



The Kansas state senate by a strict party vote refused to adopt the Oregon plan nominating United States senators. The republicans defeated the measure.

President Roosevelt sent to congress a special message transmitting the report of his "country life commission." From 120,000 answers to printed questions the commission finds that the general level of country life is high compared with any preceding time or with any other country.

The Wisconsin legislature will investigate the senatorial primary election, concerning which charges of bribery have been made.

President Roosevelt sent a long telegram to Speaker Stanton of the California legislature protesting against the anti-Japanese bill.

Chester Allan Arthur of Colorado Springs and son of the late President Arthur, will represent Colorado at Mr. Taft's inaugural ball.

Captain Qualtrough, the American naval officer charged with intoxication, has been found guilty.

Escaping gas in a hotel room at Guthrie, Okla., asphyxiated State Senator G. O. Johnson of Fort Cobb and State Senator P. J. Yeager of Tulsa. Senator Johnson died and Senator Yeager barely escaped death.

In the lower house of the Nebraska legislature Jerry Howard, of Douglas county, introduced a bill providing that Japanese and Chinese must not work in company with white men and must not be employed in the same building. Howard says the purpose of his bill is to eradicate conditions in South Omaha, where Japanese laborers are employed in packing houses.

President Roosevelt has written a letter in which he denies the story that he struck with a whip a young lady's horse.

The Associated Press dispatches printed Sunday, February 7, reported that Mr. Bryan had been injured in an automobile accident near Tarpon Springs, Florida. There was no truth in the report.

The California lower house of the state legislature has reconsidered the bill passed recently providing for separate schools for the Japanese. Mr. Roosevelt has congratulated Governor Gillett and members of the legislature saying that a serious situation has been averted.

Representative Rainey has made a statement to the effect that he will, at an early day, reply to the answers made to his Panama canal speech.

The house committee on alcoholic liquor traffic has killed the Bennett bill providing for a committee to collect information concerning the liquor traffic and to report to congress needed legislation.

Senator Hemenway has presented to the senate the report of the committee on appropriation concerning the secret service. Mr. Hemenway said that the number of men employed by the government on inspection work had been enormously in-

creased since 1896. Replying to Mr. Foraker Mr. Hemenway said there were employed on inspection work 3,000, not including men employed on the enforcement of the pure food law and the meat inspection law and the men, he said, had all the powers of secret service men. With the army of inspectors, Mr. Hemenway said, the government had ample power to bring about the detection of crime and to bring the guilty to justice. He declared the charge made by the president concerning the secret service 'was absolutely wrong and erroneous, and never ought to have been made.' The department of justice, he said, had ample power for ferreting out criminals, there having constantly been a goodly balance on hand of the appropriation of \$500,000 made to investigate trusts. Reading from a statement of Secretary Garfield, to the effect that congress had done everything possible to improve the character of the registers and receivers of the general land office, Mr. Hemenway said: 'I want to pause long enough to congratulate Mr. Garfield as being one man in the present state of the public mind to say that members of the house and senate have co-operated in obtaining proper men for these places. More has been done in the suppression of crime while this restriction in the use of the secret service has been in force than at any other time. I think that when the president of the United States prepared this message he was misled by the head of the secret service bureau, who had at that time sixty-five men in his bureau. I can understand how men are ambitious to have great power, and how the head of the secret service bureau would like to have all the inspection service of the United States under his control. That is one of his dreams. The attorney general did not believe in it nor did the secretary of the interior, nor the heads of other departments.'

By a vote of 25 to 8 the Nebraska senate voted to adopt the Carnegie pension fund for the Nebraska university.

In an address delivered at Washington City John Mitchell, the labor leader, declared that from two to five million men in this country are now unemployed.

General Grenville Dodge of Council Bluffs, Ia., proposes the erection of a monument to the late Senator Allison.

The Iowa supreme court has rendered a decision which forbids liquor solicitors from taking orders in Iowa. This decision reverses a former decision of the court.

Acting upon orders from President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Bacon has written to the republic of Panama authorities that the United States government is not responsible for and disavows the remarks made by Representative Rainey with respect to Panama canal affairs.

President Roosevelt delivered an address at the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln near Hodgenville, Ky.

Prominent Chinese living in this country have wired President Roosevelt complaining that the Chinese are subject to discriminations which are not made against Japanese and

others. They ask that they be put on the same footing with the Japanese.

A joint session of the senate and house of representatives formally canvassed the presidential vote for 1908. The result showed 321 electoral votes for Taft and Sherman and 162 for Bryan and Kern.

Franklin MacVeagh of Chicago is spoken of as Mr. Taft's secretary of the treasury.

Senator Kittridge, chairman of the canal committee, has reported that so far \$171,000,000 has been spent on the canal.

AN AGE OF TRUSTS

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