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## THE LEGISLATURE.

### What's Being Done by the State Law Making Body at the Capital.

Lincoln Feb. 10.—In the last two days, in which bills might be presented, the house received a total of 238 new measures, while there were 146 in the senate. This brings the total of bills offered in the house to 871 and in the senate to 457, a grand total of 1,328. The legislation offered in the closing days of bills introduction ranged all the way from a senate bill by Bartling to increase the pay of the governor to \$7,500 per annum to a house bill by Scheuth of Platte requiring each person selling eggs to stamp upon them their own name and the date they were laid in order that they might be returned to the original seller if unmarketable, no matter how far from the original point of production they might have been before reaching the consumer.

In the early days of the week the house was somewhat startled by a vigorous resolution introduced by Schipley of Dodge in which the activities of the telephone interests of the state were denounced as attempting to direct or control pending legislation and unnamed newspapers were alleged to be subsidized by these companies in their effort to direct legislation. The resolution called for a thorough investigation of all these allegations. The resolution was discussed, laid over to another day, and finally returned to its maker for revision. After subsequent introduction in somewhat milder form, a committee of three, with Schipley as chairman, was appointed to make the investigation and report to the house.

On Tuesday H. R. 3, by Fuller of Seward, was passed by the house by a vote of 51 to 40. This is Fullers county ownership telephone bill and provides that county commissioners may levy a tax for the purpose of establishing a county telephone system. The bill received the recommendation of the committee of the whole by a vote of 70 to 18, but on its final passage support for the bill had dwindled until but 51 could be polled for it, thus passed by the bare number of votes required.

On Wednesday the senate passed the Bartling so-called "Sunday base ball" bill by a vote of 24 to 8. This bill permits the playing of Sunday ball, unless forbidden by an adverse sentiment in the localities, to be expressed by city or village officers, or the county commissioners, as the case may be. On the same day the house ratified the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing for the direct election of United States senators.

On Thursday the house had under consideration in committee of the whole two important proposed amendments to the state constitution, the one offered by Bollen of Knox, providing for a new method for the submission and adoption of future proposed constitutional amendments, and further provides that a majority, as voting on the amendment only shall be sufficient to adopt it, regardless of the total vote cast at the election at which it is submitted. This is a most radical departure from any previous proposed method of amending the constitution, as heretofore a majority of all votes cast at an election must be recorded in favor of an amendment before it could be adopted, whereas the Bollen bill provides that a mere majority voting directly on the amendment shall be sufficient to carry it. This will make it almost as easy to amend the constitution of the state as to change a village ordinance. The other important amendment to the constitution was the Norton Bill to change the present constitutional theory of taxation, based on the uniform taxation of all property, to a new system, including an income tax, and the inclusion or exclusion of any class of property for taxation as statutory law might in the future direct. Both of the above constitutional amendment proposals were recommended to be placed on their final passage by unanimous vote. The senate passed the Bartling bill, S. F. 18, providing that citizens absent from home on election day could vote wherever they might be, and have the vote transmitted by mail or their home voting precinct.

During the week both houses got down to the real work of passing bills, the senate closed the week with a record of a total of thirty-one bills passed while the house registered twelve bills on which a final vote had been taken.

Of these measures only three had passed both houses and been sent to the governor. Of these two were house rolls 8 and 9, which carry the solar and expense appropriations for the legislature, the only other is H. R. No. 1, which is the bill adopting the work of the state codification committee, which for the last two years has been engaged in codifying the statutes of Nebraska. The work was found to be well done and was unanimously adopted by both houses as the law of Nebraska. The bill to ratify this action is now in the hands of the governor for his signature.

Among the bills passed by the senate, and sent to the house for concurrence, the following may be of interest: S. F. 2 by Smith, 2 per cent occupation tax on express companies; 11 by Bushee, punish theft of water from irrigation ditches; 22 by Krumbach, requires pardon board to give notice to county attorneys and judges before hearing applications; 27 by Schumway, state aid for high schools teaching agriculture; 28 by Bartling, Sunday base ball bill, 43 by Smith, state engineer furnishes all plans for all bridges; 53 by Dodge, minors not to be employed in saloons, barrooms or

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night messengers; 64 by Hoagland of Lancaster, regulation of cold storage warehouses and food kept therein; 105 by Kemp making it felony to take opiates, intoxicants, firearms or explosives into penitentiary or a county jail; 119 by Bushee, penalty for fraudulent advertising of real estate; 123 by Hummel, prohibits agricultural societies from receiving larger amounts of county aid than represented by their annual amount of premiums paid.

In the house H. R. 22 by Elwood, Village trustees required to organize on first Tuesday in May; 46 by Bollen, constitutional amendment permitting verdict by five-sixths of the jury in civil cases, and in criminal, where not felony; 68 by Wood, permits shool levy of 35 miles on the dollar; 84 by Anderson of Kearney, allows farm mutual insurance companies to insure implements and vehicles; 151 by Knudson, removes in part the present legal exemptions as to wages due to a wage-worker; 166 by Banks, a joint resolution to ratify the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing for the direct election of United States senators.

The very limited number of bills disposed of leaves a total of almost 1300 to be considered and acted upon in the less than 40 remaining days of the session. When it is recalled that an average of something like 200 to 250 proposed bills become laws during a session of the legislature, the citizen interested in some specific measure may easily figure the slight chances for success of his bill unless it be one of unusual public importance and well in line with the general trend of legislative thought. To make a mathematical statement based on past experience, the indications are that an average of two bills out of every 13 proposed will probably pass at the present session.

### HELVEY NEWS BUREAU.

#### How Is Your Boiler?

It has been stated that a man's stomach is his boiler, his body is his engine and his mouth the fire box. Is your boiler (stomach) in good working order or is it so weak that it will not stand a full load and not able to supply the needed energy to your engine (body)? If you have any trouble with your stomach Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. Many very remarkable cures of stomach trouble have been effected by them. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

#### A Permanent Income Tax

Globe Democrat: Representative Hull of Tennessee is undoubtedly correct in his prediction that an income tax will be an integral feature of the American fiscal system. England and many other European countries have had such a tax for many years. In some of these nations this is made the elastic form of taxation, being lowered or advanced to meet surpluses or deficits. Such a handy tax as this will be likely to be a fixture with us in these days of Million-dollar sessions, when the tariff and the internal imposts prove insufficient to meet the regular outlay. In a country which grows at the rate of 1,600,000 population every year, the cost of maintaining its government must necessarily increase pretty steadily, even if there be a sincere de-

sire for economy, and economy in governmental expenditure is not a popular fad among legislators in these days.

"One of the important results of an income tax will be the curbing of unnecessary expenditures," says one of the Democratic leaders. When a great part of the government's income is derived by a direct tax upon the citizens of the nation they will scrutinize more carefully the appropriations made by Congress. The chances are that this is a mistake. The income tax will strike only a comparatively small portion of the people. The great mass of the population will escape it. Though in theory one of the most equitable of all imposts, it is necessarily a class tax. The element which will not have to pay any of it will not be likely to ask to have it diminished. A more probable effect of the tax will be that it will help to create surpluses in the treasury, and as there has always been a strong prejudice in the United States against treasury surpluses, as those persons will recall who remember the flush days of Republican ascendancy of twenty or twenty-five years ago, extravagance will be a more probable result from them than economy.

However, we have adopted the old European idea of direct taxes, and neither party can rightly claim the credit or the discredit for it. The proposition was urged on Congress by Mr. Taft, and by a Congress Republican in both branches it was handed over to the states by a virtually unanimous vote of each chamber. It has received the sanction of Republicans as well as Democratic states, by the state, New York, which will pay a much larger proportion of it than any other, and by the first state, Delaware, which ratified the federal constitution, a century and a quarter ago, as well as by the two latest which were admitted to the council of the commonwealths, New Mexico and Arizona which made their advent in 1912. It is backed by the voice of thirty-eight states, and probably will be accepted by some of the other ten, although it already has two more than the necessary three-fourths. The entire nation is behind it. Although Mr. Taft and doubtless most of the Republicans in Congress who voted to submit the question to the people, supposed that an income tax would not be enacted except in some crisis which would make a serious drain upon the country's resources, as a foreign or civil war, in which exigency it would be a decidedly welcome asset for the government, we are likely to be saddled with it now for all time.

## CANCER

### Burlington Specialist.

Dr. W. R. Bolding, the Burlington, Iowa, Cancer Specialist will be in Elwing, Neb., the first week in March. Any one suffering from this dread disease should not miss this opportunity of a free consultation with this well known doctor. Modern methods, combined with recent discoveries, are used exclusively and with the greatest success. Adv.

### Inman Items.

Earl Green is here visiting his parents and other relatives this week.

Mrs. Grant Davis and children of Stafford visited with relatives in Inman Saturday.

Miss Jessie Bergstrum of Stafford spent Sunday visiting friends at Inman.

Mr. and Mrs. William Simmerman and family have moved into their new home this week.

Clifford Smith of Chadron visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams of Chambers visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wilcox last Sunday.

Mrs. Nelson VanEvery who has been in Weeping Water with her mother who is very ill, returned home Saturday.

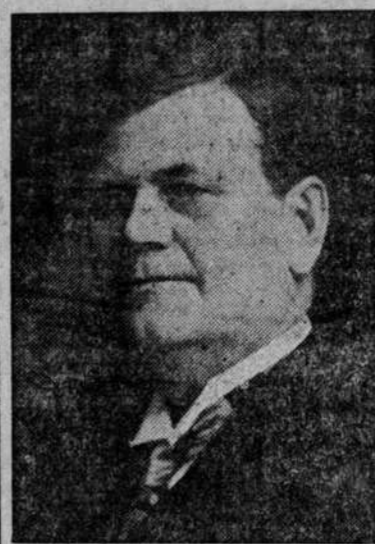
Daniel O'Donnell, who has been visting with relatives in Manitoba, Canada, the past month returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. Martha McCutchen, who spent the past month with Mrs. Wadsworth at Stuart, returned home Monday morning.

Grace Keyes, who is teaching school near Stuart, was home over Saturday and Sunday visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Downey and sons Ora and Dale who have been visting in Iowa and Missouri the past six months returned to Inman last Friday.

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# Public Sale!

5 miles north of Dorsey, 6 miles east of Redbird on the Niobrara river

## Thursday, Feb. 20

12 head of horses, 90 head of cattle, 20 shoats, farm machinery, etc., 1200 bu. of corn, 100 bu. of fall rye, 25 tons of upland hay, household goods, and other articles.

## NICK WHITE

Col. M. T. Elliott, F. L. Bates, Auctioneers, F. W. Phillips, Clerk

# Joint Sale!

At the E. D. Henry farm 8 miles north and 7 east of O'Neill, at 10 a. m.

## Friday, February 21st

16 head of horses, 19 head of cattle, 35 head of hogs, farm machinery, etc. 350 of corn, some good seed corn household goods, etc.

## BRENTSON & HECKMAN

Col. M. T. Elliott, Auctioneer. S. J. Weekes, Clerk

# Public Sale!

3 miles north and 1-2 east of O'Neill

## Tuesday, Feb. 18

29 head of cattle, 10 head of horses, 30 shoats, farm machinery, etc., 50 bu. of potatoes, 25 tons of baled hay.

## Lawrence Barrett

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