

MORE FROM THE LAW MAKERS

Hon. M. A. Bates Writes Letter to Journal Readers

Lincoln, Jan. 25, 1908. The past week has been a busy one with the lower house of the legislature, and quite a number of bills have been passed and many gone through the first reading. While the Senate adjourned Friday noon until 2:30 today, the House members refused to cease their work until Saturday noon, and then many of them wanted to keep on with their work until five o'clock before adjourning.

There has been several more guaranty bank bills introduced but none with the immediate payment clause incorporated therein. In an interview with a majority of the members, we find that the immediate payment clause is what they will demand.

The bill restoring the old law in reference to county commissioners—each commissioner to be elected in the district in which he resides—will be passed. Also a bill giving back to the people the right to elect their own assessors instead of the present method of appointing them.

Every democrat in the house and Senate is determined to carry out the pledges made in the democratic platform, although there will be a desperate effort made on the part of the opposition to keep them from doing so.

Senator Farmer has introduced a bill in that branch of the legislature giving the governor the power to designate the papers in each county in which all proposed constitutional amendments shall be published. The secretary of state is now empowered with this authority. There will be several other bills introduced in a few weeks which, if passed, will prove of great benefit to the democratic papers of Nebraska.

The republicans are doing a great deal of dismal howling in reference to the employes in the Senate and House. The fact is they are getting rid of a lot of employes which Governor Sheldon placed on duty immediately before he retired from office, and these fellows are given the grand bounce. In looking over the records of the legislature two years ago, we find that the present session does not near come up to the legislature of two years ago in the number of employes. They are only hoping that the present House and Senate will over reach their record in expenditures. It is estimated that one and a half millions in appropriations will be asked by the various state institutions, about \$400,000 by the State University. But there are some very shrewd members in both the House and the Senate and they are truly termed the "watch-dogs of the treasury." They are onto their jobs.

Under the law introduced by Governor Sheldon when he was in the senate a few years ago, all who come here to lobby have to register their names with the secretary of state before they can ply their vocation. Several have already com-

plied with the law, and as time goes on many others will follow suit. Such a law should never have been permitted to have disgraced the statute of Nebraska. It simply permits lobbying. What does a professional lobbyist care for this little piece of red tape when he desires to perform his work for which he is paid by the corporations?

Speaker Pool is a busy man, and as regular as clock work in calling the house to order at the hour to which it had adjourned. Charley is making good as speaker, and he has so controlled this body as to make every member his friend. Affordable with all it would be impossible for him to be otherwise. Tremore Cone, chief clerk, and Henry Richmond, chief enrolling and engraving clerk, are also to be commended for their prompt and efficient business qualities.

Hon. W. J. Bryan lectured yesterday (Sunday) afternoon at 3:30 at the Oliver theater on Missions. By special invitation the members of the legislature, those who were in the city, attended in a body, but when we arrived at the theater there was a larger crowd already gathered on the outside more people than would fill the house to the dome. When the doors were opened they made a grand rush like so many stampeded cattle. We happened to get a seat in "nigger heaven" and the people were jammed in like sardines in a box and some of us concluded to step down and out for our own comfort. It looks to us that if the management desired the attendance of the legislature they could easily have reserved a few seats for them. But the immense attendance shows that Mr Bryan has not lost any of his popularity in Lincoln.

Attorney D. O. Dwyer was here Friday attending to some matters before the supreme court, and dropped in to see us.

There has been a bill introduced in the House to increase the salaries of county clerks, but those who have seen this bill say they will vote against the proposition. As I have not yet seen the bill I will wait until I have read it before I give an opinion.

In regard to the bill taking the salary away from the sheriff's office and putting it back on the fee system, many favor the bill, while others favor a bill compelling the sheriff to perform his duties in serving papers, or pay for doing this work out of his own pocket. This would stop the placing and serving papers which he ought to serve in the hands of constables and the bill for so doing paid by the county, while the sheriff sits back on his dignity and enjoys his salary.

A great deal of work has been planned for this week, and it is thought they will keep in session until Saturday noon and maybe Saturday night.

M. A. B.

Good Citizen in Town.

B. C. Marquardt, the enterprising and prominent business man of Avoca, spent last night in the city, coming up from Omaha yesterday afternoon on the Schuyler and returning to his home by the same route this morning. Mr. Marquardt was the guest of Sheriff Quinton for supper last evening. He is one of the most prominent men in his section of the county and is quite well known generally throughout this section where he has a host of friends. He had some business matters which required his attention here. Mr. Marquardt has been in business in Avoca for many years and during his long residence there he has made himself a reputation for sterling honesty, uprightness and integrity which none could excel. His business interests in his home town are extensive and he is one of the sort of men who make a city a good one. While here he met several of his old friends whom he had not seen for some time and the meeting was pleasant alike to all.

Complete New Residence.

John W. Kinser, the plasterer and mason has just completed the task of plastering the fine new residence of George Wiles southwest of the city. As is always the case with Wesley's work, Mr. Wiles is more than pleased with it as it is in line with the rest of the work on his residence which is a very fine structure. Mr. Wiles has built a modern, up-to-date house in every respect, the same being handsomely finished

in expensive woods and the walls finished in the latest and best method. It is heated throughout with a fine hot air furnace, one of the most approved makes and of the latest design and it is on the whole, an ideal farm residence, much superior to the great majority of city homes. If it is possible a more extended white-up of this handsome addition to Cass County homes will be made in the near future.

Married.

On Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wagner, Rev. H. W. Cope united in marriage, William Henegar and Miss Esther Wagner. Only the relatives were present and following the ceremony refreshments were served.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henegar, residing on a farm three and one-half miles northeast of town. The young people are well known and their many friends are pleased to congratulate them and wish them much joy. They will reside in Weeping Water for the present at least.—Weeping Water Republican.

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial money will be refunded at F. G. Fricke & Co's drug store. 25c.

TO IMPROVE SYSTEM

Plattsmouth Telephone Company Plan Many New Improvements

The Journal had hoped today to be able to give the public the details of the proposed improvements of the Plattsmouth Telephone Company but, owing to the absence of General Manager Pollock, this will have to be postponed until his return. Enough has been told of the plans, however, to warrant the statement that the new Plattsmouth Telephone plant—for it will be practically a new one—will be of the same model as the Nebraska Company will put in, that is the common battery plant with all cable wires, and in addition a new and thoroughly up-to-date switch-board will be installed.

As this company has many more instruments in service in the city than the Nebraska company, their remodeling process will stand them fully as much or more expense than the former company will have to put in.

Mr. Pollock in speaking yesterday of the matter assures the Journal that the plant will be thoroughly satisfactory to the public and that the plans contemplate a complete remodeling of the entire system in this city. He expressed himself as not going to let the Nebraska Company produce better service than the local company, and stated that there was no doubt but when their improvements were completed they would show the citizens that the home company was the best and deserved their patronage. When asked as to probable rates for service he stated that that feature had not yet been taken up nor could it well be until it was known how much the new improvements would cost the company.

He stated, however, that the Plattsmouth Telephone Company would continue to furnish the best service at the lowest service to be had and would meet any competition from any company.

The enterprise which the local company shows in getting into line and preparing for a brisk fight is highly commendable, and those in business who have been talked to on the subject profess to be delighted to see the spirit this local corporation is showing.

During the years the Plattsmouth Company has been in business here they have been regularly paying ten per cent dividends and have, in addition laid aside a handsome sum for the purpose of rebuilding and remodeling the plants as they are worn out. Being in this position they can meet the fierce competition of the Nebraska Company without fear of being beaten at the game.

Mr. Pollock will probably be in again tomorrow and a full statement from him as to the company's plans will appear.

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From the Journal files.

Sleighting rapidly disappearing as the January thaw set in causing the snow to melt and making the streets very muddy.

The case of Gibson vs. Oppermann Lamp Company on trial before Judge Ramsey in the county court.

Charles E. Harris, the motorman who sometime before was badly injured by forgetting to slow up at the foot of Fairfield hill and bouncing off on the hard ground, able to be out and about again.

Funeral of infant child of Jas. W. Thomas.

John F. Hoback and his creditors engaged in fierce fight over his possessions.

McMaken & Son engaged in loading ice at the rate of twenty card per day.

Christian Wohlfarth sells his grocery stock to J. P. Kraus now of Albright and a member of the state legislature.

Committee of Cass County Fair association met to prepare premium list. Committee composed of Samuel Richardson, M. B. Murphy, O. M. Streight, Wm. Wetenkamp and H. C. Ritchie.

Philip Thierolf and John P. Sattler returned from Turn-Bezirk at Omaha, Plattsmouth failed to secure turnfest, Lincoln defeating this city.

Poultry Wanted

The Clarinda Poultry, Butter and Egg Company will be in Plattsmouth on

Monday, February 1st

and will pay the following prices for poultry to be delivered at the store of Zuckewiler & Lutz:

Hens.....	9c
Young Roosters.....	9c
Hen Turkey.....	12c
Young Gobbler.....	12c
Old ".....	10c
Roosters, per doz.....	\$2.40
Ducks, F. F.....	6c
Geese.....	5a

Here in Consultation.
Edwin E. Squires Esq., of Broken Bow, Neb., was in the city last night in consultation with Ramsey & Ramsey concerning certain legal matters, pending in the courts at Broken Bow. Mr. Squires is a prominent and leading attorney of Custer County and a member of the law firm of Sullivan & Squires of Broken Bow. The senior member of the firm, Judge Homer Sullivan, has been much discussed through the state press recently, in connection with the quo warranto proceedings to test the appointments of Governor Sheldon for supreme judges made under the constitutional amendment.

EXCELLENT CONCERT

Orolo Concert Company Pleading Number of Lecture Course

There was not the attendance at the Orolo Concert Company's Concert Monday evening at the Parmele which the performance deserved. This little company is an excellent one and one which should serve to draw full houses wherever they may show. Composed of four charming and talented young women, they gave a program which was interesting and highly pleasing. All who attended join in pronouncing the work of all the members delightful and much above the average of such artists.

There had been considerable expectation of Miss Helen Tinker on account of the praise which her voice had been accorded elsewhere, and she fully came up to the expectation. She has a rich and beautiful contralto voice which she has learned to use to great advantage being cultured and polished to a degree. Her work won the audience completely.

Miss Bertha Hecker, the celloist of the company, touched a responsive chord in her audience and her mastery of the instrument was thoroughly demonstrated. Miss Hecker's close study of her instrument was very evident from the time her first notes were struck and her success is without doubt the result of her patient labors and close attention to her chosen profession.

Miss Edna Rickard amply filled the bill as a reader and elationist and delighted the audience with her rendition of her several numbers. As an evidence of her diversified talents, Miss Rickard is the author of several dainty bits of stories which she rendered with feeling and expression of the highest order.

Miss Cassie Mullineaux, the fourth member of the company, is a violinist of rare ability and skill. She can do all which was promised those who attended, being almost able to make the instrument talk. Her triumphs in other cities and towns were repeated here and should she favor Plattsmouth with another visit, she would find a warm and appreciative audience.

Taken on the whole the company was a highly creditable one for the Redpath Bureau under whose management the young ladies play. Should all other attractions send out by this bureau scale up with this last one, they are indeed fortunate and have a bountiful supply of artists.

HANDS OUT JUSTICE

Judge Archer Administers Celebrated Brand

Police Judge Archer has had two cases of unusual character in his court the past several days and he used his Celebrated Brand of justice with salutary effect. The culprits felt the severity of the law and one of them was fortunate in the fact that the court did not knof at the time sentence was imposed the full extent of his malefactions. The character drifted into into the city on some fast freight or like vehicle of commerce and proceeded to get busy upon Main street, his peculiar vocation being to annoy women, by indecent actions. He had approached several ladies and acted toward them in a vicious and particularly offensive manner before he went far enough to seriously alarm them, finally stopping the wife of a prominent merchant upon the street and making a particularly vile attack upon her. She was badly scared and gave the alarm which led to the arrest of the miscreant. On his appearance before Judge Archer, the full facts were not known and the latter fined him for the one offense not knowing the others, giving him a fine of fifty dollars and costs, which he was unable to pay and in consequence he was sent to jail.

The other case was that of one William H. Moore a tramp who claimed to make his living by selling lead pencils, but who in reality was a beggar of the worst type. Moore yesterday made the rounds of the

FAVOR TAXING ALL MORTGAGES

County Assessors Ask Legislature to Pass Law

County Assessor Soennichsen returned last evening from the meeting of the County Assessors of Nebraska which was held at Lincoln at the court house. The meeting was well attended and a great many steps were recommended for changes in the revenue laws of the state.

Changes in the revenue laws of the state that all mortgages, held by local capitalists and non-residents may alike be taxed was considered. The assessors placed themselves on record as favoring this change. They are also anxious to have the law made more effective in reaching the building and loan associations and the individuals who have deposits in the banks. It was agreed that as the revenue measure now stood taxation of building and loan corporations and bank depositors is ineffective.

The county assessors of Nebraska want to be able to list every mortgage and note for taxation thereby preventing foreign holders of this kind of paper from escaping without paying a cent while the local money loaner must pay taxes on the same. They also want the assessment of real estate made every two years instead of four years as prevails now under the revenue law. It is declared that inasmuch as realty is advancing in value, the assessor gets jolted hard every time a new assessment is made because of the long time between assessments. For instance, the year 1907 was the end of the quartet of years in which the assessment remained the same for this period. Last year a new assessment was made and compared with four years back much of the property has doubled and even tripled in value. Then in many instances, according to the county assessor, a great many taxpayers intimidated in clear-cut English that he occupied a mid-way position between a highway robber and a grafter.

The county assessor also want authority to go into a bank and look at the books and find out who are the depositors and how much money they have to their credit they may be able to tax it as the revenue law requires but which does not give him power to take a certain method to obtain the desired information. The county assessors want some other privileges to which the all embodied in recommendations made by

the county assessors of Nebraska yesterday afternoon at their meeting at the court house. The recommendations are subjoined:

That the revenue committee of the legislature might be enlightened as to the wishes of these officials, the county assessors of the state made the following recommendations:

That the section of the revenue law relating to the credits, to all notes and mortgages and other instruments of credit be presented to the assessor in the county in which they are payable bearing the stamp of the assessor otherwise they are not valid.

That the real estate shall be assessed every two years instead of four which will have the advantage over the longer term inasmuch as it will not indicate such a radical advance in valuation.

That the assessor shall be given the same authority as a member of the state banking board that they may inspect the books of banks and learn who are the depositors and how much money they have in their name.

That the state board of equalization shall not have the power to raise or lower the assessment of any county without the attorney or assessor of said county be given a hearing.

"The most important matter is the taxation of mortgages," said one of the assessors from a big county. "It is designated to have the law amended so that no mortgage is valid or can be foreclosed till it has the stamp of the county assessor that taxes have been paid locally on it. Millions of dollars a year are being lost to taxation because there is no way now to reach mortgages held by non-residents. It is estimated that \$6,000,000 worth of mortgages in Douglas county alone the not taxed and in Lancaster county approximately \$3,000,000. Make the mortgages uncollectable unless they have the O. K. of the assessor; then the holders in other states will have to pay taxes. As it stands now the local holder of a mortgage is compelled to pay a tax, while his competitor residing in another state pays nothing. It isn't fair. Millions of dollars of mortgages are held by foreign insurance and investment companies, eastern savings banks and building and loan associations."

business houses and invaded the court house where he met his Waterloo. He entered several of the offices and in each case where the occupants declined to buy his wares, he "bawled them out," using language of a character calculated to shock the most hardened. As the county officers are gentle folk and not used to hearing expressions stronger than "Oh! Fudge," "Forever More" and the like, they took exceptions to William's remarks and summoned the authorities who placed him under arrest and later haled him before Judge Archer. As William could not plead that he was a parrot and had been taught such language, to the satisfaction of

Judge Archer, the latter brought out his Celebrated Brand of justice and meted out fifty simoleons worth to William. Owing to a stringency in the lead pencil market, William's receipts did not figure up enough to warrant taking it away from him, he went to jail, there to remain until he became wiser and of better frame of mind.

The understanding is that these two worthies who are two of the most disreputable citizens the town has sheltered in many days, will be put to work on the streets. This will enable each of them to work off some of the apparently surplus energy they have experienced in annoying the good people of the city.

TALK ABOUT

Good Candy

AND IT MAKES YOU THINK OF

LOWNEY'S

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We sell it in packages
and in bulk.

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