

OUR LINCOLN LETTER

Legislative Movements at the Capitol still Doing Bills with Much Debate.

THE CENTENNIAL DISCUSSION

The Governor and Staff Will Attend the Inaugural Centennial, But No Other Display Needed.

Polk's Prospective Bill.
LINCOLN, Jan 29, 1889.

EDITOR HERALD:—As usual, Monday was a dull day in either house. The house was in session earlier than the senate, but did not accomplish more, the latter body pushing business until about 6 o'clock. Senate file No. 45 was recommended back to the Senate from the committee of the whole to pass as amended. The joint resolution of Senator Norval to submit to the electors of the state at the next general election an amendment to the constitution to make all elections on constitutional amendments special elections, was thoroughly discussed. Norval and his adherents claimed that at general elections local interests so overshadowed the amendments submitted that the latter often failed of passage simply by reason of the voters voting neither way, and as it is necessary to have a majority of all votes cast to carry amendments, and not a majority of those voting one way or the other on such subject, it would be much better to have such elections special elections, when people had nothing else to think about; and further, the supporters of the resolution claim it would take all constitutional amendments out of the domain of politics. The opponents claimed that if special elections should take the place of general ones, for voting on amendments, many would not come out to vote, especially the farmers, thus placing the constitution and amendments thereto in the hands of residents of cities and villages. Church Howe attempted to get off his old gag about "us farmers," "we farmers," etc. Many senators expressed by their looks, if they did not voice with their tongues, "chestnuts." The resolution was finally postponed until a future day, when if it passes at all, we think it will be so amended as to have constitutional amendments voted on at general elections but have a separate box and ballots provided for such questions. Twice during the short afternoon session the private secretary of the governor interrupted the proceedings with a message relating to the report of John L. Webster, as Nebraska's commissioner to make arrangements for the proper celebration of the centennial of Washington's inauguration, to be held next April in New York, and the recommendations accompanying such report. All legislators we have interviewed express themselves as opposed to a large appropriation of public money to assist in an extensive display at New York. Said one: "I think a sufficient sum should be appropriated to defray the expenses of the governor, his staff and the commissioner at the centennial, but further than this, I am decidedly opposed." The efforts of Commissioner John L. Webster to surround himself with a body guard of state militia while in New York next April, at the expense of the taxpayers of this state, is meeting with no approval from members, as far as we can learn. We suggest such money might be used to better advantage in internal improvements. Our John L., like his more illustrious namesake, is awakening to the fact he has not the world by the heels just yet. The confirmation of Dan Hopkins as warden of the penitentiary was not unanimous as reports would indicate.

This morning the house passed the twin bills repealing the law allowing judgment debtors in either justice or district courts, where the judgment is on a labor debt, to stay execution by giving bond. The bill restricting the future division of counties unless the new counties should contain not less than 576 square miles was finally killed in the house. The bill to exempt honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines in the service of the United States during the war of the rebellion, from poll tax was passed with an amendment including within the exemption all persons physically unable to perform labor on the public roads. Those who have clamored for an exemption from taxation four or five hundred dollars worth of personal property of such persons are brought face to face with the fact that such exemption is plainly unconstitutional and the framers of bills in that direction are now taking a quiet sneak, resting from their labors. We believe it safe to say not one person in

twelve, takes the trouble to ascertain whether or not it conflicts with the constitution. Debate this afternoon over the measure in the house relative to oil inspection became quite warm. The representative from Knox claimed that as the law now stands it gave a monopoly of the oil business in smaller towns to the rich individual or firm, working a hardship to consumers. People cling to the galleries and try to worm themselves into the house lobby in hopes to hear something on submission. For the benefit of such we will say submission will not be called up as long as Fuller, of Sherman county is too unwell to sit in the house and cast his vote. The submissionists must have Fuller's vote to carry their measure and besides must forgo one or two other votes of the enemy. To try strength with one vote, safely counted for submission, absent, would be foolhardy in the extreme and a waste of time. We have seen a bill formed by Hon. M. D. Polk, but not yet introduced, requiring officers of the executive department and of all the state institutions, when making the report to the governor as required by the constitution, to include in such report a full and complete schedule of all personal property belonging to the state in such institutions or under their control, and to account for the loss or disposition of any such property since their last report or the last report of their predecessor in office, and attaching the penalty of perjury to a false report by such officers in this regard. This is a good bill, which if passed and enforced, would stop many quite large leaks in the state treasury.

Judge Newell, L. C. Stiles, T. L. Murphy and L. C. Mercer, of Plattsmouth, and Hon. Orlando Teft, of Avoca, were seen in and about the capitol this week. TRANSCIENT.

Kearney Real Estate.
KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 30.—Considerable excitement exists here today over the unprecedented result of yesterday's sale of lots in West Kearney. Without previous advertising the company offered 800 lots in the business portion of the new town at \$250 each. All were sold before two o'clock. The price was then raised \$50, but the demand continued. The total sale reached nearly \$150,000, about 1,000 lots changing hands. Today the purchasers are actively engaged in paying the stipulated deposits, all the sales holding good. The plan of sale was average lots apportionment to occur when the plat is furnished. These sales are all bonafide, mostly to residents of Kearney and vicinity. It shows the great faith of the residents in the future city. One lucky purchaser sold an option on his yesterday purchase of twenty-five lots for a bonus of \$500. Several new enterprises have been secured already by the management. A woolen manufacturer was here today prospecting for a site, to change his location from elsewhere in the state. One architect's office has plans in progress for over \$200,000 of new buildings to be erected this season. Real estate is very active outside of West Kearney transacting. A regular boom has been precipitated without the anticipation of even the real estate dealers.

Assaulted By Highwaymen.
WATERLOO, Ia., Jan. 31.—A few nights since Marion Long and Miss Menerva Corbett of Harrison township, Benton county, were driving home from an entertainment at Vinton, when at a lonely spot they were attacked by roughs. Mr. Long received a blow on the head which stunned him. The horses, however, started ahead and before the assailants could get into the vehicle he had recovered his senses, and putting the whip to the horses attempted to escape. Several of the attacking party were on horseback and they overtook Long and renewed the assault, even following him into a farmer's yard. The family were aroused and as they came to the door the roughs fled. Long's face was badly cut and bled profusely. Several persons have been arrested, but the two parties who are believed to be the most guilty have left the county. Long had quite a sum of money in his possession, and it is believed that the assault was for the purpose of robbery.

A Little Outcast.
DAVID CITY, Neb., Jan. 31.—On Sunday night two weeks ago a baby boy was left on the door-steps of an honest carpenter living here, named O. L. Russ. A card was pinned to its clothes stating that it was born December 8, 1888. Mr. Russ and wife have adopted it, as they have no children. No clue to its maternity has been found.

OVER THE COUNTRY

Casualties Crime and Happenings of Yesterday.

STREET-CAR DRIVERS' STRIKE

Hon. John M. Clayton Assassinated in His Room—The Admission Bill Discussed by Tripp.

The Strike in New York.
New York, Jan. 31.—New Yorkers were compelled to foot it again this morning, at least that portions whose places of business are located on the districts remote from the elevated roads. The Twenty-third-st. line was tied up this morning and it was reported that the Bleeker-st. road would be tied up too before the day was far advanced. The stables of the Sixth Avenue road presented a deserted appearance at daybreak. None of the strikers were to be seen and only a few ready policemen were on guard. Supt. Moore informed your reporter that the company would attempt to run all the cars it could man today.

On some of the street corners along the line of the road a few strikers were assembled discussing the outlook. At the stables of the Broadway and Seventh avenue railroad company all was quiet. Of course there were knots of strikers here and there in the vicinity and along the side streets, but up to 9 o'clock interference by the police had not been called for. Posted in the window of the starter's office was the following notice: "All employees of this company who do not report for duty Jan. 30 before noon will be discharged and paid off Jan. 31. Those who do report will be given employment in the usual course of business, and shall be given full protection in the discharge of their work." This notice is signed by Superintendent Newell. The strikers keep pretty well posted regarding the situation throughout the city.

During the day several encounters occurred between the strikers and the police, resulting in a number of bruised heads and a few arrests. But tonight all is quiet, and the situation is practically unchanged, though there are rumors of still further extensions of the strike, some asserting that it will involve the elevated roads unless a promise is soon effected.

Hon. John M. Clayton Assassinated in His Room.
St. Louis, Jan. 31.—A Post Dispatch special from Fort Smith, Ark., says a large number of citizens of that city signed a denunciation of the assassination at Plummerville, last night, of John M. Clayton, and subscribed to a fund to be offered as a reward for the arrest and conviction of the assassin.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.
LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 31.—A Gazette Plummerville, Ark., special says: Hon. John M. Clayton was shot in his room at his boarding house at 9 o'clock last night. He was pacing the floor, and walked toward the window when a load of buckshot was fired through the window striking him in the neck and killing him instantly. There is no clue to the perpetrator of the outrage.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION.
LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 31.—A bill was presented the senate today authorizing the governor of offer \$5,000 reward for the arrest of the murderer or murderers of John M. Clayton, and it was made the special order for tomorrow.

Judge Tripp on the Admission Bill.
YANKTON, Dak., Jan. 31.—Chief Justice Tripp, of the territorial supreme court, arrived home yesterday from Washington, where he went in the interest of division and admission as one of the delegates named by the Mitchell democratic statehood convention. In an interview last evening he said that Dakota had many friends in both houses of congress, and he is certain that Mr. Springer will make any reasonable amendments to have the omnibus bill become a law at this session.

Judge Tripp says the senate committee is very friendly. He was before the committee and the members are well disposed toward Dakota. He thinks the committee will report and ask the senate to notify the house of any disagreements as to the amendments made by the house, and ask for a committee of conference will put the bill in such shape as to be acceptable to both houses and that it will thus become a law. He believes that unless embarrassed by adverse action to the bill in Dakota, and by the indiscreet acts, suggestions, and proposed amendments of impractical

persons at Washington, the Springer bill with satisfactory amendments, will become a law at this session, and that both North and South Dakota will be admitted this year. If not admitted now, he doubts very much if any bill can be passed by the next congress for division and submission. Judge Tripp and those who accompanied him rendered valuable assistance before the house committee and he would have remained to see the bill acted upon by the senate had it not been for the coming term of the supreme court at Bismarck that must necessarily have his attention.

Archduke Rudolf Dead.
VIENNA, Jan. 30.—Arch Duke Rudolf, the Austrian crown prince and heir apparent to the throne, died suddenly today. The crown prince died at Mierling, near Baden. His death is supposed to have been caused by apoplexy.

The official announcement that apoplexy was the cause of death has modified the alarm of the populace arising from a rumor that the prince had been killed while out shooting, as he went on a shooting excursion to Meyerling on Monday, accompanied by several guests. On the announcement of death the reichsrath adjourned amid great excitement. The court theatres and all places of amusement are closed this evening.

A Postal Clerk Arrested.
St. Louis, Jan. 30.—Postoffice inspectors today arrested Eugene J. Gannon, a postal clerk on the Cairo Short Line, running between St. Louis, and Dugoin, Ill., on the charge of abstracting a lottery ticket from a letter addressed to ex-Postmaster Hays of St. Louis, and selling the same to W. F. Edell, a prominent business man of Dugoin. The ticket drew \$1,250, and when Hays attempted to compel the lottery company to show cause why his ticket had not arrived, the theft was discovered.

Another Coal Find.
CARLETON, Dak., Jan. 31.—R. J. Feenstra, a farmer living seven miles from this city, on Platte Creek, while digging a well struck a vein of bituminous coal at a depth of forty feet. Nearly a wagon load was taken out and it burns freely, leaving very little ashes or clinkers. The find is near the famous "burning bluff" or "volcano" that attracted so much attention a few weeks ago, and which is still believed by many to be a bed of coal on fire.

Don't Invest
In a certificate of deposit of Bank of Case County of Plattsmouth, Neb., to J. C. Rakes deceased, dated May 16, 1887, for \$640.00, No. 3416, as the same has been stolen from said deceased about the time of his death; any transfer thereof is forged and not genuine and the payment of the same will be contested by the estate. BENJ. ALBIN, Administrator.

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No. 5.—6:47 a. m. No. 6.—7:13 p. m.

No. 7.—7:30 p. m. No. 10.—9:30 a. m.

No. 9.—8:37 p. m. No. 11.—6:27 a. m.

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