

STATE LEGISLATURE.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE NEBRASKA SENATE AND HOUSE.

The New Being Acted Upon in Both Branches at a Live Rate—A Resolution Proposing Steps for Impeachment of State Officials and Ex-State Officials—The Omaha Charter Bill—Recovery of the Money Lost by the Failure of the Capital National Bank in Lincoln—Miscellaneous Legislative Notes.

Nebraska Legislature.

SENATE.—In the senate on the 13th, after assembling, the general appropriation bill was taken up. Senator ... offered an amendment to the appropriation for the state penitentiary, ...

HOUSE.—In the house on the 13th reports were received from the standing committees on the following bills: House roll No. 335, to amend the consolidated statutes with the recommendation that it be passed as amended; ...

HOUSE.—In the house on the 15th a resolution was introduced that a committee of five be appointed by the speaker, whose duty it shall be to immediately prepare such resolutions and take such other steps as may be proper for the purpose of instituting proceedings of impeachment against all state officials and ex-state officials shown by reports to be guilty of malfeasance or negligence sufficient to warrant prosecuting. ...

SENATE.—In the senate on the 14th house roll No. 33, the house committee maximum rate bill, was read the second time and referred to the committee on railroads; senate file No. 194, amending the irrigation laws was read the third time and passed; ...

HOUSE.—In the house on the 14th the following bills were passed: House roll No. 112, by Oakley, to provide for the education, support, maintenance, protection and detention of minors, by a vote of 61 to 3. ...

mittee of the whole, with Schappel in the chair, to take up house roll No. 111, by Watson, to provide for the punishment of murder in the first degree, and to abolish the penalty of death. ...

SENATE.—In the senate on the 15th the Omaha charter bill with amendments was considered. It required one hour and thirty-five minutes to read the bill. It was placed on its passage and received thirty-two votes and the president declared it passed with the emergency clause. ...

HOUSE.—In the house on the 17th the following bills passed: House roll No. 278, for the relief of Scott's Bluff county, Nebraska, and to appropriate \$7,493.73 to said county; ...

SENATE.—In the senate on the 16th, the committee on finance, ways and means reported the salary appropriation bill with the recommendation that it pass as amended. After the doors were opened the senate went into committee of the whole on the general file. ...

HOUSE.—In the house the following bills passed: To amend sections 3,700, 3,721 and 3,722 of subdivision xiv of chapter xiv of the consolidated statutes of Nebraska and to repeal the original sections amended; to provide clerks and assistants for the county clerks in counties having over 25,000 inhabitants and providing for same, by a vote of 59 to 11; ...

Betting and Lotteries." and for the repeal of said original section. Stevens call up his resolution calling for the appropriation of money to employ counsel to assist in recovering the money lost to the state by reason of the Capital National bank failure. ...

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BUSINESS MEN FOR CONSULS.

Mr. Cleveland's Idea of Extending Trade with Neighbor Republics. WASHINGTON, March 17.—President Cleveland has decided upon a line of policy to be pursued in the appointment of consuls which is expected to materially expand the trade of the United States with foreign countries, especially with South and Central American republics. ...

SCORED BY JOSEPH COOK.

Thinks All the Wickedness of the Earth Will Center in Chicago Next Summer. BOSTON, Mass., March 15.—At his regular noon lecture Joseph Cook took "Perils and Promises of the World's Fair, and Crime and Christianity in Chicago," for his topic. In the course of his remarks he said: "We are approaching in the World's Fair a jubilee of civilization, and it is our duty to see that it is not accompanied by a local carnival of crime. ...

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

WHAT ITS DELIBERATIONS FINALLY BROUGHT FORTH.

Its Labors Finished So Far as Reorganization of Committees of the Senate is Concerned—Sentiment in Favor of a Speedy Reorganization of the Clerical and Executive Forces of the Senate—List of the Committees as Finally Arranged.

The Senate Committee Arranged. WASHINGTON, March 15.—The democratic caucus finished its labors yesterday, so far as the reorganization of the committees of the senate is concerned. The session of the caucus was not so long as anticipated, despite the fact that there was some discussion on the question of reorganization of the elective offices of the senate. ...

The official list as given out by Mr. Gorman is as follows: On Agriculture—George, chairman; Bate, Ransom, Peffer, Roach; republicans, three. Appropriations—Cockrell, chairman; Call, Gorman, Blackburn, Brice; republicans, four. Contingent Expenses—White of Louisiana, chairman; Camden; republicans, one. ...

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GRESHAM ASKED TO INTERFERE

Protest Against the Proposed Treaty with Russia. NEW YORK, March 18.—A petition to Secretary of State Gresham against the Russian treaty has been signed by a large number of persons in this city. The petition in part is as follows: "It is evident that under the charge of attempted assassination any offender whatsoever, any patriot who has planned his country's liberation, and, perhaps, even persons in nowise implicated in political projects, whose sole crime consists in having failed to denounce their relatives and friends to the police, might under the terms of this treaty be seized on American soil and returned to Russia, to be dealt with under the penal code above cited. ...

More Trouble About Coal Rates.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 18.—Rumors are current here of dissatisfaction among the anthracite carrying roads. It is known that secret cutting of rates has been going on for a month. Some companies, according to an official of the Reading Road, have been selling at 25 to 50 cents below the schedule. This induced the reduction made by the sales agents on Tuesday. It is known that the Reading did not intend to reduce prices till April 15, but in order to maintain its trade had to meet the cut. ...

Got Little Satisfaction.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senator Palmer called at the White House today, accompanied by Congressmen Foman, Capps and Williams, to talk about appointments for the Southern district, but got little satisfaction. ...

Forecast in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—There is some reason to expect that the senate will enter in earnest this week upon the business for which it was called together. So far not a single nomination has been acted upon except the cabinet appointments. Excluding half a dozen army and navy promotions, there are now sixteen presidential nominations which have not yet been passed upon even in committee, and therefore it is unlikely that today's session will result in any confirmations unless the committees managed to meet in the morning. ...

Twenty-one Perished.

MADRID, March 20.—At 3 o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in a pastry cook's shop in Saint Sebastian. A keg of spirits exploded and spread the fire to the adjoining houses, which were densely tenanted. All the occupants were sleeping and the flames were around them before they could be warned. Two families on the top floor of a four-story house were suffocated in their beds. Fifteen persons jumped from the windows. Three of them were killed and three of them received mortal injuries. Altogether twenty-one persons are known to have perished and several others whose fate is unknown are believed to have been burned or crushed in the ruins. ...

Used Their Old Pew.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The president and Mrs. Cleveland attended religious services yesterday morning at the First Presbyterian church. During the latter part of his former administration, Mr. Cleveland was a regular attendant at this church. Soon after his inauguration he selected a pew, and each Sabbath morning, with but few exceptions, found him in his accustomed place. After his marriage, Mrs. Cleveland brought her letter to this church and was enrolled as one of its members. They will continue to use the pew which was formerly occupied by them. The church was filled with an unusually brilliant assemblage. ...

Americans' Rights Ignored.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Several representatives of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions visited Washington last week. They came from Boston, headquarters of the body with which they are connected, and had several interviews with Mr. Josiah Quincy, the acting first assistant secretary of state. The visitors were Dr. S. Judson Smith, jr., secretary of foreign missions; Dr. Edwin Webb of the presidential committee, and Rev. C. C. Tracey, a missionary whose station is at Marsovan, Turkey. They told Mr. Quincy that the Turkish officials interfered with the correspondence of the American missionaries in that country; that the missionaries were subject to much ill treatment by the natives, who were not restrained by the authorities, and that messages from United States Minister Thompson to the state department in Washington had never reached their destination from which he (Thompson) inferred that his mail was tampered with. ...

Tremont Temple, Boston, Burned.

BOSTON, MASS., March 20.—Fire broke out about 7 o'clock yesterday morning in Tremont temple, on Tremont street, opposite the Tremont house, and before noon the entire structure was gutted, entailing a loss roughly estimated at \$75,000. Fireman Patrick Dunn of engine 26 had a leg broken, and another man, name unknown, is reported to have been seriously injured. The fire in the temple was discovered by one of the guests on the fourth floor of the Parker house, adjoining. He had first been aroused by smoke and on going to his window was startled by seeing flames darting from the window fronting him. He thought it was the hotel, and smashing the glass on one of the signal boxes on his floor, sent in the first alarm. The hotel guests proceeded to remove themselves and their effects, and no mishaps are reported. The temple was a fiery furnace twenty minutes after the first alarm. Flames poured from all the upper windows, threatening the Burnham building, placing the Parker house and the Park hotel in danger in the rear and alarming the firemen lest it should get down among the rookeries on Providence court. ...

Railroad Managers at Chicago Have Decided to Recognize the Transcontinental Association.

Baltimore suffered a half a million dollar fire by the burning of Matthias, Ingram & Co's. building, manufacturers of tin japanned ware. ...