

Lame Apology for Chapman's Rascality.

The editor of the Nebraskan appears to be adept at figuring on "mare's nests," and in last week's issue, devotes over a column to an article published recently in the Times and Gazette.

As usual, the editor commences his article by referring to Ferguson having obtained a pre-emption title to a quarter section of land illegally, and that it had been proven by the testimony of his neighbors, that he had never lived upon it.

The editor then pitches into Gen. Bowen, member of the Council, from Sarpy county, with his usual amount of filthy, low scurrilous epithets, known only in the vocabulary of the denizens of the London fish-market, or the five-points in New York city.

In this sapient editor's apology for Chapman's conduct in the Sarpy case, he makes three points.

First, the receipt of \$1000, is not genuine. Second, that a law prohibiting members of Congress from prosecuting claims against the United States, has no applicability, when Indian tribes are concerned.

Third, that Chapman was retained in the case before he was a Delegate to Congress, and finally that his term of office had expired, before the date of the receipt. What profound conclusions! What unanswerable arguments!

The only parallel case to the above we ever remember to have heard, happened somewhere in the state of Indiana. A Mr. B. had borrowed from Mr. C., his neighbor, a kettle, and it was broken before he returned it. Mr. C. sued Mr. B. for the price of the kettle. Mr. B's lawyer put in his answer to the case as follows:

First, we never borrowed the kettle. Second, the kettle was broken when we borrowed it. Third, the kettle was sound when we returned it.

On Thursday last, Mr. Holloway of Sarpy, gave notice in the House, that he would introduce a bill, on some future day, providing for the sale of the Capitol Building, to enable Omaha City, to redeem her scrip.

Query? Who owns the Capitol building? the Territory of Nebraska? or the City of Omaha? What has become of the fifty thousand dollars? given to the Territory by the U. S. to build a capitol; who owns the land on which the capitol stands? the Territory of Nebraska? or Omaha City? did the city of Omaha illegally issue \$60,000 in worthless scrip for the purpose of mixing it in with the \$50,000 U. S. coin, belonging to Nebraska Territory? and now claim, that by virtue of such investment of \$60,000, in scrip, in connection with the \$50,000, belonging to the Territory, that the entire amount belongs to the city of Omaha? Who authorized the late Governor, to commence a building for a capitol, worth one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, when only fifty thousand had been appropriated, by congress for that purpose? finally what has the Territory of Nebraska to show, by way of title, to property, or otherwise, for the \$50,000 given us?

William A. Richardson, of Illinois, has been appointed Governor of Nebraska Territory, and N. E. Welch of Omaha, Secretary.

We promised, in our last issue, to give a Legislative review in this number; but for want of room it is postponed.

Nebraska Legislature. COUNCIL.

Monday, Dec. 14. Council meet pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Safford Reported back C. B. No. 1, An act to locate a Territorial road from Omaha to Elkhorn River, and recommended its passage. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Puett, Mr. Robertson was admitted within the bar as reporter for the Nebraskan.

The following bills were introduced by Mr. Puett: C. B. No. 13. Incorporating Concord Town and Ferry Co.

By Mr. Rogers: C. B. No. 14. Amending the act incorporating the University of Nebraska.

By Mr. Bradford: C. B. No. 15. An act respecting Judgment Notes.

Mr. Bowen and Reeves, on leave, gave notice of bills.

Mr. Bowen called up his resolution relative to special acts of incorporation. After debate, was carried.

Mr. Clancy, on leave, introduced a C. B. No. 16, re-locating the County seat of Washington County. Read first time.

Messrs. Bradford, Salisbury and Rogers, gave notice of bills.

Mr. Reeves reported back substitute for C. B. No. — An act repealing an act restraining sheep and swine, from running at large, in Dakota Co.

Mr. Salisbury, Chairman of Incorporations, reported back C. B. No. 8. An act incorporating Nebraska City, and recommending its passage.

Report adopted. Bill read third time.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported certain amendments to the act, regulating salaries and fees.

After some miscellaneous business, on motion of Mr. Bradford, the Council adjourned.

Tuesday, Dec. 15. Mr. Furnas introduced a bill to establish a Territorial Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Reeves: A bill fixing the time of convening the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Bowen, Council went into committee of the whole, on the Homestead Bill.

Mr. Reeves in the chair. After some time spent in debate, Committee arose, and asked leave to set again.

On motion of Mr. Kirkpatrick, Council went into committee of the whole on the Homestead Bill.

Afternoon spent in discussing the bill.

Wednesday, Dec. 16. Mr. Furnas introduced a bill for the encouragement of the growth of hedge fences, in the Territory.

Mr. Bradford: A bill to abolish County Commissioners and establish County Courts.

On motion of Mr. Clancy, the Council went into the committee of the whole on the Homestead Bill.

Mr. Reeves in the chair. Forenoon spent in debate.

Committee went into the Committee of the whole on the Homestead bill, and spent the afternoon in debate on its provisions.

Mr. Reeves in the chair. Committee arose and reported some amendments.

Mr. Clancy moved to refer to select Committee of three. Carried.

Messrs. Clancy, Safford and Allen, were appointed such Committee.

On motion of Mr. Bowen, the Council went into the committee of the whole, on the bill respecting judgment notes.

Mr. Bowen in the chair. Committee arose and recommended that the bill be referred to select Committee of three, with Mr. Bradford as Chairman. Adopted.

Chair appointed Bradford, Bowen and Rogers.

Mr. Bowen introduced a joint resolution relative to Delegate in Congress. Laid over under the rule. Adjourned.

Thursday, Dec. 17. Mr. Reeves, Chairman of Committee on Agriculture, reported back C. B. No. 20, an act to encourage the growth of hedge fences, in the Territory, and recommended its passage.

The following bills were passed: C. B. No. 2. An act to incorporate the city of Washington, in Dakota Co.

C. B. No. 3. An act to incorporate the town of Greengrassport.

C. B. No. 4. An act repealing an act restraining sheep and swine, from running at large, in Dakota Co.

Mr. Kirkpatrick in the chair. After some time spent in debate, Committee arose and reported certain amendments. Bill ordered to be engrossed.

The Homestead bill again came up for discussion. Bill ordered to be engrossed.

Saturday, Dec. 19. Mr. Furnas reported School bill with certain amendments, which, on motion, was made the especial order for Monday.

Mr. Puett submitted minority report, relating to the re-location of the County seat of Washington Co.

Mr. Kirkpatrick introduced a bill to organize Green County.

Mr. Bowen: A bill to incorporate the Emerson Land Co.

C. B. No. 19. An act fixing the time of convening the Legislative Assembly. Was passed.

After transacting some further business, Council adjourned to Monday.

HOUSE. MORNING SESSION. Monday, Dec. 14. On motion of Mr. Holloway, leave of absence was granted to Mr. Murphy, until Friday morning.

Mr. Donelan presented the petition of Samuel Hahn, to open the charter known as an act to establish and keep a Ferry across Platte River at Cedar Island, in the County of Cass.

On motion the petition was referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Holloway on leave introduced H F No 12, An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned. On motion the rules were suspended and the bill was read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on banks and currency.

The following notices of bills were given: By Mr. Armstrong, of a bill to prevent the improper and criminal use of deadly weapons.

By Mr. C. Crawford, of a bill to incorporate the town of Breckenridge, L'Eau qui court Co.

By Mr. Claves, of a bill to prevent the use of unauthorized paper money.

On leave Mr. Armstrong introduced H F No 13, a bill relating to mechanics liens. Read first time.

On motion the rules were suspended and bill read second time by its title.

On motion bill was referred to committee on judiciary.

On leave Mr. Taggart introduced H F No 14, a bill to incorporate the town of Monroe, Monroe Co.

Mr. Thrall gave notice of a bill authorizing the location of a Territorial road from Omaha to the mouth of the Elkhorn river. Also of a bill giving preference to certain claims in the settlement of estates.

By Mr. Cooper, of a bill to prevent the improper issue of the Omaha and Chicago Bank. Also of a bill authorizing the county recorder of Washington County, to perform the duties of county clerk.

By Mr. Donelan, of a bill to charter a Ferry Company across Platte River, at Cedar Island, in Cass County, and repeal the present charter.

By Mr. Taggart, of a bill relative to the formation of new counties and alteration of county lines.

By Mr. Sullivan, of a bill to create a new precinct in the southern part of Washington Co.

By Mr. Beck, of a bill for the location of a territorial road from Hewitt's Landing in Bart County, N. T., to Columbus, Platte County, N. T.

On leave, Mr. Sullivan introduced H F No 15, an act to amend section three of chapter 31 of the code, passed and approved Feb 12, 1857.

On leave, Mr. Taggart introduced H F No 16, a bill to establish a territorial road from Tekama to Fontenelle.

On leave, Mr. Crawford presented H F No 17, a memorial for a daily mail from Iowa City, Ia. to Omaha City, N. T.

Mr. Cromwell gave notice of a bill to incorporate Pawnee City, Pawnee county. Also a bill to incorporate Table Rock City.

Mr. Minick gave notice of a bill to amend the act entitled an act to restrain sheep and swine from running at large, in the counties of Cass, Nemaha and Otoe.

Mr. Steinberger offered the following resolution: Resolved, That all persons asking seats within the bar, as reporters of papers, shall be admitted.

On motion the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Holloway offered the following resolution: Resolved, That Mr. See be admitted to a seat in that body as reporter for the Florence Courier. On motion the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Armstrong gave notice of a bill to restrain all stock from running at large in the Territory.

On leave, Taggart introduced H F No 18, an act to establish a territorial road from the military bridge on west Papillion, to Monroe, Monroe county, via Fontenelle.

On leave, Crawford introduced H F No 19, an act to incorporate the town of Tesawong.

Armstrong offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary, be instructed to report a bill exempting from taxation all improvements on real estate, throughout the territory. Laid over under the rule.

The following bills of the House were taken up and read second time by their titles. H F No 7, an act to incorporate the town of Syracuse. Referred to committee on corporations.

at Omaha City, N. T. Approved January 23, A. D. 1856. Referred to committee on corporations.

H F No 4. An act to incorporate the town of Brooklyn. Referred to the committee on corporations.

H F No 10. An act to define the boundaries and to locate the seat of justice of the county of Platte. Referred to committee on county seats and boundaries.

H F No 8. An act adopting a part of the code of the first session laws. Referred to committee on judiciary.

H F No 3. A bill for an act to authorize Wm B Hail, his associates and assigns, to establish and keep a ferry across the Missouri River, at Nebraska City. Referred to committee on corporations.

On motion, the following resolution was taken up: Resolved, That George M Mills be admitted to a seat within the bar as reporter for the Chicago Times. Campbell moved the resolutions be adopted. Pending which, Thrall moved to lay resolutions on the table. Carried.

Steinberger moved to re-consider the vote, on the resolution admitting Mr. See to a seat within the bar as reporter for the Florence Courier, upon which the ayes and nays were demanded, and resulted as follows:

Ayes, Beck, Campbell, Cooper, Gates, Morton, Sullivan, Steinberger, Stewart of Douglas, Stewart of Washington, Taggart and Van Horn.—11.

Nays, Armstrong, Abbe, Benedict, Claves, Crawford, Chambers, Cromwell, Donelan, Davidson, Hail, Holloway, Jones, King, Minick, Robb, Sheldon, and Strickland.—17. Lost.

On motion the following resolution was taken from the table. Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary, be instructed to report a bill for a general law, regulating the chartering of ferry companies. On motion of Minick the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Armstrong the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the committee on privileges and elections, be and hereby require to report on the contested cases from Washington county, on Tuesday next.

Morton offered the following resolution: Resolved, That all persons claiming to be reporters for newspapers out of the territory, be and are hereby permitted to furnish themselves with desks and seats, outside the bar.

Steinberger moved to amend by inserting after the word "territory," the words "and within the territory."

Holloway moved to lay the amendment on the table. Pending which, a call of the House was demanded. Marquette and Benedict were absent. On motion, all farther proceedings under the call were dispensed with. The vote being now taken upon Holloway's motion, to lay the amendment upon the table, it was decided carried.

Steinberger moved to lay the resolution upon the table. Ayes and naves were demanded, and resulted as follows:

Ayes.—Messrs. Beck, Crawford, Campbell, Claves, Chambers, Cooper, Sullivan, Steinberger, Stewart of Washington, and Speaker.—10.

Nays.—Armstrong, Abbe, Benedict, Cromwell, Donelan, Davidson, Gates, Hail, Holloway, Jones, King, Morton, Minick, Robb, Stewart of Douglas, Sheldon, Strickland, Taggart, and Van Horn.—19. Lost.

Thrall moved to amend by striking out the words "out of the territory." Lost.

On motion, the resolution was adopted. On leave, Morton introduced H F No 20. An act to prevent the improper and criminal use of deadly weapons. Read first time.

On motion of Holloway, rules were suspended and bill read second time by its title. On motion referred to committee on agriculture. On motion of Hail, the committee was instructed to report as early as possible upon the bill.

On motion took recess until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Armstrong offered the following resolution which was laid over under the rule: Resolved, That the chief clerk be authorized to appoint an additional engrossing and enrolling clerk, which, in his opinion the services of one shall be needed. Also the following resolution:

Resolved, That T. H. Robertson, editor of the Nebraskan, and Geo. W. Hepburn, reporter for the Times, be admitted within the bar, as reporters for those papers. Laid over under the rule.

Strickland demanded call of the House. Marquette and Benedict were absent. On motion leave of absence were granted to those gentlemen.

Armstrong moved suspension of the rules that the resolution admitting Robertson and Hepburn within the bar, as reporters, might be taken up. Upon which the ayes and naves were demanded and resulted as follows:—

Ayes.—Messrs. Armstrong, Abbe, Beck, Claves, Chambers, Davidson, Hail, Holloway, King, Minick, Poppleton, Paddock, Robb and Thrall.—14.

Nays.—Messrs. Crawford, Campbell, Cromwell, Cooper, Donelan, Gates, Jones, Murphy, Morton, Sullivan, Steinberger, Stewart of Douglas, Stewart of Washington, Sheldon, Strickland, Taggart, and Van Horn.—17. Lost.

Armstrong gave notice of a bill to more clearly define the powers and duties of notaries public.

Steinberger gave notice of a bill to incorporate the Cleveland Land Co.

On leave Sullivan introduced H F No 21, an act to regulate the exemption laws of Nebraska. Read first time.

Holloway moved to suspend rules and read bill second time by its title. Lost.

Morton gave notice of a bill to provide for the erection of a court house and jail in the county of Otoe.

Poppleton offered the following preamble and resolution: WHEREAS, it is believed that many of the ferry franchises, heretofore granted by the legislative assembly, across the Missouri and other rivers, in the territory, have been forfeited, by a failure to comply with the provisions of their charters, and whereas, it is important that every facility should be afforded for the safe and speedy crossing of said streams, at all seasons of the year, and whereas, the prosperity of the territory is dependent, in a great measure upon the existence of such facilities, therefore,

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to examine into the condition of the various charters mentioned, and report what legislation, if any, is demanded in regard to them, by the best interests of the Territory.

Hail moved to suspend the rules, that the resolution might be taken up and acted upon. Carried.

Poppleton moved adoption of preamble and resolution. Carried.

Messrs. Poppleton, Crawford, Hail, Strickland, and King, were appointed. A bill consolidating Nebraska, South Nebraska, and Kearney Cities, and incorporating Nebraska City, was received from the Council, for concurrence.

On leave, Poppleton introduced H F No 22, an act to incorporate the Omaha Gass company. Read first time.

Strickland offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the Hons. A. J. Hanscomb, Wm. Larimer, Jr., W. E. Moore, and all ex-members of the legislative assembly, be admitted to seats within the bar of the House. Adopted.

Stewart of Douglas, moved to take from the table, the resolution, admitting George M. Mills, to a seat within the bar, as reporter for Chicago Times. Carried.

Stewart moved the adoption of the resolution. The ayes and naves were demanded, and was carried by a vote of 19 to 13. House adjourned.

(By some mistake, Tuesday's proceedings were not received.—Ed. Gaz.)

Wednesday, Dec. 16. MORNING SESSION. On motion the following resolution was adopted: Resolved; That the chief clerk be authorized to appoint an additional enrolling and engrossing clerk, when in his opinion, the services of one shall be needed.

The clerk appointed Mr John E. Daisey of Douglas Co.

On motion the following resolution was adopted: Resolved; That T H Robertson, editor of the Nebraskan, be admitted within the bars reporter for that paper; also that G W Hepburn be admitted as reporter for the Omaha Times.

Strickland gave notice of a bill for an act to incorporate the town of Granada.

On leave, Campbell introduced H. F. No 30, an act to lay out and establish a territorial road from Nebraska City, to Fall City, Richardson Co. Bill read first time.

Jones gave notice of a bill providing for a ferry charter on Missouri River, at St Johns, Dakota Co., N. T.

Marquette gave notice of a bill to locate the county seat of Calhoun Co.

Benedict gave notice of a bill to provide for taking the Census, making appointment, holding elections, and other purposes.

Cromwell gave notice of a bill providing for the stay of executions, and other purposes.

Morton gave notice of a bill to incorporate the Otoe County Coal Mining Co.

Crawford introduced H F, No 21, an act to incorporate the Tepeta town and ferry company. Read first time. On motion the rules were suspended. Bill read second time by its title, and referred to committee on corporations.

On leave, Taggart introduced H F, No 32, a bill to establish the eastern boundary of Dodge county. Read first time.

Steinberger introduced H F, No 33, an act supplementary to an act, entitled an act, to incorporate the Platte Valley Bank, also to an act to charter the bank of Florence, also to an act for the charter of a bank to be located in Omaha City, Douglas county, Nebraska a Territory, to be called the bank of Nebraska, also an act to incorporate a bank at Desota, Washington county, also to an act to charter the bank of Tekama, in Bart county Nebraska Territory. Read the first time, and on motion, the rules were suspended, and the bill read second time by its title, and on motion referred to the committee on banks and currency, and on motion 40 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Steinberger introduced H F, 34, an act to incorporate the Cleveland land company. Read first time.

The following report of Committees were received.

Your committee to whom was referred H F, No 9, a bill: an act to authorize W B Hail, his associates and assigns, to establish and keep a ferry across the Missouri River at Nebraska City, Otoe county, N. T, beg leave to report the same back without amendment, and recommend its passage.

Your committee to whom was referred H F, No 5; a bill to authorize the arbitration of causes pending in the district courts, report the same back, and recommend that it do not pass.

J C CRAWFORD. J C CAMPBELL. A J POPPLETON. P C SULLIVAN. T M MARQUETTE.

On motion the report was received. Report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Your committee to whom was referred H F, No 8; an act adopting part third of the first Session Laws, beg leave to report the same back and recommend its passage.

W G CRAWFORD. J C CAMPBELL. A J POPPLETON. P C SULLIVAN. T M MARQUETTE.

Bills on their second reading being now in order. H F, No 27; an act to create a new precinct in the southern portion of Washington county, was read second time, and on motion, was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

H F, No 28; an act to prohibit the issue and circulation of un-authorized bank paper, was read second time, and on motion referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Poppleton offered the following resolution: Resolved; That all bills relating to the formation of new election precincts, locating roads, &c, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report whether or not there is not a general statute in relation thereto. On motion the resolution was adopted.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary relating to H F, No 8; an act adopting a part of the first session laws, was taken up and adopted; and on motion H F, No 8, was read the third time. Passed, and the title agreed to.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary relating to H F, No 5; a bill to authorize the arbitration of causes pending in the District Courts was taken up and adopted, and on motion of Armstrong the bill was postponed indefinitely.

The report of the committee on Corporations, relating to H F, No 2; a bill to amend the charter of the city of Fontenelle, was taken up. On motion of Armstrong, the amendment proposed by the committee was adopted, and on motion, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Strickland moved to take a recess until two o'clock. Lost. On motion of Armstrong, the following resolution was taken from the table. Resolved; That John T. Clopper, be and is hereby admitted to a seat within the par of this House, as reporter for the Pitsburg Union.

school house, in Fontenelle, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M., and five o'clock P. M., of said day, and B L Keyes, John Evans and Rufus Brown, are hereby appointed judges of said first election, and that said Judges shall be sworn and qualified by any officer authorized to administer oaths, and that said election shall be conducted in the same manner that general elections are conducted, and within three days after said election, the said judges shall make return of the same to the Judge of probate of said county of Dodge, and it shall be the duty of the Judge of Probate to issue certificates of election to the persons elected for the respective offices of said city.

C T HOLLOWAY. P G COOPER. W B HAIL. A J BENEDICT.

Dec. 14th, 1857. On motion the report was received. Report of the Committee on roads and bridges.

Your committee to whom was referred H F, No 9; a bill to locate a territorial road from Rock Port, to Elk Horn city, also H F, No 16; a bill to locate a territorial road from Tekama to Fontenelle; having had the same under consideration, we respectfully beg leave to report them back without amendment, and recommend their passage.

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Murphy moved the adoption of the resolution. The ayes and naves were demanded and resulted as follows:—

Ayes.—Messrs Beck, Benedict, Claves, Crawford, Chambers, Cooper, Donelan, Davidson, Gates, Jones, Murphy, Marquette, Robb, Sullivan, Steinberger, Stewart of Douglas, Strickland and Taggart.—18.

Nays.—Armstrong, Abbe, Campbell, Cromwell, Hail, Holloway, King, Morton, Minick, Poppleton, Sheldon, Thrall, and Van Horn.—13. Carried.