

SENT TO GOVERNOR

Registry of Hides and a Concurrent Resolution.

THE HIGH SCHOOL BILL IS SET BACK

Free Attendance Law Said to Be Unconstitutional and Committed for Amendment—Movements of House and Senate—Congressional News.

Lincoln, Feb. 21.—Two bills were sent to the governor last evening, being the first that has reached him since early in the session. One was senate file No. 44, by Van Houskirk, requiring a registry and exhibition of hides. The act is intended to protect cattlemen from thieves. Butchers and others who buy beef must file the hide of the animal and register brands or marks contained thereon. Those who offer beef for sale must exhibit the hide with the carcass and keep the hide for three days.

The other bill is house roll No. 49, a concurrent resolution asking congress to call a convention and submit a proposition for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. Considerable oratory was expended over O'Neill's free high school bill, resulting in committing the bill for amendment, it being the opinion of many that the system of taxation to pay the cost of non-resident pupils at high schools was unconstitutional. Two former bills that became laws were declared unconstitutional. No bills were introduced in the senate.

The house worked all yesterday morning and adjourned at noon to give committees an opportunity to labor in the afternoon. Bills were placed on final passage and several measures relating to procedure in the supreme court were passed. Among these was one to compel the furnishing of bonds in foreclosure suits appealed, making the same cover the revenues of the property while in litigation.

The senate found one bill on third reading and passed it. The bill so favored is senate file 15, by Harlan, providing that any person who shall entice away any child under the age of eighteen years with the intention of detaining or concealing the same from its guardians or parents shall be confined in the penitentiary not more than twenty years and not less than one year.

Congressional News.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate spent the day on the postoffice bill, making some progress, but not completing it. The amendment of Mr. Butler (N. C.), proposing a reduction of about 9 per cent in the pay for rail-way postal service, was defeated, 18 to 15, after a debate in which Mr. Dewey answered Mr. Butler's criticism on the large profits made by American roads. Late in the day a sharp controversy on the pneumatic tube question was precipitated by an amendment offered by Mr. Mason extending that service to Chicago, and one by Mr. Vest extending it to St. Louis. Mr. Hale severely criticised the promoting of the system, referring to a job and lobby. When he made a point of order that a committee had not passed on the amendment the advocates of the extension quickly circulated a call for a meeting of the committee on postoffices.

The house finally passed the sundry civil appropriation bill today and entered upon consideration of the general deficiency bill. Mr. Lentz, an Ohio democrat, who in this and previous congress has attacked the administration, furnished the sensation of the day. He used a newspaper paragraph recounting the death of a federal judge in New Mexico, who had been a member of the legislature which elected Senator Hanna, as a text for charging corruption in that election. This called forth a rebuke from Mr. Cannon, who declared that brave men fought the living, and only ghouls ravished the tombs of the dead.

Mr. Sherman offered an amendment designed to prohibit hazing at the naval academy on penalty of dismissal. This amendment was pending on a point of order when the house adjourned.

Sixteen Thought to Be Lost.

The Russian bark Hopper, Capt. Lindbom, which sailed from Hull, February 14, for Sapelo, has been towed into Grimsby with boys seriously damaged by collision on the night of February 15, with the steamer Homer from Libau. The Homer disappeared after the collision and is believed to have foundered with the loss of sixteen lives.

At the conclusion of a meeting of the western window glass jobbers' association, at Cincinnati, O., it was stated that an advance would be made to correspond to that of the manufacturers. It is generally understood that the manufacturers have decided on an increase averaging 10 per cent.

Fire at Kansas City.

Fire destroyed the four-story building at 455-38 West Sixth street in Kansas City. The building was occupied by B. Holsemark, wholesale dealer in liquors, and the Jamieson Manufacturing company. The loss is \$100,000, fully insured.

Hon. Charles Leland.

Hon. Charles Leland, ex-state representative and late associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico under President McKinley, died at Caldwell, O., from consumption. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

WORKED EARLY AND LATE

House of Representatives Put in a Busy Day.

Lincoln, Feb. 22.—After quite a squabble, the house agreed to hold a session today, and after the joint session to adjourn to Tuesday.

The house yesterday put in a full day's time. Commencing at 9 a. m., it was within a few moments of 6 p. m. when the gavel fell declaring the adjournment. During the day the bill relating to salaries of county attorneys was passed. In committee of the whole a bill appropriating \$75,000 for a new wing to the asylum for the chronic insane at Hastings was agreed to. A bill relating to schools was agreed to in committee of the whole also. Long discussion ensued, however, over a bill to reduce the interest on taxes where property is redeemed after sale, and over a bill providing new regulations for the board of health in epidemics of disease, carrying with it the appointment of a state health inspector with a good salary. Neither of these bills was acted on definitely.

Marshall of Otes county has introduced a bill which is to prevent cartoonists from taking an undue advantage of people by publishing caricatures of them in any pamphlet, paper or publication. The bill provides a penalty of a fine not greater than \$100 for each offense.

A diversion in the senate yesterday was the attempt of the fusion minority to secure the appointment of a stenographer for their side of the house. It came in the form of a motion to give the committee on mines and mining a stenographer and appeared to be a joke, but before the matter was disposed of several members became angry.

A squabble in the senate over adjournment until Tuesday resulted in an adjournment until 11 a. m. today. The senate indefinitely postponed two insurance bills, one providing for the extension of the value policy law to personal property, and the other a bill requiring insurance companies to print mortality tables and other statistical matter on the backs of their policies. The proposed new military code, senate file 91, was considered in committee of the whole and recommended for passage.

Crouse of Washington, the only ex-governor in the legislature, introduced a bill in the senate requiring and directing the board of public lands and buildings to sell the governor's mansion within one year, either at public or private sale, the proceeds to go to the general fund of the state.

Owens of Dawson introduced a bill to require baking powder companies to use on their canned products labels bearing the names of the ingredients.

Two bills were signed by Governor Dietrich, one being senate file No. 44 by Van Houskirk, to protect cattle growers by requiring a registry and exhibition of hides, and the other house roll No. 49, by Ream, a joint resolution asking congress to submit an amendment for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

BRIGADIER GENERAL BARRY

Chosen by Guard Officers—Harry Archer Chosen Colonel.

Adjutant General P. H. Barry, who is to retire from his present position the first of March, was elected brigadier general February 21 by the votes of the commissioned officers of the Nebraska national guard. The election was practically unanimous, there being no opposing candidates. However, two votes were cast for L. W. Colby, formerly brigadier general, and three votes for Capt. Eli Hodgins, of Omaha. Seventy-one votes were cast for General Barry. The election was the result of the recent decision of the military board to form a brigade organization. Since the war with Spain there has been no brigade organization in the guard. The two old regiments entered the United States service and on their return were reorganized, but no brigade organization was formed. General Barry has served six years as adjutant general of the guard and by his election to the brigadier generalship he will keep in close touch with the guard and the guard will secure the benefit of his military experience. The brigade comprises two regiments, one troop and one battery.

Harry Archer was elected colonel to succeed colonel now Adjutant General Killian.

Sword For Captain Evans.

The presentation of a sword to Capt. R. D. Evans of the navy was the occasion of a speech by Speaker Henderson of the house paying a glowing tribute to "Fighting Bob" and to the American tar in general. The presentation of the sword was made in Washington by the people of Iowa in recognition of his command of the battleship Iowa during the battle of Santiago. Speaker Henderson referred to the thrilling events of that naval engagement. Captain Evans made a graceful reply to the presentation speech. A large number of Iowans prominent in congressional and official life took part in the affair.

Stephen M. White is Dead.

Ex-United States Senator Stephen M. White, died at his residence in Los Angeles, Cal., on the 21st after a short illness. He had been suffering from ulceration of the stomach, but his condition was not thought to be dangerous.

Explosion in an Oil Tank.

A fire which started from the explosion of an oil tank in the wholesale grocery house of J. J. and J. E. Madrox at Atlanta, Ga., spread to adjoining buildings and caused a loss aggregating \$500,000.

BIG STEAMER SINKS

Rio de Janeiro Goes Down at Golden Gate.

SCORES OF PEOPLE ARE DROWNED

Consul General Wildman Aboard and Supposed to Be Lost—One Hundred and Twenty Probably Drowned—Other Interesting News.

A San Francisco dispatch of February 22 says: The Pacific Mail Steamer Rio de Janeiro ran on a hidden rock while entering the Golden Gate early this morning in a dense fog. She sank a few minutes after striking. It is thought that nearly 150 persons were drowned, but it is impossible to ascertain the exact number owing to the fact that Purser John Rooney, who had the passenger list and roster of the crew, is among the missing.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon ten bodies had been recovered, two white women, one white man and seven Chinese.

The most prominent passenger on the steamer was Rounseville Wildman, United States consul at Hong Kong, who was accompanied by his wife and two children. It is thought all were drowned. The ship was in command of Pilot Frederick Jordan when she sank. He was rescued.

Capt. William Ward went down with his vessel.

As near as can be learned there were 201 people on board the Rio de Janeiro, as follows:

Cabin passengers, 29; steerage (Asiatic), 58; second cabin, 7; white officers, 20; Asiatic crew, 77.

The saved number seventy-nine, classified as follows:

Cabin passengers, 13; white officers, 11; steerage, (Asiatic), 15; crew, Chinese, 41.

The lost number 122, classified as follows:

Passengers, 24; officers, 19; crew, Chinese, 38; steerage, Asiatic, 43.

The Rio was three days overdue from Hong Kong, via Honolulu, when she arrived off the heads last night, and the dense fogs prevailing at the time induced Pilot Jordan to bring her to anchor until he could see his way clear through the gateway. She laid to until 4:30 o'clock, when the atmosphere cleared and she started under a slow bell toward Point Bonita. All went well until 5:30 o'clock when she struck. Most of the passengers were below at the time, and it is believed that many of them were drowned in their berths.

The first news of the disaster reached here at 7:30 a. m., and soon afterwards a boat load of passengers and petty officers arrived at the mail dock. Tugs were immediately dispatched to render any service that might be needed, but no living persons were seen at when they reached the spot. A number of drowned people were rescued by Italian fisher men and the bodies of two white women, three Chinese and a Japanese were brought in by the tugs. The search for more of the victims continued all day.

From all accounts it appears that the officers were cool and gave the necessary orders with the least possible excitement.

Consul Wildman, who is presumed to be lost, was well known here, where he resided for a number of years. He first came into prominence locally when he purchased The Overland, which he owned and edited for some years prior to entering the consular service at Hong Kong. He resigned recently the post of consul general at Hong Kong and was on his way home with his wife and family. Mr. Wildman married Miss Lettie Aldrich, a sister of United States Senator Stewart's wife. Mrs. Aldrich is now in this city, where she has been waiting the homecoming of her daughter.

The City of Rio Janeiro was an iron steamer of 350 gross tonnage and 2,375 net. She was built by J. Roach & Son at Chester, Pa., in 1878. The vessel was owned by the Pacific Mail Steamship company, and had been in the oriental service. She sailed from Hong Kong for this port on January 22. Captain Ward had been in the employ of the Pacific Mail Steamship company for many years.

The cargo of the Rio was valued at over \$500,000. There was besides \$900,000 in treasure in the specie tank. The steamer itself was valued at from \$650,000 to \$700,000.

Spanish Spelling Adopted.

A Washington dispatch says: The president has sent to the senate a report made by the geographic board upon the spelling and pronunciation of geographic names in the Philippine islands. A list of 4,000 places is given. The board says that the reason for the report is seen in the great lack of uniformity in spelling, some places having both Spanish and Malay names and others Malay names in which attempts have been made to anglicise. The board has retained the spelling found in official Spanish charts.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Five men were killed in a freight wreck at Sharon, Pa.

Mrs. E. E. Northrup of Geneva, Neb., died suddenly of heart failure.

Daniel Colt Gilman has resigned as president of Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore.

Because of a recently acquired passion for strong drink, which he could not overcome, Thomas J. Evans, jr., son of a wealthy Missouri mine-owner and ranchman, shot and killed himself at McCoy's hotel in Chicago.

HONORS WELL CONFERRED.

Joseph S. Brown a Delegate at Large to W. O. W. Sovereign Head Camp.

It is a noticeable fact that all or nearly all conventions called together so far this year, to choose representatives to national gatherings of their respective organizations, have set a pace characteristic of the 20th century prediction, namely: New blood, vigor and vim shall be called upon to shape the destinies and lead the countless thousands of members to a supremacy surpassing all previous attempts in



that line. If you will study the character, the embolizing tendencies and pronounced persistency of the major portion of those selected, a realization of hope for better laws, better management and less friction in the workings of these organizations can be looked for.

In choosing Mr. Joseph S. Brown, of Lincoln, Neb., as delegate to the Sovereign Head Camp, Woodmen of the World, which convenes at Columbus, Ohio, May 15th, those responsible for this high compliment, representing the jurisdiction comprising Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, North Dakota and South Dakota, can rest assured of the fact that they chose not only wisely but well. Mr. Brown is a member of Lincoln Camp No. 6, and has been an active promoter of its up-building for years. His conservatism is pronounced, often painfully so, but gifted with a business tact commendable in every degree, his decision on all subjects are weighed and not found wanting when formally made known. He has studied the needs of the order very closely, and any legislation introduced by him, and made into laws will result in great good to members in every section of the United States where the Woodmen of the World operates. Mr. Brown believes in a conservative and economical, rather than an open and loose policy—not, however, to such a degree that will hamper and retard progress, but the enactment of such laws that will place the organization upon a foundation of solidity and safety for the future. His selection to this high position of trust is a compliment worthily bestowed upon not only the jurisdiction he goes to represent, but himself and home city, where he is looked upon as a young man of sterling worth and integrity.

Biographically Mr. Brown was born in the little town of Jamestown, Russell county, Ky., thirty years ago. He came to Nebraska in 1878 and worked upon a farm near Western until 1890, when he came to Lincoln to enter the Business College, securing the position of book-keeper for the Interstate Newspaper Company in 1890. Soon after he became interested in the business he was made business manager and today owns the controlling stock. In 1897 he was married to Miss Amie West, of Galesburg, Ill., and the home life of Mr. and Mrs. Brown is surrounded with environments conducive of every comfort and happiness.

DROWNED HER CHILDREN.

Widow Commits Awful Crime in Fit of Insanity.

Mrs. Rose Wurzer, a widow, in a fit of insanity, drowned her six children at Uniontown, Wash. She threw them into a well thirty feet deep which contained two feet of water, then jumped in herself and held the children's heads beneath the surface until all were drowned. Mrs. Wurzer was found alive in the well with her six children, by the neighbors, who pulled her out with a rope. She is violently insane. The woman's husband died a year ago, since which time she has been supported by the county and the charity of neighbors.

MAY CAUSE TROUBLE.

United Mine Workers Want Engineers in the Union.

The annual state convention of the United Mine Workers of America at Springfield, Ill., decided to favor the passage of a law providing that mine inspectors be elected by direct vote of the people instead of being appointed by the governor. The same committee reported in favor of recommendations of President Hunter that all supplies be purchased from union firms and that a committee be appointed to labor for the repeal of the Case garnishment law by the present legislature.

Another action was taken which may result in trouble. It was decided to require all hoisting engineers to become members of the United Mine Workers. This is to be remedied by the National Brotherhood of coal hoisting engineers and divisions of the state are rapidly adopting resolutions declaring their intention to remain with their organization and to refuse to become members of the miners' organization, regardless of the recent action of the national conference of the miners of Indianapolis or the state convention.

SWINDLER RUN DOWN.

After eluding detectives employed by the Drummond Packing company of Eau Claire, Wis., for over two years Gabriel S. Wegener was arrested in Chicago charged with wholesale swindling of packing companies throughout the west. Wegener, who passed as the accredited agent of a large eastern firm, is said to have sold a composition which he passed off as borax at a figure far below the market price of the real article.

Opera House Burned.

Fire, which originated in Haden's opera house, Columbia, Mo., during the progress of a matinee, destroyed the building, entailing a loss of \$60,000. The audience escaped in safety.

Union Iron Works Sued.

At San Francisco eight suits have been instituted in the United States district court against the Union Iron works by Edward Rosenberg, secretary of the labor council of San Francisco, asking the sum of \$1,000 in each case and alleging that the Union Iron works had brought eight copper-smiths to this country under contract, paying the expenses of such laborers from their homes to San Francisco. Henry T. Scott, president of the Union Iron works, says that the company has not imported any contract laborers.

Mine on Fire.

A message has been received that mine No. 5, at Diamondville, Wyo., is on fire between the sixth and seventh levels. It is thought the lives of the men are in danger.

THE LOSS IS HEAVY

Over a Hundred Souls Perish in Rio Janeiro Wreck.

WRECKAGE LITTERS THE GOLDEN GATE

Passenger List Found and Worst Fears Confirmed—Third Officer Holland Safe—Consul General Wildman and Family Among the Drowned.

A San Francisco Feb. 23 dispatch says: So far as can be ascertained from reliable data one hundred and twenty-eight lives were lost in the wreck of the Pacific Mail steamer Rio de Janeiro. Some fishermen found the papers of Purser Rooney. Among them was the passenger list and a bunch of cancelled tickets, and as there were names on the list whose cancelled tickets did not appear among those recovered, it is assumed that they laid over either at Yoholoma, Kobe or Honolulu. That they were not on the vessel at the time she went down is certain.

Among the list of passengers were Consul-General Wildman, Mrs. Wildman, and their son and daughter.

Surveyor of the Port Spear has established a patrol along the ocean near Baker's beach and along the bay shore inside of Fort Point. Thus far his men have picked up four mail bags, one of these washing in near Baker's and the other the Ft. Point life-saving station. The surveyor has given orders that all fishing boats must report at the customs office. All wrecks brought in by them and all wreckage and hotsam picked up by fishermen must be accounted for to the officers at the bureau office. In this way it is thought that looting of mail bags and trunks may be stopped.

No attempt has been made to place the blame for the disaster, but the Pacific Mail company's officials state that the pilot was subject to the orders of Captain Ward, who went down with the vessel.

Rain and fog hung like a pall over the ocean and during the night a vain storm of unusual proportions visited this vicinity making the work of the searcher for the Rio's dead a task of difficulty. Small boats have hovered around the scene of the wreck for the last twenty-four hours and bodies are frequently seen floating in and out of the harbor with the tide, but the roughness of the water greatly hinders the work of rescue.

A San Francisco February 24 dispatch says: J. C. Holland, third officer of the Rio, who on the day of the wreck was among the missing, has reported unharmed.

After they struck, Holland assisted Captain Ward in getting the passengers into the lifeboats. He and the captain walked aft together on the starboard side and just as they reached the saloon the boat gave a lurch and disappeared beneath the water. Holland was carried down by the suction, but managed to get hold of a life preserver, which assisted him to rise to the surface.

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PROMINENT ITALIAN KILLED

Believed to Be Victim of Mafia—Nine Persons Arrested.

A Chicago dispatch says: A murder, believed to have been the result of a vendetta, was committed near Grand and Milwaukee avenue. Salvatore Giovanna was found shot through the heart, with Carlo Battista, who recently arrived from New York, standing over him. Battista says that he and the murdered man were warm friends and that while on the way to Giovanna's home they were attacked by three men. Battista was not injured, but carried a revolver which had not been fired. In the dead man's coat pocket, however, was a revolver from which three shots had been fired. This mystifies the police, since Giovanna's wound would have prevented him from restoring the weapon to concealment. In his pockets also were many counterfeit coins. Giovanna, one of the most prominent Italians in Chicago, was a member of several secret societies and came here from New York three years ago.

The police are of the belief that he was the victim of the desadef Mafia and hold that he was murdered with the weapon found on him. Battista is being held pending an investigation. Within five hours after the murder the police raided the house at 141 Milton avenue and arrested nine Italians, said to be sympathizers of the Chicago branch of the Mafia society. The persons arrested are Domino Catalan, Nofel Philip, Rafael Litta, Capalua Manka, Nalkri Ferna, John Ronte, Simon Rafael, Tony Spargno, Joseph Marizo.

BUTTER SCORES VERY LOW

Minnesota Given High Award at the Convention.

Minnesota secured the highest award and three out of four gold medals at the butter makers' national convention, recently held at St. Paul. Kansas won the silk banner for the highest state average, 89.14 per cent. For "separator" butter the gold medal went to E. Q. Quensold of Owatona, Minn., whose score was 97. The silver medal went to C. H. Jensen of Bernadott, Minn., who scored 95.4. For "gathered cream" butter the gold medal went to W. C. Noble of Silver Waterford, Me., score 91; the silver medal to M. Magnusson of Lee, Minn., score 90.4. The silver cups went to Marvin Powers of Corley, Ia., score 94.59; E. Lorenson of Ulicia, Wis., score 93.59; E. E. Barrett of Union, Ill., 93; O. L. Distad of DeMott, S. D., 92; William V. Beach of Charlotte, Vt., 92.50.

Although other states competed, state averages were announced for eight states only. Kansas led with 89.44 per cent. Then followed Minnesota second, 89.39; Illinois third, 88.94; Iowa fourth, 88.34; Wisconsin fifth, 88.13; Michigan sixth, 86.96; South Dakota seventh, 88.00, and Vermont eighth, 86.35.

The scores were the lowest made during the nine years of the association's history.

HONOR WIFE OF A SENATOR

Mrs. Fairbanks President of Daughters of Revolution.

A Washington special says Mrs. Fairbanks was elected president general of the society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The vote was as follows: Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, Indiana, 333; Mrs. Donald McLean, New York, 208; Mrs. Washington Roebeling, New Jersey, 49.

Although the question as to who will succeed Mrs. Manning as president general of the society has been the absorbing topic of discussion at this congress, a comparatively small number of delegates was present when the session was called to order. The result of the election for president general was announced as above indicated. A total of 554 votes was cast, one ballot being rejected.

Bishop Satterlee, of the Episcopal see of Washington, opened the meeting with prayer. In honor of Washington's birthday the bishop read the Declaration of Independence and Miss Caldwell, of New York, sang "The Sword of Bunker Hill."

MITCHELL NAMED.

Oregon Legislature Names an Old Favorite for Senator.

A Salem, Ore., Feb. 24, dispatch says: John H. Mitchell was elected at 12:30 this morning to succeed J. W. McBride, whose term expires on March 4, next. His election was accomplished by a combination of thirty-five republicans and eleven democrats, making forty-six votes, a majority of the legislature. This result was reached on the twenty-fifth ballot of the day and the fifty-third of the session.

Demand Law Enforcement.

A mass meeting attended by 3,000 citizens of Wichita, Kan., under the auspices of the ministerial association, was held Sunday and a resolution passed demanding the enforcement of the prohibitory law. It will be presented to the mayor and county attorney.

PATIENTS BURNED TO DEATH

Hospital Fire Attended by Twenty-One Fatalities.

Mail advices from the orient report that the hospital attached to the Tokio university was burned on January 29, and twenty-one patients were burned to death and ten patients and eleven nurses and attendants injured. It was a wooden structure and there were ninety-six patients at the time of the fire, which burned from 4 to 6 o'clock a. m. The hospital was for the treatment of cases of particular interest and had 150 free beds.