports. Three passengers on the steamer Hispania, leaving for Puerto Cortez, were required to secure passports before the vessel sailed.

Petitions for Rosebud Bill.

WASHINGTON.—Members of congress from South Dakota Monday presented to their respective bodies a memorial of the legislature of that state urging congress to pass the Rosebud treaty bill.

Plague Condition Better.

MAZATLAN.—There were two deaths from the plague Saturday. Very satisfactory results are being obtained by the use of the Yerzin serum. Most of the patients to whom it is given begin immediately to recover. A number of hotels and boarding houses are closed, the owners fearing that in case the plague breaks out in them the buildings will be burned. The fire insurance agents are taking no policies.

CAVES LICKING THE STAMPS.

Provisions of One of the New Post-office Bills.

WASHINGTON.—The postoffice appropriation bill passed on Thursday by the house contains an important provision that has not attracted much attention.

The bill provides that hereafter postoffices shall accept for transmission in the mails quantities of not less than 2,000 identical pieces of third or fourth class mail matter without postage stamps affixed, provided that the postage is fully prepaid. This action was recommended strongly by Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden in the interest of economy to the government and to the business public. Under its provisions, as urged by the department, this proposed legislation will save the expense of manufacturing stamps, the sale of them to the public and the subsequent labor of cancelling the stamps on the individual pieces in the postoffices after they are mailed. It will also save the public the work of attaching postage stamps to the individual pieces of mail.

Child Saving Institute of Omaha.

The Child Saving Institute of Omaha is better equipped than any other corporation for handling legal questions concerning children and devotes a large amount of time to the work of rescuing children from vicious surroundings by legal processes. A recent appeal from Washington county, Nebraska, was promptly responded to and proceedings were begun in the county court against a woman who was running a house of ill fame at Blair, having with her four small children, the oldest one being a girl of nine years. She made confession in the court concerning her criminal life, when she faced the evidence that was presented, and then requested that the Child Saving Institute of Omaha should take charge of her children and place them in homes. Three of them have already found homes, and it is expected soon that a home will be found for the youngest boy, who is only three years of age.

FRANK JAMES PUTS IN AN OAR.

Kicks on the Pardon Granted to Cole Younger.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Frank James, brother of Jesse James, said Thursday that the pardon granted Coleman Younger by the Minnesota board of pardons will, in his opinion, deprive Younger of any way of making a living.

"He is not really freed," said James. "He is 60 years old and has been in prison a quarter of a century and has no trade or profession. He ought to insist upon being granted absolutely free citizenship, or perhaps it would have been better for him to have remained in prison."

TURKISH ARMY MOBILIZED.

Sultan Concentrates Forces Along Bulgarian Frontier.

PARIS.—The correspondent of the Figaro at Philippolis states that the sultan is mobilizing 240,000 men and has commissioned all the steamers of the Idarel Massousieh company to transport these troops, who are to reinforce the Second and Third army corps at Adrianople Salonica and along the Bulgarian frontier.

Commenting on this dispatch the Figaro says this action greatly complicates the situation in Macedonia. Diplomacy will have great difficulty in solving without accident this new phase of the eastern question, which has exhausted all efforts for the last 200 years.

FORMER SENATOR DAWES DEAD.

Venerable Massachusetts Statesman Passes Away at His Home.

PITTSFIELD, Mass.—Ex-United States Senator Henry Laurens Dawes died Thursday morning at his home in this city. He was 86 years of age. Mr. Dawes had been ill since Christmas night, when he contracted a severe cold while driving. The cold developed into grip, which undermined his system.

Who President Roosevelt visited Pittsfield last fall he called upon the veteran statesman. It was while returning from the visit to the Dawes house that the trolley accident occurred in which the president figured.

IOWA STOCKMEN IN WRECK.

Accident Occurs on Illinois Central Road Near Cloverdale.

CHICAGO.—Two men were killed, five seriously injured, six others slightly injured in a rear end collision on east bound stock trains on the Illinois Central at Cloverdale on Monday.

The collision occurred in a dense fog, which prevented the engineer of the second train from seeing the train ahead until almost upon it.

THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE A Synopsis of Proceedings in Both Branches of the Twenty-Eighth General Assembly.

WOULD LET THE PUBLIC IN.

Lieutenant Governor McGilton has originated a plan with reference to the consideration of bills before the legislative committees which he thinks ought to be incorporated in the rules of the senate over which body he presides. The plan provides a method whereby all parties interested directly or indirectly in any measure may appear before the committee having the bill in charge and be heard in the discussion of it.

Lieutenant Governor McGilton has framed his idea in this manner:

All standing committees shall keep a calendar of bills in the order in which they are referred and consider the same in such order, except where passed by the vote of a majority of all members of said committee, in which case the bill thus passed shall not lose its place on the committee calendar. Each standing committee shall give notice to this body, through its chairman, at least one day in advance of the time and place of meeting and of the bills to be considered by it, so that all persons interested may appear and request a hearing, subject to such limitations as the committee may impose.

The lieutenant governor further outlining his plan, says:

"The time to be heard on any bill is while it is before the committee. The report of the committee, while not necessarily or inevitably final as to its disposition, always has a great influence on the action of the senate or house, to whichever body it is made. It too frequently happens that a bill gets past the committee in the senate or house, before the committee of the whole and is placed on its final passage before outsiders who have a legitimate interest in the measure get the opportunity of being heard on it. They have no way of knowing when the committee is to consider the bill and consequently no opportunity of giving expression to their views. The adoption of this proposed rule, which could be used in the house as well as in the senate, would obviate all this, and, I think, be a very good thing for many other reasons."

TO GET INTO PRINT.

"I see that some adverse comment is attempted," said Attorney Baldwin, "because the railroad companies utilize the newspapers to present their side in the tax controversy, and because they express a willingness to pay the expense of printing. Why should they not. The arguments presented are unanswerable. The outside counties of the state are vitally interested. The Omaha papers give only one side of the question. The outside newspapers are entitled to receive information exposing the selfishness of the Omaha real estate boomers. And the railroads have a perfect right to pay for the expense of printing this information."

"The railroads have no newspaper of their own to present the case, and there is no one newspaper of wide circulation standing up for the rights of the country against the encroachments of the large city. The defense of the country must come from the country papers. We cannot demand that they use their space without recompense, although many of them, recognizing their own local interest in the controversy, decline compensation and freely open their columns to forcibly express their opinions of the Omaha scheme. The criticism from the Omaha boomers is ridiculous. It sounds like the plaint of a falling and hopeless cause."

WORKING ON REVENUE LAW.

"A revenue law having for its basis the constitution of the state will be reported by our committee to the legislature when the legislature convenes next week," said Representative Loomis of Dodge, the fusion member of the revenue revision committee.

"The reports that have been published to the effect that our bill will be modeled along the lines of the present revenue law of Nebraska, or of the Kansas bill, are alike incorrect. Portions of the Nebraska law will be used; features will be incorporated in the bill from the revenue laws of California, Indiana and other states; and portions of the bill will be largely original with the committee. But as a whole the bill will be built along no hard and fast lines; it will be independently constructed to meet the requirements of the situation according to the best judgment of the committee."

"While in a general way, the committee is pretty well agreed as to the salient features of the revenue law it will recommend, I could not myself tell, at the present time, just what those features are. The whole work has been divided among sub-committees. None of these committees have completed their work. Their work, when it is completed, will be subject to review and correction by the whole committee. Consequently nothing is fixed, nothing is decided on, and no correct statement of the committee's work can be given out until the task is completed."

IRRIGATION LAW IS UPHELD.

The constitutionality of the law creating and defining the powers of the state board of irrigation is upheld in a decision rendered by the supreme court of the state of Montana.

Mr. Currie's bill provides that all farmers within the territory most affected by these pests shall take proper means—and these means are described in the bill—for exterminating prairie dogs at the proper season and imposes a penalty upon all who fail to observe this law. In the penal provision it is ordered that the road overseer shall be paid \$4 a day, or hire someone at that price, to distribute the prairie dog killer for the farmer and assess the cost to the latter.

OPPOSE COUNTY OFFICERS' BILL.

The bill introduced in the senate at the request of the County Officers' association is hung up in the committee, and when it comes forth there will likely be absent from it "that we recommend that it be passed," though the bill will be reported favorably. It is not the fact that the committee does not favor a four-year tenure of office, for a majority of the committee does. But the committee does not intend to recommend that a county officer hold office for a time longer than the time for which he was elected. Another objection is that the committee does not favor having every county election held on presidential year or even year, as provided by the bill. Said one of the committee:

"We are in favor of county officers holding office for four years, but I for one do not want to tell a community that the man it has chosen for two years should serve three. It is the right of the people to do that and not the legislature, in my opinion. And if we make county elections come on even years or on presidential years it will not, in my opinion, serve the best interests of the people. In presidential years, as a rule, county and local affairs are lost sight of almost completely, and persons who are entirely unfitness for office could easily be run in and elected."

FRATERNALS OBJECT TO BILL.

At a meeting of members of fraternal societies of York held at the city hall the following resolutions were unanimously adopted. The fraternal societies of York will send delegations to Lincoln to work with the representatives of York county.

Whereas, Senate File 19, now in the hands of the senate insurance committee, is being urged for passage, and believing that if the bill ever becomes a law it will work irreparable injury to fraternal benefit societies for at least two reasons:

- 1. It takes from the membership of these societies a large portion of the management thereof and transfers it to the officers and committees appointed by them.
2. It permits the management of any society to invest the reserve fund of any such society in buildings contrary to the purpose for which said fund was raised. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, members of Ancient Order United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America, Tribe of Ben Hur, Royal Highlanders, Woodmen of the World, Knights and Ladies of Security, and Bankers' Union of the World, lodges of York, Nebraska, in mass convention assembled, hereby earnestly protest against the passage of said senate file 19 for the reason that we believe that it strikes at the very foundation stone of fraternal benefit societies and destroys our representative form of government, so sacred to our organization. And we appeal to the entire membership of the state to use every honorable means to defeat senate file 19. Be it further Resolved, That our senator and representatives are hereby requested to use all honorable means to defeat said bill.

REVENUE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

Whatever else may be said about the revenue committee, whatever kind of bill it submits to the legislature, it cannot be said that it has not worked faithfully since the adjournment of the legislature. It has met morning, noon and night and meeting, has worked. The committee will stand by the bill it recommends until the last. Word came out from the meeting room that the committee would fight to the end any attempt to amend or strike out any section of the bill being prepared. The committee speaks as one voice or it remains forever silent, and if a majority say this is right, no other member will object to it on the floor of the legislature.

Chairman Brown said: "We are working faithfully, conscientiously and, above all, we are working harmoniously, and I believe we will have the bill ready for the legislature by the time it reconvenes. We are studying each section carefully and we are putting in some good, strong points that I believe will be acceptable to the people of the state. It is a most difficult task to prepare a bill of this nature in one week and whether it suits or not, whether it is a good bill, or a bad bill, we have put our best endeavor on it and that is all we can do."

Member Sears is getting somewhat pessimistic contemplating the manner in which the bill will be received by the people. "No matter what kind of a bill we submit, whether good or bad, flaws will be found in it and we are up for a 'cussing' from some quarter. But there is one consolation, we won't know anything about it a hundred years from now."

Alleged Noble in Toils.

ST. LOUIS.—A man who styled himself "Lieutenant Colonel the Honorable F. Seymour F. Barrington, of His Majesty's Horse," and said he was of noble family and had great wealth, was found guilty of disturbing the peace and fined \$500, or in default one year in the workhouse. Barrington's arrest resulted from an encounter with James F. Cochrane of Kansas City, whose sister he declared had been duped into marrying the Englishman.

Express Company Tax Free.

HELENA, Mont.—The supreme court has decided that no franchise tax could be collected from the Northern Pacific Express company by the state of Montana because the concern was engaged in interstate business.

Speed Record in Novel Writing.

Although Marion Crawford now produces on an average of two novels a year, "Mraio's Crucifix" was written in ten days and his "The Tale of a Lonely Parish," a 120,000-word novel, was completed in twenty-four days. It took him, however, eight months to write "Via Crucis," not including the time spent in gathering the material for it. The story of George Eliot's reading for "Daniel Deronda" is too old to repeat, but it shows that the actual writing of a book is a small affair compared with the task of getting ready to write one. Harris Dickson's "The Black Wolf Breed," was written in a little over two months' time. Another piece of quick work was Julia Magruder's "Princess Sonia," completed in eighteen days.

No Public Library in Constantinople.

A petition for leave to establish a public library in Constantinople was recently refused by the minister of public instruction, special objections being made to several books on the proposed list, among them the fables of La Fontaine. The frequent references to the lion, the king of animals, it was held, would be regarded by ignorant people as degrading to the kingdom and insulting to the sultan.

An Important Discovery.

Granton, Okla., Feb. 9th.—After ten years E. H. Gosney of Granton has at last found a cure for Kidney Trouble. Mr. Gosney suffered very severely with Kidney Complaint and some ten years ago made up his mind to find a cure if one was to be had.

He has tried and tried and experimented with every kidney medicine he could hear of. Although he was always disappointed he kept on trying till at last his perseverance was rewarded and he found a complete cure.

He is a well man to-day and explains it as follows:

"Everything failed to cure me and I was growing worse and worse till I tried a new remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills and I had not taken many of them before I knew that I had at last found the right thing. I am entirely cured and I cannot say too much for Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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