

STATE NEWS.

NEBRASKA MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Religious revivals are in progress in many Nebraska towns.

Scarlet fever is quite prevalent in South Omaha and some fatal cases are recorded.

Hubbell democrats held a caucus and determined whom they would have for postmaster.

Miss Mauida Peterson of Saunders county has been adjudged insane and taken to the Lincoln asylum.

C. W. McMillan, a student at the Peru normal school, has secured an appointment as railway mail clerk.

Fremont is having the greatest religious revival of the season, under the auspices of the Wilson family.

After suffering for months with disease Mrs. James Young of Wahoo passed away at the age of 78 years.

A Pawnee City man is to start a factory for the manufacture of a rubber roof paint of his own discovery.

Police of Lincoln raided the gambling dens of that place, capturing a large number of the light-fingered gentry.

A. C. Spandau, a druggist at Bruning was found dead in his store last week. The cause of his death is unknown.

Beatrice has been redistricted into six wards. The mayor vetoed the ordinance, but the council passed it over his veto.

The Norfolk News nominates Judge Powers for the position which will be made vacant by the resignation of Judge Allen.

Revival meetings are in progress at Beatrice, Fremont, Superior and other points in the state and many conversions are reported.

Senator Clark of the legislature is having a serious spell of sickness and will probably not be able to appear at Lincoln for several weeks.

Israel B. Edmiston of Omaha, while working about an elevator the other day, lost his life by being hit on the head by the descending slide.

The Mercer is Omaha's newest and best hotel, cor. Twelfth and Howard streets. Rates \$2 to \$4.50 per day. 150 rooms and 60 connected with bath.

Mrs. Crans, wife of John D. Crans, proprietor of the B. & M. depot hotel at Red Cloud, died very suddenly last week, after an illness of but a few minutes.

Dr. Ferd Brother of Beatrice, while getting into his carriage, was thrown down by the horses starting suddenly, resulting in breaking the doctor's collar bone and otherwise bruising him.

The banking board has been notified that the Farmers' bank of Laurel has been changed to the Farmers' State bank of Laurel. The State bank of Brunswick commenced business January 31, with a capital stock of \$10,000.

Articles of agreement were signed at Sioux City for a finish job to take place before the Omaha club February 28 between Jack Davis of Sioux City, formerly of Omaha, and Bob Ferguson, the Stock Yards giant of Chicago, for a purse of \$1,600, offered by the club.

Clay county's mortgaged indebtedness for the month of January is as follows: Farm mortgages filed, 37, \$42,088.41; satisfied, 54, \$48,765.47; city mortgaged filed, 6, \$2,010.40; satisfied, 15, \$4,767.66; chattel mortgages filed, 175, \$38,281.35; satisfied, 208, \$51,886.85.

The barn of Henry J. Higgins of Hastings was discovered to be on fire, and before the flames could be extinguished six head of horses and a large quantity of grain and hay and agricultural implements were destroyed. The loss will amount to about \$5,000, with no insurance.

Milton Brown, of Gering, is under bonds to appear at district court and show cause why he stole his neighbor's house. It was a log structure and it is alleged that Brown has the logs and the settler who was "out of town" when they were taken has no where to lay his head.

Governor Crouse has granted a pardon to Frank Holly, sent to the penitentiary from Douglas county for one year on the charge of forgery. The district judge, prosecuting attorney and a majority of the jurors who tried the case joined in recommending the pardon. Holly was only received at the penitentiary on the 19th of last month.

Sixty-six men and nine women gathered together in the United States court room in Omaha the other day, who were animated by the laudable desire to serve Uncle Samuel, for a consideration. The occasion was the civil service examination of applicants for positions in the Omaha postoffice as carriers, clerks and junior clerks or messengers.

Dr. G. S. Miles, a leading dentist of Beatrice, dropped dead last week of heart disease while smoking a cigar in a drug store. The deceased was a native of Jerseyville, Ill., and has been a resident of Beatrice about three years. He was widely known and esteemed. He was about 60 years of age and leaves a wife and several grown children.

A lodge of the Order of Eastern Star was organized in Schuyler last week by Miss Elfreda Wright, holding proxy of the grand matron, and H. S. Sprecher, holding proxy of the grand patron, the lady and gentleman being from Scotia, Neb. The officers, elective and appointive, were installed and ten were initiated. The name chosen for the lodge is Ruth.

SENATORIAL BOODLE.

A SENSATION IN NEBRASKA'S LOWER HOUSE.

The Sergeant-at-Arms Tells of Two Whom He Thought Could be Influenced for a Consideration—The House Passes the General Appropriations Bill—The Name of A. D. Beemer Sent to the Senate for Warden of the Penitentiary—Miscellaneous Matter in Both Branches.

Nebraska Legislature.

SENATE.—The senate on the 6th made no attempt to transact business and immediately after roll call and prayer took a recess until 11:45. Immediately after joint convention senate adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow. The joint vote for senator was without change from that of Saturday.

HOUSE.—In the house on the 6th bills were introduced: To create a county loan and abstract office; providing that counties may repeal township organization; amending the law relating to summons; authorizing the state treasurer to pay a reward of \$10,000 for the discovery of coal within the state of Nebraska; to regulate guarantee and indemnity companies; to promote the supply of gas in the cities; to purchase lands for the Hospital for the Insane at Hastings; to submit an amendment to the constitution providing that the legislature shall provide for the free instruction in common schools of all persons between the ages of 6 and 21. Mr. Howe introduced a bill to provide for a commission to revise the constitution. The appropriation bill was then considered. The first division taken up was the appropriation for the Institute for the Deaf at Omaha. Nason offered amendments to increase the amount appropriated for care of the inmates. He spoke vigorously as to the needs of the institution, but his arguments fell into ears as deaf as those of the inmates of the institution whose cause he was championing, and the bill stood as it came from the hands of the committee. The appropriations for the soldiers and sailors' home, the state board of transportation, the fish commission and the state university, passed without objection, except that in the case of the soldiers' home the sum of \$1,400 was added for repairs and improvements. The appropriation for the state university was lumped instead of itemized. Under the head of miscellaneous the sum of \$2,000 was added for the support of the State Historical society. Elder wanted to raise the appropriation of the fish commission. He thought the legislature needed all the fish it could get. It needed them for brain food, he said, and the members laughed. An unsuccessful attempt was made by Lingenfelter to tack on the inevitable appropriation of \$15,000 for the payment of bounties for the destruction of wild animals, but it did not go. The committee rose and the house ordered the bill engrossed.

SENATE.—In the Senate on the 7th a number of new bills were introduced and read the first time. After reading of bills the senate joined the house in joint session to ballot for U. S. senator, the vote resulting in the election of Judge W. V. Allen of Madison county, who received 70 votes, four more than was necessary. On reconvening counting of the votes of Douglas county was in order. Senator Lobeck moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to count and tally the votes. The motion prevailed. The chair appointed Senators Lowrey, Hale and Young to count the ballots in the Douglas county contest cases as per resolution. The time agreed upon for counting the ballots to be from 9 to 12 o'clock a. m., 1 to 6 p. m., and from 7 o'clock to 9:30 o'clock p. m. Senator Dysart arose and asked the privilege of introducing a resolution, and having obtained that privilege, he moved that the contest of the seats of the senators from Douglas county be indefinitely postponed. The motion was subsequently withdrawn and Senator Stuart moved that the committee on privileges and elections furnish the senate whatever evidence it may have. Senator Mullen offered a resolution inviting the members of the senate to attend a reception in honor of United States Senator-elect W. V. Allen, in representative hall. Adjourned.

HOUSE.—In the house on the 7th the morning hour was spent in reports of committees. After the joint convention the house took a recess until 3 o'clock. On reassembling bills were introduced: To provide for an exhibit of Nebraska swine at the World's Columbian exposition. To provide for the encouragement of the sugar beet industry and the payment of a bounty to the grower and producer of sugar beets. To establish a state board of undertakers and to provide for the better protection of life and health, and to prevent the spread of infective and contagious diseases, and to provide for a system of examination, registration and licensing of undertakers. An act to provide for the incorporation and the regulation of trust companies, and to define their powers, duties and responsibilities. To provide for the erection and equipment of a building upon the grounds of the state experimental farm, to be known as the state laboratory for the investigation of animal diseases. To submit to the electors of the state of Nebraska, for their approval or rejection, an amendment to the constitution of the state providing for the graduated taxation of land. Bills read a third time were: To allow children of school age of their home district to attend school at a nearer district. An act to amend section 5822 of the compiled statutes of the state of Nebraska of 1891, being a part of chapter 21,

entitled "Gambling, betting and lotteries," and for the repeal of said original section.

SENATE.—In the senate on the 8th a resolution that a committee of three be appointed by the president of the senate to count and inspect state school bonds and to report at an early day, was adopted. Bills were introduced: To amend the elections law. Relating to county attorneys and fixing their salaries. To authorize the county board of any county to employ assistance for the county attorney in certain civil cases. To establish a state board of undertakers, to provide for the better protection of life and health, to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and to provide for a system of examinations. To authorize county treasurers to invest the county sinking fund in registered county warrants when said warrants will be paid before the sinking fund therein invested will be needed to satisfy the obligations for which it is created. Senator Stewart offered a memorial and joint resolution, instructing the Nebraska senators and representatives in congress to vote in favor of submission of an amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people. A message was received in the house conveying the news that that body had concurred in the joint resolution providing for an adjournment from Friday, February 10, until Thursday, January 16.

HOUSE.—In the house on the 8th the following bills were introduced: Providing for the honorable discharge of A. J. Arnold as a first lieutenant of militia, he never having been discharged from three month's service in 1864, and appropriating \$375 in payment of his services and use of horses; amending the statutes as to revenue; amending the statutes as to incorporated charitable societies; amending the statutes as to taxes and lands. A resolution that a committee of three, no two of whom shall be of the same political party, be appointed to investigate and report to this house any bribery and criminal action on the part of any person or persons in the election of United States senator, was adopted. The house then went into committee of the whole for the consideration of bills on general file. The committee decided to recommend the bill for the payment of the bounties on wild animals after the members from the western part of the state had exhausted their eloquence in its behalf. Davies insisted that under a bounty law there were more rewards claimed in Cass county now than thirty years ago, and he said that it had become such a means of imposition that his people would not stand it any longer. Watson's bill providing for a supreme court commission was recommended for passage after it had been so amended that the members would be appointed by the court, and the three would be adherents of different parties.

SENATE.—In the senate on the 9th Gov. Crouse sent in the nomination of A. D. Beemer for warden of the Nebraska penitentiary. The matter of confirmation was put over one day. Consideration was given to the Douglas county contests. The following bills were introduced and read for the first time: To amend the consolidated statutes relating to public finance. To make the possession of a United States internal revenue license for the sale of liquors by any person charged with the violation of the state laws presumptive evidence of such violation. Two bills to amend the code of civil procedure. A number of bills were read the second time and referred.

HOUSE.—In the house on the 9th the general appropriation bill was passed. Howe introduced a resolution calling for the discharge of committee clerks in view of the fact that nearly all bills had been reported on and there was little left for them to do. Sheridan, Porter and Elder at once entered a violent protest, but Sherman and Suter endorsed the resolution and it passed overwhelmingly. The following new bills were introduced: To exempt from taxation the property of old soldiers, to the amount of \$1,000; appropriating money for the sinking fund of experimental artesian wells in certain counties of the state; limiting the salary of clerks of district court in counties containing metropolitan cities to \$3,000 and those containing cities of the first class to \$2,500, with necessary clerks to be provided by the county commissioners at not to exceed \$75 per month each; to redistrict the state into senatorial and representative districts; repealing certain sections of the law regarding building and loan associations; to amend the statutes relating to roads; to amend the statutes relating to tax sales; providing for the investment of sinking funds in county warrants; amending the statutes relating to corporations; relating to cities of the first class; to regulate the manner of voting for electors at corporate elections; appropriating \$15,000 for the national guard; to incorporate accident insurance companies on the assessment plan.

SENATE.—In the senate on the 10th reports were received from the standing committee as follows: Senate file No. 122, providing that a majority of the directors of any state bank doing business in this state shall be residents of Nebraska and that any failure to comply with the requirements of the act shall invalidate the articles of incorporation and render the stockholders liable as partners, was recommended for passage and placed on the general file. On motion of Senator North the senate agreed to proceed with the contest, and the county clerk of Douglas county was requested to produce the ballots cast in Jefferson precinct. Further proceedings were, however, interrupted by Senator Everett, who offered a motion that the

case be dismissed. The motion was put and thirteen senators voted for it and an equal number against it. Senator Lobeck, the only senator from Douglas county present who was affected by the motion, refrained from voting, although it lay in his power to dismiss the contest against himself. The lieutenant governor cast the deciding vote in the negative, and the fourth attempt to dismiss the contest failed. A communication from the governor was read, placing in nomination as members of the state board of education and normal schools: B. E. B. Kennedy, Church Howe and W. E. Majors. The nominations were referred to committee. The nomination of Allen D. Beemer to be warden of the state penitentiary was confirmed without a dissenting vote.

HOUSE.—In the house on the 10th Sergeant-at-arms Dungan made a statement in regard to attempted bribery. He said that two men offered him big prices for Thurston votes. Krick and Soderman are the gentlemen named. The statement of Dungan and the revelations that are likely to result from it were the chief subjects of conversation around the hotel corridors. Dungan, when he left the bar after giving the names of the representatives who accompanied him to room 1 in the Lindell hotel that night, said he had not refused at first to give their names because these gentlemen objected. On the contrary, both Soderman and Krick had insisted on his giving their names, and in compliance with their requests he had finally done so. Mr. Dungan said that he understood that the investigating committee desired him to give the names to the committee first and that they had also influenced him in at first withholding them. Soderman and the independents generally say that testimony will be forthcoming that will not only sustain Dungan in his statements, but reveal more than has been brought out.

Tiring the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The members of the committee investigating the whisky trust are becoming visibly weary of their task and it would be no surprise if they summarily dropped the subject. Revenue Agent Dewar gave some additional testimony today as to the indictment of Secretary Gibson of the trust and the discovery in his apartments of quantities of the explosive liquid which was to be used in destroying rival distilleries. When the meeting ended Chairman Bynum said: "I am beginning to think that this investigation is a mistake. We are getting little new evidence, and I do not intend to let the investigation drag along. I will probably wind it up by next Wednesday, certainly by the end of next week."

Will Raise the American Flag.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Secretary Foster of the Treasury Department has been notified that the American flag will be formally raised upon the Inman steamers City of New York and City of Paris at New York on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22. The event will be celebrated with great pomp. Many distinguished people have received invitations to be present. The President will himself pull up the flag. He will be accompanied to New York by all the members of his Cabinet, and on that occasion there will also be present the members of the Senate and House Naval Affairs Committees, distinguished members of Congress and the principal officers of the Navy Department or their invited guests.

Senator Allen is for Free Silver.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 10.—Judge Allen who was elected United States Senator left for his home yesterday. In an interview he intimated that he would vote with the Democrats in the organization of the next Senate. He said that his views on the tariff were in line with those of Grover Cleveland, but that he differed with the President-elect on the silver question and that he favored the free coinage of silver.

To Build State Elevators.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 10.—The Senate Grain and Warehouse Committee yesterday adopted a resolution directing that correspondence be begun with "The Governors of the States of North and South Dakota with a view to secure such legislation as will result in the construction of State elevators or grain houses at Duluth contiguous to each other for each of the three States and thus create a system of grain-houses for the Northwest that will place the farmers of this region beyond the control of the elevator ring which now monopolizes the market and breaks down the value of this great staple."

White House Reception.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Quarantine having been raised against the White House on account of the illness of Martha Harrison, the President to day resumed the afternoon public receptions, which were suspended because of the death of Mrs. Harrison. About two hundred people took advantage of the occasion to pay their respects to the Chief Magistrate.

Postoffice at the World's Fair.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Postmaster-General has issued an order establishing a postoffice in the government building on the Columbian Exposition grounds. The office is to be a branch of the Chicago postoffice and will be known as the World's Fair station. An allowance of \$4,400 is made for the pay of employes, and additional allowances will be made from time to time.

Chinamen Sent to Jail.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 10.—Two Chinamen, Sing Lee and Ling Jo were sent up for twenty days by the United States Commissioner Call under the Chinese exclusion act. They had been here about a week, preparing to open a laundry. They will be deported at the end of their sentence.

STARS AND STRIPES.

THEY NOW AFFORD PROTECTION HAWAII.

United States Minister Stevens in a Proclamation Assuming Protectorate Over the Islands and Hoisting the Old Flag—How the Matter of Things is Received—The Fire in a New Hampshire Asylum—Many Lives Lost—A Cabinet Crisis Imminent.

Under the stars and stripes SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. Feb. 10.—Anxiously expected steamer Arriving early yesterday from Honolulu bringing the first news of the events in the Hawaiian islands, the arrival of the commission, the provisional government to facilitate for annexation to the United States. The steamer brought important intelligence that on the inst. United States Minister Stevens issued a proclamation to the Hawaiian people, assuming a protectorate over the islands, and hoisted the stripes over Aliulani hall. The proclamation is as follows: To the Hawaiian People: On request of the provisional government of the Hawaiian islands I have the name of the United States of America, assume protectorate of the Hawaiian islands for the protection of life and property and the occupancy of public buildings and Hawaiian lands so far as may be necessary, for purpose specified, but not interfering with the administration of the affairs by the provisional government. This action is taken pending subject to the negotiations at Washington.

JOHN L. STEVENS, Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States.

Approved and executed by G. C. Wilkes, Captain United States Navy, commanding United States Steamer Albatross.

This act of the United States minister is generally accepted with pleasure by all except unqualified patriots, the queen, even including natives, is looked on as a friendly act for general good, not as an act of aggression. The United States flag raised over only one building, Hawaiian flag floating over all other government houses, and the provisional government continues to exercise its functions as before.

The British minister has recognized the provisional government as the de facto government of the islands pending further advice from his home government. Portugal, Japan have also recognized the order of things, so that now the government is recognized by all foreign powers having representation in the islands.

Matters have been moving quietly since the provisional government took hold. There were no demonstrations, however, when the steamer on the 1st inst., that there was discussion among the members of the executive council and it is believed arrangements have been made to Minister Stevens take full control pending negotiations with the United States. Martial law still prevails, and though no harsh measures, both natives and foreigners, have been made, and only the presence of armed men in the streets the usual quiet prevailed. Lines and sailors from the cruiser ton parade through the streets several times daily, but no open demonstrations on their presence are made.

Forty-four Asylum Inmates Crossed DOVER, N. H. Feb. 10.—The insane asylum four miles from Dover, N. H., last night and forty lives lost.

When Watchman William C. made his 10 o'clock rounds he discovered the fire coming out of the cell occupied by A. Lafamantine, a woman, and the alarm. William Driacoff, keeper, with his family, lived in the building, and he at once broke on fifty-four cells and tried to get inmates out. Then he got his wife and two children out. Of the eight inmates only four escaped. They were William Temby, Rosa S. Williams, William Daly and Frank D. The latter walked two miles in a blinding snow storm, with only his hat on, to William Horner's house, where he was taken care of.

The building was of wood, 100 feet, two stories.

One woman escaped to the yard and was burned to death afterward.

The building cost \$14,000. The main building, in which were the county poor were located, caught fire, but was extinguished by the efforts of the inmates, who carried buckets of water and extinguished the flames although many were injured in doing.

The Dover fire department was summoned, but owing to the distance the snow covered roads it took the department fifty minutes to get there. They were too late to be of any use. The smoking ruins showed charred bodies still burning. How the building caught fire is a mystery.

Rumors of a Cabinet Crisis.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—It was rumored midnight that the cabinet had resigned and to recommend to President Carnot that he summon M. Vainvaine to form a ministry.

Inquiry at authoritative sources disclosed neither confirmation nor denial. Should Cavagnac be called to form a ministry he would probably select his colleagues men who are not in the present ministry. It is believed, however, that Cavagnac's ambition to succeed Carnot and that he will be the premier.