

THE LEGISLATURE

Irrigation Engages the Attention of the Senate—Other Measures of More or Less Importance.

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION BILL

Work Going Forward as Usual and the Usual Number of Bills Introduced.

Under suspension of the rules the senate adopted a resolution offered by Giffin of Dawson, indorsing government expenditures for irrigation investigations along the Platte river in three states. The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, An investigation by the irrigation investigations of the United States department of agriculture has been planned for the benefit of those using water from the Platte river in three states through which the stream flows, and

Whereas, The said irrigation investigations has made arrangements for carrying this work to completion and

Whereas, We believe that the funds appropriated for this kind of work in former years have been repaid to the government and to the irrigators of the country many fold, therefore be it

Resolved, That we respectfully request and urge that when the agricultural appropriation bill is under discussion on the floor of congress the recommendations of the secretary of agriculture and the director of the office of experiment stations relative to this investigation be thoroughly indorsed by the honorable representatives of the state of Nebraska in the senate and in the house of representatives; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary of the senate be instructed to address forthwith a copy of this resolution to each member of the Nebraska delegation in congress.

By a vote of 23 to 8 the rules were suspended and the resolutions adopted. Howell of Douglas explained his vote by saying that on the previous day he had asked for suspension of the rules and it had been denied him but he desired to vote to extend this privilege to the senator from Dawson.

Lieutenant Governor McGilton presented a telegram from the chief clerk of the legislature of Arizona asking the Nebraska legislature to adopt a memorial to congress favoring the omnibus statehood bill. The message was received and placed on file without action.

Senate file No. 28, by Jenning of Thayer, requiring county treasurers to place the amount of delinquent taxes on tax receipts, was reported by the committee on revenue with the recommendation that it be passed.

Senate file No. 30, by Warner of Dakota, requiring county treasurers to deposit public funds in banks and fixing the minimum rate of interest on such deposits at 1 1/2 per cent was reported by the standing committee with the recommendations that it pass, together with an amendment changing the rate of interest from 1 1/2 to 2 per cent.

Senate file No. 23, relating to township organization, was also reported with a favorable recommendation. George C. Andrews, who failed to qualify as fireman, was replaced by J. D. Darrow on recommendation of the committee on employes.

The following bills were introduced:

S. F. No. 100, by Mr. Sloan—To repeal section 5584 of the criminal code of the compiled statutes, relating to grand juries.

S. F. No. 102, by Mr. Brady—To require railroad companies and common carriers in the state of Nebraska, to erect and maintain a side track, or switch, extending a reasonable length, the outer edge of which shall be at least within four feet of the outer edge of the right of way, to any elevator or elevators erected by any firm, corporation, association, person or persons, for the purpose of

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buying, storing and shipping grain at any station within this state, and providing for a penalty for the violation thereof.

IN THE HOUSE.

A bill will be introduced in the house soon by Representative Rouse of Hall asking for a \$75,000 appropriation for the Louisiana purchase exposition. The list of bills so far on the roll of the house does not include any making an appropriation, for this exposition. Each governor made a recommendation that some attention be paid the matter and Mr. Rouse has fixed the sum at a figure which Governor Savage advised. It is an open question whether the legislature will agree upon that amount, but it is generally recognized that some provision will have to be made for the exposition. The bill will provide for a commission of eight members, one from each congressional district and two at large. They are to serve without compensation further than that their expenses shall be paid.

Citizens of Shelby in Polk county, petitioned the legislature to enact laws compelling railroads to give equal accommodations along their right of way to elevator, coal and lumber men. They also asked that railroads be compelled to furnish suitable accommodations to shippers of stock accompanying their shipments.

Standing committees reported as follows:

H. R. No. 48, relating to schools in metropolitan cities, was recommended for passage as amended.

H. R. No. 81, by Loomis, relating to qualifications of school teachers, to pass.

H. R. No. 99, by Gregg, relating to meetings of school boards, to pass.

H. R. No. 16, relating to election of county supervisors, to pass.

H. R. No. 101, relating to rate of taxes in towns, to pass.

H. R. No. 24, relating to approval of bonds by town boards, to pass as amended.

The following bills have been introduced in the house:

H. R. No. 197, by Fries—Provides for giving notice of application for saloon license. Notice to be filed with clerk of the village or city.

H. R. No. 198, by McClay, by request—Provides for election of councilmen at large cities with from 40,000 to 100,000 inhabitants.

H. R. No. 199, by McClay—Provides for the transfer of funds belonging to sanitary district and the expenditure thereof by municipal authority of the municipality within said district. Relates to expenditure of sanitary funds.

H. R. No. 200, by McClay, by request—To provide a tax commissioner with all powers of assessors under state revenue law in cities with 40,000 to 100,000 inhabitants.

H. R. No. 201, by Riggs, by request of state auditor—An act requiring county, city and village clerks, to make out, certify and transmit to the auditor of public accounts, a full and complete statement of the bonded indebtedness of every description, of such county, city or village, as shown by the records of such county, city or village clerks on the 31st day of March, the 30th day of June, the 30th day of September and the 31st day of December of each year.

H. R. No. 202 by Good—Appropriates money in normal school library fund amounting to \$2,836 14, for books for state normal.

H. R. No. 203, by Warner—Provides for the appointment of corporations as receivers, assignees, guardians, executors, administrators, or other trustees. Applies to trust corporations having more than \$25,000 capital.

H. R. No. 204, by Thompson—To prohibit county judges, supreme judges, clerks, constables, or jailors acting as attorneys.

H. R. No. 206, by Gregg—Giving county superintendents power over formation of school districts.

H. R. No. 207, by Thompson—Provides for damages in forcible entry suits.

H. R. No. 208, by McClay—Provides for a matron in county jails, where there are female prisoners.

H. R. No. 207, by McClay—Provides for improvement in condition of county jails and for inspection.

Volcano is in Eruption.

Rome, Jan. 26.—After a brief spell of inactivity the volcano Stromboli is again in eruption. Great quantities of lava and stones are being thrown up and to an immense distance from the crater.

Factories in Canada.

More than thirty great manufacturing companies of the United States are establishing factories in Canada.

Say the Rumor is Untrue.

Vienna, Jan. 26.—The newspapers here deny the rumor emanating from Budapest that the Archduke Eugene, one of the second cousins of Emperor Francis Joseph, is about to renounce his rank in order to marry a confectioner's daughter.

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PRAYER IN A JURY ROOM.

One Member Asks for Supreme Guidance While All Reverently Kneel.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—A "session of prayer" preceded the deliberations of a jury in Judge Chetlain's court, which resulted in the acquittal of Patrick Deenan, charged with the murder of John Linden.

When the twelve took their places around the table, William H. Deltz said: "Gentlemen, this is a most serious duty. A human life hangs in the balance, awaiting but a word from us to be made free or to be ended. This is such a solemn duty that I almost fear to approach it, and I think that we ought to ask for courage and for light. Won't you gentlemen join me in prayer? Let us kneel here in the jury chambers and ask divine guidance in the duty we are undertaking."

The twelve men in the jury chamber dropped to their knees and bowed their heads as the one juror offered a prayer, in which he petitioned for supreme guidance.

Clever Swindling Scheme.

New York, Jan. 23.—By the arrest of a man whom the police say is William G. Furlong, an alleged scheme to fleece the public was brought to light today. The police say that Furlong has been advertising in New York and Philadelphia papers for "a gentleman who would be willing to marry a lady he has never met and from whom he would be expected to secure a divorce as soon as possible after the marriage."

The advertisement said it was necessary, in order to settle an estate, for the lady to marry, and the accepted would receive \$2,000. As soon as an answer was received a circular would be sent in which the applicant was asked to send \$1 for a picture of the lady.

The police say five thousand answers were received, and that Furlong also secured money by advertising for applicants for a position. Furlong had handsomely furnished offices on Wall street.

When arraigned the prisoner gave his name as J. V. S. Scudder. He was remanded for forty-eight hours as a suspicious character.

Invite President to Hunt.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Representative Mondell today presented to the president Mayor George T. Beck of Cody, Wyo., universally known throughout the state as Governor Beck and J. H. Peake, of the Cody Enterprise. Mr. Peake, on behalf of the citizens of Cody extended an invitation to Mr. Roosevelt to go to Wyoming during the coming summer for a big hunt. The president stated in reply that it would be one of the great pleasures of his life to have a hunt in Wyoming, but that if he did go and accept the invitation so courteously extended he wanted to go as a private citizen and not as the chief executive. Laughingly he said to Mr. Peake, who was formerly a well known newspaper man of Washington, that he wanted all reporters rounded up just before he reached the Big Horn Basin, and that if Mr. Peake could assure the president of a quiet time without the presence of newspaper men he might seriously consider the question of his going to Wyoming during the summer.

Lee Will Probe the Earth.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 23.—It is said that J. K. Lee, the Louisville man on whose farm it is reported a three-foot vein of anthracite has been found, will organize a stock company to bore for coal if the legislature will not make an appropriation to investigate. He is firm in the belief that the entire country there is underlaid with a field of anthracite, and he wants to investigate.

A prominent Lincoln geologist says there is no anthracite underlying the country around Louisville. The formation of the earth does not indicate such a mineral, and he is very certain that the Louisville find will soon be forgotten. He expresses doubt that such a mineral can be found in Nebraska.

Cannot Enter the Port.

Guayaquil, Jan. 23.—It has been decided to close all the ports of the republic to steamers from San Francisco, owing to the importation of bubonic plague. Vessels which left San Francisco January 20, or after, that date, will not be admitted. The board of health of Guayaquil, January 18, issued an order to close the ports to steamers from Panama or Mexican ports, but the order was reconsidered the following day and it was decided to close the port only to steamers from the plague infected Mexican ports.

Wreaths on Victoria Tomb.

London, Jan. 23.—The second anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria was today observed at Windsor and elsewhere by the depositing of wreaths on statues erected to her memory, and by the royal family.

King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the royal family were present at a service held in Frogmore mausoleum.

A DEATH SENTENCE

EXTREME PENALTY THE FATE OF COL. ARTHUR LYNCH.

HE IS GUILTY OF TREASON

FORFEITS HIS LIFE BY FIGHTING WITH BOERS.

THE CRIME HAPPILY RARE

Well Known as Irish Leader in the House of Commons—Communication of the Sentence Predicted.

London, Jan. 24.—Col. Arthur Lynch, member of parliament for Galway, has been found guilty on the charge of high treason and sentenced to death.

When the trial was resumed today counsel for the defense began summing up. There was not any attempt to deny that Colonel Lynch supported the Boers but counsel contended that his naturalization was in no way prompted by treasonable intent and was solely for the advantage he would thus secure for journalistic purposes.

Subsequently the defendant actively supported the Boer cause in the belief that he was a legally naturalized burgher.

Replying for the prosecution the solicitor general, Sir Edward Carson, maintained that Colonel Lynch joined the Boer army as a disaffected Irishman, "thereby committing a most cowardly and most serious act of treason." His naturalization, continued the solicitor general, was only a flimsy pretext.

Counsel then proceeded to detail the prisoner's alleged acts of adherence to his country's enemies.

The lord chief justice summed up very briefly. He said that if in time of war a British subject joined the enemy's numbers, for whatever purpose, he was guilty of an unlawful act. Naturalization during wartime afforded no excuse whatever for subsequent acts. There was abundant evidence, he said, of over tact in aiding the king's enemy.

In delivering sentence Justice Wills said the crime of high treason of which the prisoner had been found guilty was happily so rare that it seemed to be almost an anachronism. No civilized community had yet failed to punish severely defection from loyalty whether in the way of open warfare or secret intrigue. In the darkest hours of his country's fortune when engaged in a deadly struggle Lynch joined the ranks of its foes and shed the blood of his fellow subjects, fighting for their country, and sought to dethrone Great Britain from her place among the nations. The only palliation which could be offered was that it had been the fashion for some years to treat lightly matters of this kind and men had been encouraged to play with sedition and toy with treason. The nation had treated with contemptuous indifference speeches and acts of sedition, but it was one thing to talk sedition and quite a different thing to bear arms in the ranks of the country's foes.

The jury after having been out half an hour, returned a verdict of guilty.

When asked if he had anything to say why he should not be sentenced to death, Colonel Lynch replied: "Thank you, I will say nothing."

The sentence of death was passed on each of the four counts in the indictment.

The prisoner then bowed to the court and was removed in custody. Lynch throughout bore himself with unflinching composure. He walked out steadily between the jailors and past the bench where his wife and other relatives were seated. Mrs. Lynch has been given permission to see her husband.

Although formally sentenced to be hanged, Lynch's sentence will no doubt be commuted.

Girl Fearfully Burned.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 24.—Miss Mary Lierman was fearfully burned here last evening through attempting to light a fire with gasoline. She boarded with the family of Harry Howarth on the second floor of the building occupied by the Cumming County Democrat. When she used the gasoline a fearful explosion occurred.

R. G. Longer and Herman Rubid rushed to the rescue to find the room ablaze and the girl in flames. Lightly holding Mrs. Howarth, who had attempted to smother the fire. With the combined efforts of the two men, the women were separated and the flames were extinguished, but not until Miss Lierman had been frightfully and perhaps fatally burned.

Missouri Pacific Train Wrecked.

Wichita, Kas., Jan. 24.—The Missouri Pacific passenger train leaving Wichita at 9:50 last night for Kansas City was wrecked at 2 o'clock this morning while entering the yards at Yates Center.

A coal train which had taken the siding was too long and one car had been left on the main track. The engineer and fireman are dead and at dawn were still lying under their engine.

HANGED TO LIMB OF TREE.

Unknown Man Found Dead Near Norfolk, Neb.—Wire instead of a Rope.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 27.—The body of an unknown man, apparently about fifty years old, with gray hair and whiskers, was discovered Monday morning hanging by a wire to the limb of a tree at Spring branch, about two miles north of the city. The man was comfortably dressed, wearing a blue overcoat and about thirty dollars was found in one of his pockets. The body was taken to the rooms of Sessions & Bell, where it awaits identification. It is supposed the man committed suicide.

Mrs. L. W. Young a Suicide.

Wilsonville, Neb., Jan. 27.—Mrs. L. W. Young, wife of ex-Senator Young, committed suicide Monday by taking carbolic acid. The acid was taken in the forenoon, while all members of the family were away from home. She was found at about noon unconscious and death followed at 3 o'clock. Deceased made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide about two years ago by taking rough on rats.

Two Men Saw Out of Jail.

Mitchell, S. D., Jan. 27.—A jail delivery took place in this city Monday night and a very important prisoner made his escape. Jack Sully and Fred Baer, the two inmates, were released from the prison and no trace of them can be found. They were assisted by outside parties, who sawed the lock from an outside door that is rarely used, and then sawed their way into the jail.

At 4:30 in the afternoon the deputy sheriff saw Sully in the jail corridor and when the deputy returned at 7 o'clock the jail was empty and an investigation revealed that the prisoners had gone. Telephone messages were sent in all directions to intercept the fugitives.

Sully is the noted cattle rustler who has operated on the Sioux reservation, west of Chamberlain, for a number of years and in that time has made way with hundreds of cattle. He has always been able to escape the officers, or has stood in with them to the extent of having escaped arrest.

Last summer Sully was arrested at Verdigris, Neb., where he had driven a large number of cattle and had sold them to Omaha dealers. He was brought back to Lyman county and later placed in the Mitchell jail for safe keeping.

It is believed that the plan for the delivery had been in operation for several days and the fact that Sheriff Brooks died Saturday afternoon gave Sully's friends a chance to work all the better. It was not a difficult matter to saw through the iron bars that held them captives.

Capture of a Coal Train.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 27.—The town of Stratford, 100 miles north of here, having a population of nearly 2,000, is greatly wrought up as the result of the arrest of more than thirty persons who held up a train and seized nearly twenty cars of coal. But little coal has been shipped to Stratford for many weeks and a severe fuel famine prevailed.

Yesterday a Northwestern freight train of loaded coal cars passing through the town stopped for water. The train had no sooner come to a stop than the news spread like wild fire. Soon a mob of 500 people with wagons, baskets and coal scuttles were at the tracks, a car of coal was broken open and people were helping themselves. Of the train of twenty cars but a few tons remained when the mob was over.

The railroad company at once notified the sheriff, who immediately left Webster City for Stratford. He made between thirty and forty arrests. A high state of excitement prevails. The amount of coal taken was not much per person, but as a whole is sufficient to last the town for some time.

Much trouble is looked for when the arrested persons are brought to trial. All, however, have been granted bail pending the time of trial, which is set for the next term of the district court.

On Trail of Bank Robbers.

St. Louis, Jan. 27.—Bill Anderson, of Rudolph, and Frank Lewis, the supposed Union, Mo., bank robbers and murderers of Detective Charles U. Schumacher, are still at large. A reward of \$1,800 has been offered for their arrest.

Sheriff Bruch of Franklin county has been informed that two men answering the description of the fugitives, one of them wounded, were seen at Beaufort.

Ryan is Asked to Fight.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 27.—Tommy Ryan, the champion middle weight today received a telegram from Jack Herman, manager of the Fort Erie athletic club at Buffalo asking him if he would fight Fitzsimmons there for a purse of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Ryan replied that he would if Fitzsimmons would train down to the middleweight limit.

Nebraska Notes

The State Voluntary Fireman's convention was held at Crete.

A. J. Hale, formerly mayor of Beatrice, is dead at Dubuque.

Mrs. Etta Douglas was found dead in bed at Superior.

It is reported that a United States army recruiting station is soon to be established at Beatrice and that it may become a permanent thing.

A meeting will be held at Ellis, January 27, to consider a proposition for the erection of a 10,000 bushel public grain elevator.

The Avoca company with a capital of \$50 was incorporated this week by Asaph J. Wheeler and F. J. Brown. The company will manufacture a remedy to cure cancer.

Joseph Keller, who was tried in district court at Nelson charged as procurer to arson through Joseph Robinson, was acquitted of the crime by the jury.

Rev. A. W. Henry, of Lincoln, the evangelist, is conducting revival meetings in Wymore at the Christian church. They will continue for an indefinite period.

The general store of Langdon & Drake at Odell burned. The building and store are a total loss. They were valued at \$10,000. The fire originated from a falling lamp.

While feeding a corn thresher at Humbolt the machine threw out a cob hitting Henry Lutz in the eye, knocking him from the feeding board and nearly blinding him.

Congressman Burkett has nominated Mrs. A. D. Beemer as postmistress of Lancaster, which is the penitentiary. Mrs. Davis, the wife of the former warden, has resigned.

The bill introduced by Howell of Douglas, providing that the city of Omaha be enabled to acquire and operate the waterworks plant, was passed by the senate. The measure received thirty-three votes.

The Argo starch factory resumed operations at Nebraska City and will continue grinding corn at the rate of 20,000 bushels per day. Positive assurance is given that the plant is to run continuously and the capacity increased in a short time.

Ex-State Senator L. H. Woods' fine residence on his farm, adjoining Violet, was completely destroyed by fire entailing a loss of \$11,000, which was partly insured. This was one of the oldest and most beautiful places in the county.

Suit for damages was brought in the Beatrice district court in the sum of \$10,000 for breach of promise by Miss Carrie M. Rasmussen of Lancaster county against H. C. Montgomery. Both parties are well known in Beatrice.

A. M. Walker, a rural mail carrier, who delivers on a route in the vicinity of Cedar Bluffs, has bought an automobile, which he will use in his work. He calculates that he can make a trip in three hours with only the expense of one gallon of gasoline. Now he drives a team of horses and it takes nearly an entire day to go over the route.

The show of the State Poultry association at Lincoln, is pronounced the best of its kind ever given in Nebraska. Exhibits were displayed from five states. The egg and dressed poultry department is a new feature and is a success. The display of incubators and brooders was extensive and the pet stock exhibit, with its pigeons, rabbits, Belgian hares and guinea pigs was a great attraction.

Andrew Carnegie has offered \$10,000 for a city library at Kearney, if the council, by a resolution of the people, will put up not less than \$1,000 a year for the library's support and furnish a site. The offer has been accepted by the council, which has agreed to the conditions and returned thanks for the gift. A committee is now selecting the site.

At a special election held at North Bend, a proposition to establish and maintain a municipal lighting plant was carried by an overwhelming majority, there being only twenty-one votes against it out of a total of 180. The kind of light to be used has not been decided on, but the cold gas system seems to be somewhat favored.

Burglars gained an entrance to the store of Marcus Ferankel at Alliance and started to rob the store. They got in over the transom of the front door. A clerk who was sleeping in the rear was awakened and began shooting. The robbers were frightened away. One of them jumped through a plate glass window in his haste to escape.

H. R. Parks, a member of the wholesale firm of Hirsch, Wickwire & Parks of Fremont, has not been seen since December 30, and his friends fear that he has met with foul play. He went to Lincoln, where he registered at the Lincoln and sent his baggage and samples to the hotel. He has not been seen since, although the baggage is still there. At the time of his disappearance he had a large sum of money on his person. He has a family in Chelsea.