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The Semi-Weekly Tribune. LEGISLATIVE LACONICS. By a vote of 23 to 7 the senate passed the measure which provides for submitting to the people a proposition to hold a convention for the purpose of revising the state constitution. The question is to be voted on in the fall of 1896. Senator Aker's first irrigation bill, with an emergency clause, passed the senate Tuesday, receiving twenty-seven votes. This bill is copied after the Wright law of California. It has little or nothing to say in regard to water rights, as that subject is covered by a second bill. Its principal object is to provide for the organization of irrigation districts, to vote bonds for the construction of ditches or for buying ditches already constructed, and to provide for decreasing or enlarging such districts. After a long and exciting debate the bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale and use of oleomargarine has been recommended to pass and it will become a law. The bill does not really prohibit the manufacture of the article, but provides that it shall not be colored in imitation of butter. Boarding-house and hotel-keepers cannot use it without putting up a sign to the effect that the article on the table is not butter. Many amendments were offered intending to prevent farmers and creameries from coloring or adulterating butter, but none of them prevailed. It is not forbidden to farmers to color butter as they may wish. The Omaha people say it will absolutely prohibit the manufacture of oleomargarine at South Omaha, and that already manufacturers are preparing to move to Chicago. The bill now before the legislature in regard to the municipal ownership of electric light plants reads as follows: "Sub-div. 15. To erect and maintain gas or electric light works for the purpose of lighting, heating and furnishing motor power for such city; and to borrow and pledge the property and credit of the city upon its negotiable bonds or otherwise to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for such purpose; authority therefor having been first obtained by a majority vote of the electors of such city upon a proposition submitted in the manner provided by law for the submission of propositions to aid in the construction of railroads and other works of internal improvements; or to make contracts with and authorize any person, company or corporation to erect gas works, electric or other light works in such city, and give such person, company or association the privilege of furnishing light for the streets, lanes and alleys of such city for any length of time not exceeding five years."

For information regarding the Great Irrigation Bill of Lincoln Co., write the Lincoln Co. Immigration Association, North Platte, Nebraska.

A FREMONT firm is selling handkerchiefs for a penny a piece. There is, therefore, no reason for Col Hammond and Will Maupin using old flour sacks or swiping hotel napkins.

THE Grand Army reunion for the next five years will be held at Hastings, and it is safe to predict that the Queen City will entertain the veterans and their friends in a very creditable manner.

THE Republicans of Philadelphia elected Charles F. Warwick mayor of that city yesterday over Ex-Governor Pattison, by a majority of nearly 50,000. A desperate effort was made to defeat Warwick, but it failed.

CHURCH HOWE's failure to be re-elected commander of the Nebraska G. A. R. should not be taken as evidence that he is not popular with his comrades. The commandership is an honor that the veterans believe in passing around.

THE municipal reform movement is gradually moving westward and may strike North Platte some morning. It will probably not be long entertained by our people, as corruption is not supposed to actually exist in the management of city affairs.

EDITOR ELLINGHAM's pet object is to secure office for populist patriots, hence his objection to the abolition of the state oil inspection. THE TRIBUNE believes that the inspection as now conducted is practically valueless, and it would hold to that opinion no matter what party might be in power.

TREASURER BUCHANAN's reported interest money, now being used as a political boost for that official, sinks into insignificance when compared with the amount the pop commissioners have squandered during the past three years in awarding the county publishing to the Era at legal rates when other papers have offered to perform the work at one-third legal rates. It is a case of save at the spigot and waste at the bung-hole.

THE richest man in the next congress will be Mr. Sorg, of the Third Ohio district, whose wealth is estimated at \$15,000,000 and income at \$1,000,000. He is one of the thirteen democrats elected from northern states to the next house. As Mr. Sorg will soon hand in his check for \$30,000 to meet the income tax required by a democratic law he will hardly feel like advertising the financial activities and shadowy honor of running for governor of Ohio on the democratic ticket.

A practical and instructive way to test the faith and theories of the 16 to 1 free coinage silver advocates would be this. Now that the government is forced to borrow money to meet current expenses, why not issue two classes of bonds, one payable in gold and the other in silver, each having an equal time to run, and sell them on the market at a popular loan. That would enable the rich silver mine owners to "do something for silver" in a way to test practically their sincerity by purchasing the silver bonds in preference to those payable in gold. How many of them would prove their faith by their word?—Ex.

STRIKE IS SPREADING. New York Building Trades Take Up Electrical Workers' Fight. TWENTY THOUSAND OUT. Many Others Simply Awaiting the Word to Quit Work—Long Struggle Is Predicted and Both Sides Feel Confidence of Victory. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The strike of the building trades in sympathy with that of the electrical workers promises to surpass any other in the history of these organizations. It is not improbable that it will affect nearly 100,000. So far 20,000 men are out and the others are said to be simply awaiting the word. At noon today the workmen employed on the American Surety building and the addition to St. Luke's hospital quit work. It was announced that work would cease this afternoon on the new clearing house building in Cedar street. The board of walking delegates controls 25,000 men, all of whom will doubtless be called out. With these, over 60,000 mechanics, who are in no way affiliated with the organizations represented, will be idle. The state board of mediation and arbitration may be called in with a view of settling the difficulty. Pickets have been stationed by the strikers in the vicinity of every building where a strike has been declared or is proposed. A long struggle is predicted and both sides feel confident. CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. In the Senate. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—There were just 16 senators in the chamber when the 11 o'clock session opened today, and Mr. Wolcott (Rep., Colo.), suggested the absence of a quorum. The jingling of senate bells hurriedly assembled the senators, and 47 responded to the call for a quorum, two more than the required number. Mr. Irby (Dem., S. C.), presented the credentials of B. R. Tillman as senator from South Carolina for the term beginning March 4 next. Mr. Turpie (Dem., Ind.), offered a resolution from the committee on foreign relations expressing the high appreciation of the senate as to the distinguished honors accorded by the Mexican government on the occasion of the obsequies of the United States minister, Mr. Gray, and directing the secretary of state to forward copies of the resolution to the authorities of Mexico. The resolution was agreed to. The house joint resolution was passed for the suspension of certain features of the law authorizing the transportation of goods through the United States to the free zones of Mexico so long as the Mexican free zone law exists. The senate adopted a motion by Mr. Gorman to reconsider its action in adopting the conference report amending the income tax, and then took up the Indian appropriation bill. Gorman's purpose was to require corporations to make a report of all their high salaried officials. House Votes Against the Hawaiian Cable. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—In the house today the senate amendments to the bill authorizing the constructing of a bridge across Missouri river at Sioux City, were agreed to. The house then, by a vote of 114 to 102, refused to concur in the senate amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, appropriating \$500,000 to aid in the construction of a submarine cable from the United States to the Hawaiian islands. Pooling, Bankruptcy and Statehood Bills. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Now that there is no further prospect of action on the financial question in this senate, there has been a renewed interest in other general bills before the senate, including the pooling, bankruptcy and New Mexico and Arizona admission bills, but the special champions of each of these measures realize that there is but little prospect of favorable consideration of any of them, and only in the case of the territorial bills, of getting any of them up for consideration. In the matter of these bills, Senator Faulkner, who, as chairman of the committee on territories, has charge of them, says he expects to get a day for their consideration, but he does not believe the report will allow them to pass and that if they choose they can easily prevent this result at the present late day of the session. Senator George frankly admits that he sees no prospect of again getting up the bankruptcy bill. The friends of the pooling bill are more persistent than the advocates of the other bills mentioned, but they find obstacles in their way at every turn. Will Oppose Treasury Certificates. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The silver men have determined to fight the proposition for certificates of indebtedness in the sundry civil bill, and will carry their opposition to such lengths as will prevent the bill becoming a law if it is retained. A conference of silver senators upon this subject last evening developed great opposition to the certificate proposition, and the course of talking the bill to death in case the loan amendment was retained. Will Follow Germany's Action. PARIS, Feb. 21.—A deputation from the sugar growing districts of France and the French colonies waited on Premier Ribot and demanded that in order to avert the dangers to which the French sugar industry is exposed by a fall in prices, a surtax be placed on foreign sugars imported into France. In reply M. Ribot said that the council of state had decided that if the German reichstag should vote to pay bounties on sugar exported from Germany, steps would immediately be taken by the government to counteract the effect of such bounties on the French markets.

FINE AND IMPRISONMENT. Parisian Press Blackmailers Convicted and Sentenced. PARIS, Feb. 21.—The trial has been concluded of M. Raoul Caniveta and other representatives of the press of this city who were charged with blackmail, and sentences upon those convicted were pronounced today. M. de Clercq of the staff of the Nineteenth Century was condemned to 15 months imprisonment and to pay a fine of 200 francs. M. Girard, the manager of the Nineteenth Century, and M. Heftler, to two years in prison and 1,000 francs fine each. M. Camille Dreifus, a former member of the chamber of deputies, and late political director of the Nation, to one year in prison and 500 francs fine, and M. Edouard Portalis, formerly director of the Nineteenth Century, who fled to Antwerp when the blackmailing became known, to five years' imprisonment and 3,000 francs fine. The sentence of M. Portalis was by default. The arrest and conviction of these men grew out of the unearthing of a gigantic scheme of levying blackmail upon the managers of all the casinos and gambling clubs of France. It is also understood that real-estate financial institutions and other sound corporations long submitted to blackmailing operations in order to prevent the publication of articles of an unfavorable character. The stopping of the publication of social scandals is also said to have been a fruitful source of income. Result of a Lover's Quarrel. CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Minnie Dingat, a domestic, 21 years old, was shot and instantly killed by Joseph Wyman, a tailor, 25 years old, last evening at Wyman's home, No. 4577 Paulina street. Wyman then tried to commit suicide by shooting himself twice, once in the chest and a second time in the right shoulder. He was taken to the county hospital, where it is thought there was a chance for his recovery. The shooting was the result of a lover's quarrel. Three weeks ago, on the evening set for her marriage to Philip Worch, a bookkeeper, Miss Dingat jilted the bridegroom and fled to Waukegan with Wyman. Gentry Still Alive. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—James B. Gentry, the murderer of Actress Madge York, is still alive, and the chances are that he will recover, although it may be several weeks before he is well enough to be removed from the hospital. He has not gone through any of his insane antics since he made his statement yesterday to Magistrate Milligan, and what little conversation he has held since that time indicates that his mind is perfectly rational. The remains of Miss York were shipped to New York today. Services will be held at the Little Church Around the Corner and interment will be made at Woodlawn cemetery. Faro Bank Robbed by a Masked Man. TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 21.—Congress hall, one of the old-time establishments, was entered at midnight by a masked man, who held up the faro table. The game was in progress, when the dealer, George Hinton, saw a fellow enter by a side door with a mask covering his face. Hinton thought some practical joker was trying to have a little fun and when the robber covered him, Hinton pushed the gun aside. The robber did not utter a word, but shoved the gun up to Hinton's breast and with his free hand took about \$400 in gold. Those playing at the game did not move while the robbery was being committed. Fought Under Marco Bozzaris. SALEM, Mass., Feb. 21.—Frank Constantine Victorato died in his home in this city yesterday. He was about 98 years old. He was born in the Ionian islands and served in the Greek rebellion, which secured the independence of that country under Marco Bozzaris. He took part in the famous battle of August, 1823, when by a night attack the Greek army of 1,200 destroyed the Turkish force of over 4,000. Victorato always maintained that the accepted histories of that event were incorrect and that Bozzaris fell at the hands of his own men. Suffering in Western Kansas. ST. JOSEPH, Feb. 21.—B. W. Hyatt of Montgomery county, Kansas, is in this city soliciting aid for sufferers in that section and tells a pitiable tale of the sufferings of the people of western Kansas. Mr. Hyatt says the people of Montgomery and neighboring counties are eating horseflesh, being unable to get other food. Their cows are being trained to draw plows, etc., and by this means the farmers hope to be able to put in a crop this spring. Gunpowder Explosion at Fort Scott. FORT SCOTT, Kan., Feb. 21.—While preparing to retire, Frank Pfeiffer, aged 19, dropped a spark from his pipe into an open drawer in which some three pounds of gunpowder was placed. The explosion following wrecked the house, which was a large one, forcing the sides out from under the roof and probably fatally burning a young Pfeiffer. A brother in bed in the same room was blown up against a wall and badly hurt. Killed by an Officer. BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 21.—Policeman James Dwyer shot and instantly killed Owen Walsh, a miner, in Harrington & Driscoll's saloon here about midnight. A fight was in progress between two men in the saloon and the officer stepped in to quell it. Walsh cut him above the left eye with a knife. Murdered in His Store. ELLIOTT CITY, Md., Feb. 21.—Daniel F. Shea, a well known merchant of this town, was found murdered in his store on Main street here. Robbery was evidently the principal motive that led to the crime. Woodruff Trial Prolonged. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 21.—The latest news from Perryville is to the effect that the Woodruff trial will be prolonged on account of the slow work of impaneling a jury.

HARRY ON THE STAND. Defendant in the Gung Murder Trial Testifies in His Own Behalf. STORY OF THE ACCUSED. His Relations With Miss Gung Told in Detail—Evidence of Witnesses For the Defense Not Materially Shaken by Cross-Examination. MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 21.—County Attorney Nye resumed his cross-examination of W. W. Hayward, father of the young man accused of murdering Catherine Gung. He was quite unable to shake the old gentleman's story in any essential particular, although he demonstrated that the witness' memory as to dates and happenings at about the time of the occurrences he described was not of the best. It is a remarkable fact that thus far in the case, although both Nye and Erwin are adept questioners, neither has been able to shake the testimony of any of the witnesses on cross-examination. Mr. Nye tried to establish by the senior Hayward that on Dec. 6, three days after the murder, "Elder" Stewart had told him the story that Adry had told Stewart three days before the murder. Hayward Sr. was unable to remember when this conversation had taken place, except that it was after the murder. William Yale, a gunsmith, and Robert Weed, a jeweler, testified as to various kinds of cartridges, the weight of bullets, etc. Mr. Erwin succeeded in establishing that the fatal bullet was of the same weight as one taken from a 38 short cartridge. Bixt had testified that when Harry gave him the cartridges he had declared them to be 38 long. Mr. Nye strenuously, but in vain, objected to this evidence, and Mr. Erwin was jubilant at his success. At last Mr. Erwin said he had no other witness present, except the defendant himself. "Call Harry Hayward," he added. Defendant on the Stand. With his arms folded and a set expression on his face, Harry Hayward took the stand to battle for his own life. He said, in answer to the usual preliminary questions, that he was born in Macopin county, Illinois, 29 years ago and had lived in Minneapolis for 25 years. "Now," said Erwin, "Mr. Bixt has testified against you and Mr. Adry Hayward has testified against you. Have they testified correctly?" "They have not," responded the witness, setting his teeth. "Has the testimony of Adry Hayward, given here on the stand, been true or false?" "Almost wholly false." "Now," said Mr. Erwin, "I will ask you about all your relations with Miss Gung. State them fully to the jury." "Well," said Harry, in a reminiscent mood, "I was introduced to Miss Gung I think in January, 1894, by Mr. Speaker, at the boarding house. I met her at first perhaps as often as once a week. After awhile I met her as often as twice a week. Then you might say we began to be getting fairly well acquainted. Things went on in that way during April. We kept getting better and better acquainted all the time; more and more intimate. From July and August on through to December we were what you might call lovers, I suppose." "Now, I'll ask you if at any time while you were lovers there were any improper relations existing between you of any sort?" "No sir," was the answer given with more feeling than had yet been shown in any of the witness' answers. "She was a true and noble girl to the best of my belief both toward me and toward everybody else." "Now, did you go riding with her? Describe to the jury your intimacy with her." "Well, I've been every place with her. We've been just like any other young man and young woman." His Record as a Gambler. "Now, I'll ask you about yourself at this point and about your habit of gambling and card playing. Explain yourself fully; state everything." "Well, I suppose it's all so late and faro. I've gambled high, and lots of it. I acknowledge I tried to keep it from the public, but I don't try to disguise it from any young lady or young man who knew me intimately." "Now, at what points did you gamble?" "Almost every city in the United States; that is, every large city and many of the small cities. I've gambled in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Seattle, Alaska, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, Encinito, Tex.; Colorado Springs, Manitou, Glenwood Springs, Denver, Pueblo, Cheyenne, New Orleans, Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago." "There," said Erwin, "I guess you've named enough. Did Catherine Gung ever take part in your gambling?" "Yes sir. She with another young lady, another gentleman and myself, went into a restaurant and ordered a meal. It was an elaborate meal and it took some time to prepare it. It was right near a gambling house. We knew the young ladies real well, so we went out for awhile. I don't exactly remember whether Miss Gung was there that night or not, and if she was there I don't remember whether she went in or not, but one of the young ladies did and we did. I don't think she put in anything. If she was there she knew of it though." Harry then described the various winnings and losses he had made for Miss Gung. While in Chicago he had lost \$1,300. He explained the telegram he had sent from Chicago at length, and while in the midst of his explanations a recess was taken for dinner.

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