

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Andrew Carnegie has offered to erect a \$10,000 library at Hamburg, Pa.

The volcano at Kilauea, Hawaii, has been showing a slight activity since February 28.

Sixty-eight homes were sold at the Lackey sale at Cambridge City, Ind., bringing \$14,870, an average of \$219 per head.

Charles M. Schwab, who is now at the Hotel Ritz, in Paris, will sail for New York on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm on March 11.

Terry McGovern, the pugilist, who is to fight "Young Corbett" in San Francisco March 31, is seriously ill in Brooklyn with a severe attack of the grip.

T. H. Sears is appointed, effective March 1, trainmaster of the Santa Fe at Marceline. He was formerly superintendent of the Colorado & Southern at Denver.

The United States senate confirmed the appointments of John B. Reese, receiver of the land office at Broken Bow, Neb., and A. Emmington, postmaster at Pender, Neb.

A dispatch to the Madrid Imparcial from Ceuta, Morocco, reiterates the report that the sultan's troops have been defeated and that War Minister Menebbi has been killed.

It is announced that David McGinnity will be appointed internal revenue collector for the district of Detroit to succeed Charles Wright. Mr. McGinnity was endorsed by Senator Alger.

The house committee on rules agreed to the resolution providing for a rule to pass a joint resolution to extend current appropriations to 1904 in case any general appropriation should fail.

John C. Fellmore, aged 55, founder of the order of United Commercial Travelers, died at his home in Columbus, Ohio, from pneumonia. He was the author of the United Commercial Travelers' ritual.

William R. Day, the new associate justice of the supreme court, took the oath of office and sat with the court for the first time. The ceremony of initiating was in accordance with the usual practice of the court.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows at the close of business February 28, 1903, the debt less cash in the treasury amounted to \$937,972,898, which is a decrease as compared with January 31 of \$5,969,665.

A collision has taken place between Macedonian revolutionary forces under the famous leader, Boris Sarafoff, and a body of Turkish troops near the village of Vlainirovo. It is reported that ten of the insurgents were killed or wounded.

The government of Peru published a decree ordering elections to be held for the president and vice president of the republic for the term of four years, commencing on September 8 next, and for various senators and deputies whose mandates have been expired.

Carlos Martinez Silva, an indefatigable champion of the people's rights, died of pneumonia at the Unja, Panama, where he had been banished on account of articles which he published on returning from the United States, condemning the Colombian government's war measures.

The New York Evening Journal says Andrew Carnegie has given Princeton university \$1,000,000 for the construction of a graduate school. The gift is made as a payment of a debt of gratitude Mr. Carnegie felt that he owed his physician Dr. Joseph Garmany, who attended him during his recent illness in Europe.

Governor Dole's message to the legislature of Hawaii refers to the unprosperous times among sugar men during the past year as emphasizing the need for giving attention to securing a diversity of industries and encouraging small farmers. Attention is called to the decrease of leprosy and diminishing number of inhabitants of the leprosy settlement.

The Iowa monument commission has advised the Chickamauga park commission that the contracts for the three Iowa monuments, to cost \$26,600, have been awarded to a Boston firm. One monument will be erected at Roseville Gap, on Missionary Ridge, to the memory of Osterhaus' brigade; one near the Moon place on Missionary Ridge, and the other at the Cravens place on Lookout Mountain.

President Roosevelt will be asked to set aside 75,000 acres in Finney county, Kansas, as a forest reserve.

At Rochester, Pa., the Olive Stove company's plant was demolished by an explosion of gas, caused by a leak in the mains.

Painters of Pittsburg are on a strike for higher wages.

A dispatch from San Salvador says that General Regalado handed over the presidency to General Pedro Jose Escalon, who was declared elected February 16.

THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE

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

SENATE.

H. R. 40, providing that a lease to be valid must be made in writing, came up on third reading in the senate on the 24 and failed to pass. This is the first bill which has failed of passage on the final vote since the senate has been in session. In committee of the whole H. R. 36, giving township officers authority to provide cemeteries, was recommended for passage. S. F. 24, memorializing congress to establish the true military status of the First Nebraska militia, has been signed by the governor. Senator O'Neill is in receipt of a petition over fifty feet in length and carrying over 1,000 signatures, asking for the passage of S. F. 52, the lien law. The petition is signed principally by contractors and carpenters. It has been circulated in the following cities: Lincoln, Tecumseh, York, Craig, Osceola, Greeley, Plattsmouth and several others. Senator Hall has a bill prepared which provides that female laborers may work more than sixty hours per week if an agreement is made with the employer to that effect. As the law stands sixty hours is the limit of time which can be put in by female laborers in one week, and it is claimed this works a hardship in many cases. Where girls are employed on piecework, and where they can put in overtime for pay, the law prevents them from doing so and thus reduces their wages quite materially. Senator Hall asks that laboring women correspond with him and express their opinion of such a revision of the law. The following bills were introduced and read for the first time: A memorial and joint resolution requesting that the federal forest reserve be increased. To provide for the establishment and regulation of telephone rates and service in cities of the metropolitan class.

In the senate on the 23rd senate file No. 173 was placed on the general file, with the recommendation that it be passed. This bill provides for the regulation, treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children. The district and probate courts of all counties of the state will have original jurisdiction in all cases coming within the terms of this act. H. R. 157, requesting congress to amend the constitution so that senators may be elected by a direct vote of the people, was referred back by the committee, with the recommendation that it be passed. S. F. 14, requesting the Nebraska delegation in congress to support an appropriation for a larger navy; S. F. 16, requesting insurance companies to file semi-annual statements of their financial condition with the state auditor, and S. F. 123, providing a decree of divorce shall not be operative until six months after trial and decision, were referred back by committees for passage. H. R. 15, empowering township boards to establish and maintain cemeteries, was read the third time and passed. In committee of the whole S. F. 72, providing for the election of certain county officers for a period of four years, was indefinitely postponed. H. R. 40, which was voted on yesterday and failed to receive a majority of the votes cast, was taken up again on a motion to reconsider and was passed. The bill provides that a lease to be valid must be in writing. S. F. 11, providing for the tenure of office of the commissioners and stenographers of the supreme court, was read the third time and passed.

Sheldon of Cass introduced in the senate on the 4th two bills to abolish the board of visitors to the Soldiers' homes at Grand Island and Millford. The law at present provides that the governor appoint a board of five, who shall make rules and regulations regarding the homes and have general supervision over the commandants. The bills introduced grant this power to the governor, and he shall have power to name the amount of compensation to be paid the employees and commandants of the homes; and to provide rules by which they shall be conducted. The governor is also required to visit the homes once every three months. The office of quartermaster is abolished, and the office of the office devolve upon the adjutant. S. F. 8, providing for the nomination of county commissioners by districts and election by county vote, occasioned much debate. The bill was ordered engrossed. Hall of Douglas introduced a bill providing that the standard of time through out the state shall be that of the 90th meridian of longitude west from Greenwich, the central standard of time, by which all legal business shall be regulated. Mr. Hall introduced the bill because in different parts of the state different standards of time are used. The county officers' bill by Sloan of Fillmore, to increase the tenure of office to four years, was killed in rotation like clock-work. There were five or six of them, and after three had been indefinitely postponed, O'Neill of Lancaster moved, in order to save time, to indefinitely postpone every bill introduced by Sloan. This, however, was not put, and the bills died the regulation death. S. F. 8, providing that county commissioners be elected by vote of the county instead of by vote of districts, ordered engrossed. S. F. 54, that hereafter no claim for subscription for newspaper, magazine or other periodical shall be valid for more than the time actually subscribed for; indefinitely postponed. S. F. 90, to provide for the supersedeas of cases appealed to the supreme court; ordered engrossed.

The last day but one on which bills could be introduced was taken advantage of and there was a deluge in the senate on the 5th. Hall of Douglas introduced an even dozen to amend the state constitution. H. R. 38, allowing county treasurers a seal, was recommended for passage by the committee of the whole. The bill has been before many legislatures and is now in a fair way to become a law. S. F. 57, the exemption law, took up most of the afternoon and was amended so frequently that its maker could not recognize it. The bill provides that \$35 per month of a wage earner is exempt from garnishment. With the exception of that change the bill is the same as upon the statutes

at present. S. F. 55, the bulk sale law, had rough sailing, but was finally recommended for passage. Marshall of Otoe sprung a sensation at the end of the last round of the day's proceedings by moving to take a recess until 7 o'clock at night. Anderson of Saline seconded the motion. The motion was lost in a deluge of noes. Standing committees reported the following bills for general file: S. F. 175, defining where it shall be lawful for mutual insurance company to insure property. S. F. 174, providing when railroad companies may sell goods not called for. S. F. 124, an act for the relief of Daniel L. Johnson. S. F. 57, compelling railroad companies to provide suitable waiting rooms and accommodations for the public. H. R. 156, relating to deposits of county treasurers. S. F. 36, providing for payment of costs in misdemeanor cases.

At the morning session of the senate on the 6th the following bills were passed: S. F. 118, limiting the time in which to revive a dormant judgment. S. F. 149, providing for a time when injunctions may be brought. S. F. 8, providing that in counties of 125,000 population commissioners shall be elected by vote of county. S. F. 152, providing for the destruction of weeds along the highways. S. F. 216, 218, 219, repealing law relating to salary of deputies for treasurer and secretary of state and secretary to governor. S. F. 25, brick sale law. H. R. 38, providing for a county treasurer's seal. S. F. 90, providing for the supersedeas in cases appealed to the supreme court. The senate went into committee of the whole to consider bills on general file. S. F. 155, taxing the costs in criminal cases upon the defendant if he is guilty, and if the prosecution be malicious, the prosecuting witness; ordered engrossed. S. F. 118, if there are remonstrances against granting of salaried licenses, appeal may be had to the courts, providing that remonstrator give bond for \$50 for cost; indefinitely postponed. S. F. 148, providing for the annexing of territory to cities and villages situated in two or more counties; ordered engrossed. S. F. 190, providing for the appointment of a transient officer by school boards; ordered engrossed. H. R. 167, favoring the election of United States senators by popular vote; recommended for passage. A large number of bills were introduced.

The house entered upon the thirty-sixth legislative day on the 24. The attendance was irregular, some members being excused for sickness, others because of detention by the severe storm in their part of the state. The entire two hours was devoted to bills on second reading. No other order of business was reached.

Shortly after convening on the 24 the house took up consideration of H. R. 339 through the reports of the committee on cities and towns. The majority of that committee, McClay of Lancaster, Croysey of Jefferson, Ferrar of Hall, Cassell of Otoe and Roberts of Dodge, recommended the bill for indefinite postponement, and the minority, consisting of Gilbert and Nelson of Douglas, Sweezy of Adams and Beecher of Platte, recommended it for passage. A good deal of discussion took place. Loomis of Dodge vigorously pleaded for the bill. The principle involved in it he declared to be of the most vital concern to every taxpayer of Nebraska and added that it was more important than anything that would come before this legislature. For that reason he thought the house would seriously err if it summarily killed the bill. He said the opponents of the bill were not lacking in ability to discuss the measure in committee of the whole nor were its friends unable to hold up their end of the argument. No harm, therefore, could be done by placing the bill on general file. The vote to concur in the majority report was 53; against 38; thus the bill was killed. H. R. 26, by Gilbert of Douglas, the South Omaha charter bill, came back from the committee on cities and towns, by majority and minority reports. It was amended in a number of ways, the point of difference being the amendment providing for direct taxation of railroad terminals. The majority was against the clause and the minority, Gilbert, Nelson of Douglas and Sweezy of Adams, were for it. The majority report, that the bill, as amended, knocking out the taxation clause, was sustained. Among other amendments to the bill is one providing that the railroads keep up repairs on the viaducts, which clause was left out of the original bill. The Shelly bill, providing for a governor-appointed board of fire and police commissioners, was incorporated in the bill, as a compromise for the extension of the time of city election in South Omaha to the spring of 1904, instead of having it come off this year. A petition was read from the citizens of Franklin county, praying for an amendment to the revenue bill so as to elect county assessors for four years and employ subordinate assessors.

In the house on the 4th the judiciary committee reported for passage H. R. 4, by Nelson of Douglas, the measure providing a negotiable instrument law uniform with that of twenty-one other states. The bill was held up by the committee to hear from lawyers, the majority of whom are said to be in favor of it, while some bankers are said to be opposed to it, as it imposes more stringent regulations on the bankers in making out their protest papers. A resolution by Knox of Buffalo was adopted providing for the printing of 1,000 more copies of the general revenue bill, 1,000 copies already having been printed. These bills were passed; H. R. 112, by Deles Derner of Cass, the famous "bridge bill," that has occasioned more debate in the house than any single measure, without the emergency clause. H. R. 124, by Gregg of Wayne, increasing salaries of county superintendents in thirty-seven counties of the state. H. R. 187, by Robbins of Sage, providing for appointment of election officers by

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Passing of the Story Tellers.

Two of the best story tellers in the senate will return to private life with the passing of this congress. George Graham Vest of Missouri, whose wit and stories have enlivened the cloak rooms for the last twenty years, will end his public career, and at the same time John P. Jones of Nevada will retire. While Senator Vest was brilliant on the floor, he was wittiest in the smoking room. When surrounded by a group of appreciative listeners, he would tell stories and make jests by the hour. Senator Jones also has not kept his fun under a bushel. He is extremely serious and profound in debate, but in a free-and-easy discussion in the cloak room his quaint humor is second to that of no member of the senate.—Atlanta Constitution.

Evil Habits Spreading.

The steamship Siberia, which runs between San Francisco and the Philippines and China, provides four opium smoking rooms for its Chinese passengers "who can't get along without indulgence in the narcotic." Thus America not only transports its vices to semi-civilized countries and to the islands of the sea, but it is in a fair way to cultivate the bestial habits of those very countries which it invades.—Ram's Horn.

Mother Couldn't Object.

Little Chronicle: "Does your mother allow you to have two pieces of pie when you are at home, Willie?" asked the hostess. "No, ma'am." "Well, do you think she would like you to have two pieces here?" "Oh, she wouldn't care," said Willie confidentially, "this isn't her pie."

Country relations would be more warmly welcomed if they didn't always carry such horrible satchels.

WHEN YOUR GROCER SAYS

He does not have Defiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it up his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. Defiance Starch is not only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 16 oz. to the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

A Tattersall Romance.

The cook on one of our coasting boats sent for a 5s ticket in "Tattersall's" sweep on Caulfield cup. To the stewardess he said: "I'll give you half of whatever I win." On the arrival of the vessel at Townsville the other day a wire was waiting for the cook, and its contents advised him that he had drawn first prize—about 6,750 pounds net. He immediately sought the stewardess and advised her of his luck, at the same time saying: "I have to give you 3,375 pounds. What do you say to taking me and the lot?" The offer was accepted, and on the arrival of the vessel at Brisbane the pair are to be married.—Chronicle, Mackay, Queensland.



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