

NEBRASKA SENATE

PROCEEDINGS OF UPPER LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

A Succinct Summary of the Doings of a Week—A Mass of Bills, Resolutions, Etc., Acted Upon.

Wednesday, February 22.

The senate passed seventeen bills yesterday and set a pace for the house by deciding to hold no session today on account of the day being George Washington's anniversary.

Senator Talbot's joint resolution commending the officers and men of the First Nebraska regiment and recommending Captain Hollingsworth and Lieutenant Bert Whedon for promotion, was advanced and ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Senator Schell introduced a resolution calling upon congress to support a bill transferring all government property to the control of the government.

Senator Owens of Dawson introduced a bill defining a legal newspaper. The bill is an exact copy of the law of 1895, which was repealed by the legislature of 1897.

The senate, on request of ex-Superintendent Gillispie of the institute for deaf and dumb at Omaha, asked the legislature to appoint a committee to investigate his term, claiming he was unfairly treated by the fusion committee of the 1897 legislature.

On motion of Talbot a committee of three was agreed to, and will be appointed by Lieutenant-Governor Gilbert.

Thursday, February 23.

The senate was not in session yesterday.

Friday, February 24.

The chaplain led in singing in the senate yesterday morning "America." The singing was proposed in memory of George Washington.

A large number of petitions were presented relating to various bills before the senate.

Lieutenant Governor Gilbert appointed Noyes of Douglas, Barton of Johnson and Farrell of Merrick as a committee to make an investigation requested by ex-Superintendent Gillispie of the institute for deaf and dumb.

Senate file 38, by O'Neill of Holt, authorizing county judges to appoint judges and clerks of election, was reported back by the committee on privileges and elections in the form of a substitute embodying all amendments formerly adopted in committee of the whole. The committee recommended that the bill be passed.

Senator O'Neill of Holt offered a resolution calling upon congress to encourage enactment of a constitutional amendment providing that all persons who hereafter encourage war shall be conscripted into the army and be made to bear the hardships of war.

The senate held a session last night. It was held for the purpose of allowing senators to introduce bills, yesterday being the fortieth day of the session and the last day bills could be introduced. Eighteen bills showed up making a total of 353 for the session.

Senator Reynolds introduced a bill to remedy the defect in the bill passed two years ago relating to the appointment of superintendent of Kearney industrial school. At the session two years ago a bill was introduced for the purpose of authorizing the governor to appoint the superintendent of the Kearney industrial school. The bill was taken to the governor and signed, but it was discovered that the bill failed to pass in the house.

Governor Poynter acted under the bill and appointed John G. Sprecher superintendent of the institution. It is now believed that the governor will be relieved of all responsibility in the matter by the courts when Mr. Sprecher's suit to secure possession of the place comes up for decision. The bill introduced yesterday is almost an exact copy of the bill taken to the governor four years ago.

Saturday, February 25.

Nearly two hours were spent by the senate during yesterday forenoon in discussing senate file 159, by Dunn, a bill fixing charges of live stock commission men and requiring commission men to give bond for the prompt return of money to shippers of live stock, the bond to be in the sum of \$10,000 approved by the governor.

The committee on live stock and grazing had recommended that the bill be indefinitely postponed. The Douglas county delegation worked hard to postpone the bill and in this they were assisted by many senators who deal in live stock or come from a stock-grazing country. The bill was placed on general file by a majority of one vote.

Senator Crow of Douglas made a splendid effort to save his joint resolution relating to the prevention of the mortgage sale of unsold Union Pacific lands, but the senate was against him and the resolution was indefinitely postponed. Mr. Crow quoted law and read from an sworn testimony to prove that the 800,000 acres of land should revert to the government and be opened to public entry at not to exceed \$1.25 an acre. The history be-

hind the resolution is said to have killed it. The admission was made by a former attorney of the Union Pacific that he drew up the resolution. This man already has a suit of his own against the Union Pacific company for salary alleged to be due and some of the senators concluded that there might be some spite work behind the resolution. Mr. Crow said he offered the resolution in good faith and because he believed he had the facts and the law on his side. A motion to make the bill a special order for Monday afternoon did not pass. The motion to postpone carried by a vote of 23 to 10, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Party. Lists names of senators and their affiliations.

The embalmers bill from the house was passed in the senate by a close vote. Canaday of Kearney, fusionist, may be credited with the praise or blame in passing the bill, for it was the change of his vote from nay to yea that gave it the necessary number.

The senate adjourned on Monday at 11 a. m.

Monday, February 27.

The senate was not in session Saturday.

Tuesday, February 28.

The senate yesterday was told that the governor had signed house roll 18, an act to make the plowing up of a highway a misdemeanor.

Nearly the entire afternoon was spent by the senate considering an original insurance bill, senate file No. 39, introduced by Giffert by request. The bill creates a law for the government of insurance companies transacting life insurance on the stipulated premium plan.

There is no law of that nature in this state at present, but similar laws have been enacted in New York and in Ohio. Companies of the kind mentioned in the bill are to be exempt from the general insurance laws of the state if they comply with the provisions of the bill.

A company must deposit securities to the amount of \$5,000 and have 250 members holding policies amounting to \$250,000 before it will be permitted to transact business under the law. The bill was recommended for passage.

The senate passed one curative bill yesterday and two amendatory bills. The law relating to farmers' mutual insurance companies, insuring against damage by hail, was amended so as to permit such companies to insure crops in the shock or in the stack.

House roll No. 114, re-enacting the law providing for the appointment of supreme court commissioners was approved by the committee of the whole.

Election of a Senator.

The 35d ballot for senator taken on Monday was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Votes. Lists names of candidates and their vote counts.

Absent and paired—40.

NEBRASKA HOUSE

PROCEEDINGS OF LOWER LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

A Condensed Resume of the Work Accomplished During the Past Week—Action on Bills Etc.

Wednesday, February 22.

The house yesterday had an unusual working spell and disposed of a large number of bills in committee of the whole. At the morning session, a measure by Thompson of Clay county, which had been advanced to a third reading without discussion, was killed.

It appropriated \$2,000 for bringing the bodies of dead Nebraska soldiers home from foreign soil and also appropriated \$8,000 for the use of the twelve companies of the First regiment to be divided into portions of \$500 and go to the companies to be expended for the comfort of the men.

This bill contained an emergency clause and when it failed to secure enough votes to pass with this clause, it was killed entirely. The bill had never been discussed and numerous objections were raised because it preferred one regiment to another.

In the afternoon, the house in committee of the whole favorably recommended a bill proposing to submit to the electors the proposition of holding a constitutional convention. A resident agency fire insurance bill was received without opposition as was a bill providing for a state board of barbers' examiners.

The discussion of the afternoon came upon house roll No. 58, to repeal the law providing for the oil inspector and naming his duties. The discussion came at the close of the afternoon, but was none the less spirited because of the lateness of the hour. The bill was favorably recommended.

The house agreed with the senate and adjourned over today because of the holiday.

Thursday, February 23.

The house was not in session yesterday.

Friday, February 24.

The house yesterday listened to a long string of standing committees, and action was taken on them.

The question of visiting state institutions was broached by the committee on other asylums. The committee said it had had numerous requests for buildings and desired to look over the ground. The committee on public lands and buildings desired to do likewise. A motion was made that they be excused from session and allowed mileage. Considerable discussion followed and the matter was finally tabled on motion of Prince of Hall.

A motion to allow William M. Wheeler, chief enrolling and engrossing clerk \$1 extra per day for the entire session was tabled.

The special order was called up, being consideration of house roll 441, the salary appropriation bill.

Weaver of Richardson moved to raise salary of governor's private secretary to \$2,000. It has been cut to \$1,500. Discussion ended in the motion prevailing.

No changes were made before the committee rose except the increase of the salary of the governor's private secretary. The bill was placed at the head of the general file.

A movement to adjourn till evening for a night session was squelched and the house adjourned till this morning at 10 o'clock.

Saturday, February 25.

The house yesterday put in a good share of the time introducing bills, it being the fortieth day of the session for the house. Fifty-eight new bills showed up, making the total for the session 621. This occupied pretty much all the forenoon.

In the afternoon, the house spent considerable time in committee of the whole considering House rolls 310 and 360, the former Jansen's bill to amend the law relating to the management of the state board of agriculture, and the latter the bill introduced by Sturgess of Douglas, giving the bureau of labor more authority in regard to the collection of statistics.

The two bills were conflicting in that Jansen's measure provides for a complete system of collecting agricultural statistics, while the statistics the collection of which the labor bureau has in charge pertain to all industries in the state.

Sturgess claimed his bill was the more comprehensive. The committee deferred action.

The senate favorably recommended senate file 46, repealing the section of the game law that hunters may not use blinds in the Nebraska streams.

Among the bills introduced was one by Speaker Clark providing for a commission to take charge of erection of a monument to Abraham Lincoln on Capitol grounds. Mr. Anderson of Lancaster offered one that if passed will reduce the fare on the street railway to Havelock from Lincoln to 5 cents. It is now 10 cents.

Among the bills introduced yesterday were several which are placed on file to be used in case other measures pass. Chief among these are some which will regulate the amount of levies that may be made in cities. Should the Pollard revenue bill become a law, the property of the state will be assessed at its cash value, which will reduce the levies that have been regularly assessed on lower valuations.

Mr. Pollard promised on the floor of the house that he would see to it that such bills would be introduced to be ready to pass when the other bills went through. A bill affecting the university levy is also on file to be passed should such be necessary. As the bill now stands were the property of the state assessed at its cash value, something over \$200,000, would be given to the university. This was discussed when the bill was passed and provision has thus been made for a possible exigency.

The bills from the claims committee and the committee on deficiencies, were also introduced yesterday. As the committees have not finished all the work in relation to the same, there are still a good many amendments to be made. The claims bill aggregates only \$25,000, while the deficiency bill will total more than \$30,000. The claims for beet sugar bounties have not yet been acted upon and if they come in they will swell the totals by \$125,000.

The house concurred in the action of the senate and adjourned over Saturday to Monday at 11 a. m.

Monday, February 27.

The house was not in session Saturday.

Tuesday, February 28.

The house was enlivened yesterday morning by a lively tilt between Representatives Burns of Lancaster and McCarthy of Dixon. The tilt was brought about by the committee on corporations reporting for postponement Mr. Burns' bill taxing express companies 5 per cent on gross earnings and at the same time reporting for passage a bill by Moran of Platte, taxing them only one per cent. During the debate on Burns' motion to place bill on general file Mr. McCarthy showed that the companies paid 50 per cent of their earnings to the transportation companies, 44 per cent to employees, etc. This left them but 6 per cent. He intimated that Burns' bill was not introduced with good intentions, as a tax of five per cent would be declared unreasonable. The bill was postponed, and Moran's 1 per cent bill went to the general file.

The house spent the afternoon in committee of the whole. The initiative and referendum bill was postponed.

The resolution was passed calling upon the clerk of the supreme court to submit a report of fees for the entire term of his office.

A Joke That Was Lost.

Both the motor and trail car were crowded with shivering people. The mercury was away down in the vicinity of Zanesville. The windows had been finely decorated by Jack Frost, and the stores were bits of Little Consolidated Irony. The train reached the viaduct and the passengers pulled their caps down over their ears and took fresh grips upon the brass rails to avoid being blown into the river. At last the hollow rumble under the wheels indicated that the cars had rested the easterly division of the big bridge, and a moment later the trolley man, knowing that he had regular passengers who alighted at Water street, stuck his head into the trail car and yelled: "Water." This was too much for a stout man who had just prepared to jump into the snow drift that was heaped up along the track. "No water here," he said. It passed the water stage long ago. It's all ice now. If you'd put a few sparks of Little Consolidated heat into that stove, you might bring it back to water again, but not otherwise. Then he looked back to see whether anybody was laughing or not. The other passengers were too busy shivering to laugh, so he permitted a look of disgust to overspread his countenance and jumped, muttering things about bloodless corporations that are not worth printing.—Cleveland Leader.

CONGRESSIONAL CHAT

PROCEEDINGS OF HOUSE AND SENATE.

Timely Mention of the Doings of the National Congress, Departmental and Executive Official Actions, and Movements of Army and Navy.

Secretary Hay yesterday entertained Lord Charles Beresford, admiral of the British navy.

Nebraska postmasters appointed yesterday: Purdam, Blaine county, Lawrence Giles, vice P. K. Giles, resigned.

A favorable report was made to the senate yesterday upon the bill to increase the cost of the Omaha public building.

A bill was passed by the house yesterday to grant to the Sioux City & Omaha railroad a right of way through the Winnebago Indian reservations.

Nebraska patents yesterday were: Joseph Goeller, Fairbury, hame attachment; Charles A. Nash, Creston, permumation lock; Robert H. Sleister, Nebraska City, seed drill.

The nomination of E. O. Lewis to be postmaster of Falls City, will be confirmed in a day or so, as Senator Allen, upon whose request it was held up, has withdrawn his opposition to it.

Mr. Grossvenor of Ohio yesterday attempted to secure, on behalf of his colleague, Mr. Bromwell, an amendment to the naval bill to name one of the proposed new battleships "American Boy" and apply on the cost all contributions. The amendment went out on a point of order.

The proposed constitutional amendment against admitting polygamists to congress was favorably acted on yesterday by the house committee on selection of president and vice president. The joint resolution for this purpose was introduced by Mr. Capron, Rhode Island, who will make the report.

Lucien Stark, son of Representative Stark of Nebraska, and passed quartermaster of the United States ship Fern, yesterday reported for duty on board his ship, which has been ordered out to clear the Patomac river of ice in order that the powder magazines and arsenals along the river may be placed in communication with the ocean.

Formal discussion of the Hull-Hawley army organization bill was begun in the senate yesterday afternoon. Mr. Hawley and Mr. Wagon, republicans, supported the measure, and Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Cockrell, democrats, opposed it, while Mr. Proctor, republican, addressed the senate in favor of some amendment which he had proposed to the bill.

The house committee on judiciary yesterday reported on the investigation of the right of General Joe Wheeler and others who hold army commissions to hold their seats. The report is that in accepting the commission they vacated their seats. The committee says that while it may seem unpatriotic to do thus, nevertheless there is the plain language of the constitution behind it, and the manifest dangers that would follow any other course.

Thursday, February 23.

Mr. Lentz of Ohio yesterday introduced in the house a bill reviving the rank of admiral and vice-admiral and naming Rear Admiral Dewey and Rear Admiral Schley as the persons to fill the respective positions.

Cadet Taylor of Omaha, whose nomination as collector of customs at Omaha is hanging fire, is expected in Washington in a few days in order to answer in person the charges that are preferred against him.

Hon. William J. Bryan arrived in Washington yesterday, and last night spoke at the banquet of the union democratic association, responding to the toast, "America's Mission."

Yesterday's session of the senate was devoted to two special orders, the reading of Washington's farewell address, a regular custom of the senate on Washington's birthday, and the pronouncing of eulogies on the late Senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont. Senator Wolcott read the address, and Senators Allison, Ross and others delivered eulogistic speeches on Senator Morrill.

The house yesterday inaugurated the custom which has prevailed for many years in the senate of listening to the reading of Washington's farewell address on Washington's birthday. The address was read at the request of Mr. Bailey of Texas, the democratic leader. Speeches eulogistic of the late Senator Morrill were made.

An invitation, extended by the charge d'affaires, of France, M. Thiebaut, through Secretary of State Hay, to members of the senate to attend the memorial funeral service of the late President Favre of France, to be held today at 11 o'clock in St. Matthew's church in Washington, was read to the senate yesterday. As the senate was not invited as a body, no action was taken upon the invitation.

Friday, February 24.

E. O. Lewis was yesterday confirmed as postmaster at Falls City, Neb.

The house yesterday passed a naval appropriation bill. It revives the grades of admiral and vice admiral, and cuts the price of armor plate from \$545 per ton to \$445 per ton.

In the recent engagements before Manila a young Nebraskan named Elmer F. Bartlett of Wayne, who enlisted in the Colorado volunteers under the assumed name of Elmer F. Doran was killed, and his name appeared upon the mortality list of the Colorado regiment. J. W. Bartlett of Wayne, father of the soldier, has written to Congressman Stark requesting him to urge the war department to have the body brought home and sent to Wayne for burial. It is some question in the department whether this can be done, but Mr. Stark hopes to be able to persuade the officials to correct the name upon the roll and send the body back to Wayne as requested.

Saturday, February 25.

The senate yesterday passed a river and harbor bill by a decisive vote of 50 to 3. It carries with it the Nicaragua canal amendment.

Several Nebraska postmasters are

yet to be appointed in the First district. The duty of doing so will devolve upon the new congressman, Mr. Burkett.

Representative Stark was told by the war department yesterday that the body of Young Bartlett, who enlisted under the name of Doran, in a Colorado regiment and was killed in Manila, will be shipped to his parents at Wayne, Neb.

A new dry dock is to be erected at Mare Island navy yard, San Francisco. Bids have been advertised for.

Secretary Gage yesterday denied published rumors that there would be a bond issue. He says there is no reason for apprehension.

A dispatch was received at Washington from Dewey requesting that the Oregon be sent to him at once. It is believed he fears complications. The Oregon will reach Manila about March 10.

The United States senate has passed a bill for a survey of certain lands in Cheyenne county, Nebraska.

Official advices received indicate that the First Nebraska volunteers again distinguished themselves for bravery in a battle at Manila. They were sent up the Pasig river a few miles to drive the insurgent forces into the Wyoming lines, when they were cut off in the rear by another detachment of natives. Colonel Stotsenburg faced the Nebraskans about and drove his new enemy through the bushes, after a sharp fight. Two Nebraskans were severely wounded. At the hour the latest dispatches were sent there was sharp fighting in the vicinity of Caloccan, and the insurgents were settling fire to the suburbs.

Monday, February 27.

It is probable that an extra session will be avoided by the passage of a compromise army bill.

A Hawaiian cable has been provided for by the incorporation of a proviso in the sundry civil appropriation bill.

After the 4th of March Senator Cockrell of Missouri will begin his fifth consecutive term in the senate, having served a quarter of a century. He entered the senate in 1875.

It is announced that Secretary Alger is to abandon a proposed junket to Cuba and Porto Rico on the yacht Berlin which was to leave New York on March 6. Work in connection with the army bill prevents it.

Secretary Alger has asked that an amendment be made to the army bill allowing re-enlistment of volunteers now in Philippines. This is asked for because when the peace treaty takes effect the term of service of volunteers will expire. Their re-enlistment is necessary only until new troops can be enlisted and sent there.

The senate committee on privileges and elections has decided that there was no case made in the protest case against Senator Hanna of Ohio and ordered such a report made in the senate. Senator Turley of Tennessee served the right to make a statement concerning the matter to the senate, though a minority report would not be made.

Tuesday, February 28.

Representative Mercer has great hope of securing a public building or two for Nebraska. As to the Greater American exposition resolution that recently passed the senate he is not so sanguine of success.

Representative Stark has introduced another bill to revise and adjust the sales of land in the Otoe and Missouri reservation in Nebraska. This bill has been made necessary owing to an error made by the Indian committee in reporting the bill. Representative Curtis so amended the bill reported that it was not in the form that was recommended for passage by the secretary of the interior, and would therefore have stood no show of passage if it had been called up on the floor. The bill as introduced by Mr. Stark is similar to that favorably recommended by the secretary.

The senate at 7:15 last night passed the compromise army reorganization bill. Senator Gorman succeeded in having adopted a modified amendment that the army would not be increased permanently beyond July 1, 1901.

The senate considers the house too extravagant in its appropriations for the navy. The senate appropriations committee will recommend only six new war vessels instead of twelve.

It is estimated that the appropriations by the present congress will foot up \$1,600,000,000.

The appropriations for the army will amount to about 79,000,000; for fortifications about \$4,700,000.

A favorable report of the proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamists from being elected to congress was made in the house by Representative Capron of Rhode Island.

Turkey and the Crescent.

Nothing positive can be traced as to when the crescent became the Turkish symbol, but there are several legends which give the reason for its adoption. One of these says that Philip, the father of Alexander, meeting with great difficulties in the sieges of Byzantium, set the workmen to undermine the walls, but a crescent moon discovered the design, which miscarried; consequently the Byzantines erected a statue to Diana, and the crescent moon became the symbol of the state. Another legend is that Othman, the sultan, saw in a vision a crescent moon, which kept increasing till its horns extended from east to west, and he adopted the crescent of his dream for his standard.

Tradition of the Wedding Ring.

The wearing of the wedding ring on the third finger of the left hand follows the custom of the Egyptians, who believed that finger to be directly connected by a slender nerve to the heart itself. And as these ancient worshippers of Isis held this finger sacred to Apollo and the son gold was therefore chosen as the metal for the ring.

Feeding Army Elephants.

Elephants in the Indian army are fed twice a day. When meal time arrives they are drawn up in line before a row of piles of food. Each animal's breakfast includes ten pounds of rice, done up in five two-pound packages. The rice is wrapped up in leaves and then tied with grass.

Island to Be a Cardinal.

LONDON, March 1.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says he learns on reliable authority that Archbishop Ireland will be created a cardinal at the next consistory.

SOLDIER DEAD.

Identity of Nebraska Soldiers Who Died of Wound.

The Nebraska soldiers reported by General Otis as having died from wounds received in action, have been identified from the muster rolls in the adjutant general's office, as follows:

Edward D. Day, company A, York; aged 26, farmer; guardian, A. J. Day, York.

John J. Ally, company D, Lincoln; age 28, tinner; guardian, S. D. Ally, Madery, Cal.

Warren H. Cook, company F, Omaha; age 25, clerk; single; guardian, Mrs. Anne Bones, Forest City, Ia.

According to a letter received by Adjutant General Barry the remains of Nebraska soldiers that are buried at Honolulu will be returned to the United States for burial without cost to relatives or friends. The letter indicates that the same will be done with the bodies of soldiers buried at Manila. The letter received by Adjutant General Barry was written February 7 by George Ruhlen, major and chief quartermaster United States volunteers and lieutenant colonel in charge of the quartermaster's depot at Honolulu. It contains a request for the names of Nebraska soldiers buried at Honolulu.

TOM DENNISON BOUND OVER.

Held Guilty of Conducting a Lottery in Omaha.

At Omaha Tom Dennison was bound over in county court on three counts in the sum of \$500 each for selling lottery tickets, establishing a lottery and operating a lottery. The court distinguished between gambling and a lottery, holding that gambling consists of playing a game wherein skill may have some effect, while the game of policy is a lottery. The distinction is material, because gambling is a felony, running a lottery simply a misdemeanor. Tom Dennison was bound over on one count for promotion of a lottery and Bill Nestelhouse for running the Dennison crap game. All gave bond.

A MURDER CHARGE TO FACE.

Sixteen-Year-Old Boy Held for Killing Silas Bailey.

Ernest Bash, the sixteen-year-old boy who was stopping at Morse's ranch a few miles from Benkelman, when Silas Bailey was murdered, has been arrested charged with the crime. The boy's parents now live in Omaha, having recently moved there from Honey Creek, Ia. He has a sister at Florence, Neb., named Mrs. Lon Rasmus. The preliminary hearing is set for Thursday.

Kills Her Baby Brother.

Master Henry Struve, a little boy of three years, was the victim of a "didn't know it was loaded" case recently. The family of Peter Struve live a mile east of Hooper. Preparations were being made to move and while the furniture was being loaded, the children were left alone in the house. An old musket which had been around the house for some time, had been left on a chair. Anna, aged thirteen, threw it on the floor, when it was accidentally discharged, killing Master Henry instantly.

Aged Man Burned to Death.

Fire at Kearney destroyed a small cottage, and its only occupant, an old man named Eck, was suffocated and burned to death. When the firemen broke in the front door they found the old man lying on the floor in an unconscious condition, from which he did not recover.

Fell on the Ice.

Mrs. G. W. Townsend of Franklin met with a serious accident a few days ago which may prove fatal. She slipped and fell on the ice, breaking her hip and hurting her internally. She is growing worse and it is feared she cannot last much longer. She is about sixty years old.

Failed to Agree.

At Fremont after being out fifty-eight hours the jury in the \$10,000 damage case of Frank Fahrodt versus Herman Blumenthal, failed to reach an agreement. A new trial will be necessary. The vote stood 11 to 1 in favor of the plaintiff.

Farmer Injured by a Horse.

S. M. Milligan, a farmer south of Red Cloud, was kicked in the head by a mule recently and badly injured. He is resting well at present and the injury is not supposed to be serious.

A Rotary Explanation.

First Loafer (inspecting a billboard, to second ditto)—I say, Bill, wot's a cycle of song? Second Ditto—Dun't yer know Why, it's one of them new-fangled bikes, wot play a toon as yer roll along, jest like a barrel-horgan.—Punch.

Author and Critic.

"Stubbs, your new novel is splendid. It is written in a crisp style and is interlarded with flashes of wit." "Great Scott! That sounds as if you had been brought up in a bakery and were describing piecrust."—Chicago Record.

Germany Bolts Again.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The German government has given an evidence of its purpose to facilitate friendly commercial relations with the United States by taking steps to ascertain whether it is possible to remove the impediments to the operation of American insurance associations in Germany.