

The senatorial dead lock in Missouri is still unbroken.

The government thronometer at the B. & M. depot Sunday night registered 41 degrees below zero. This was a record breaker.

The prohibition clause in the new statehood bill for Oklahoma was passed by a vote of fifty-five to twenty. It prohibits the sale of liquors in the state for twenty-five years, in case the bill becomes a law.

In his fight to block the government plans for irrigating a big slice of Scott's Bluff county, Mr. Leavitt had the co-operation of some of the most potent railroad politicians in Nebraska, and yet the state board turned down his application by an unanimous vote. This is worth mentioning because so many people jumped to the conclusion before the hearing that Mr. Leavitt had influence enough to jam his application through the state. They figured it out that the members of the board would be afraid of the big politicians and would vote to give them a boost. In this case, as in a good many others, the potency of the railroad pull has been immensely overestimated.—State Journal.

If there could be a County Co-operative Telephone Co., organized that would unite all the lines of the county with the view of ruining the business on a system that each owner would pay no more than the actual expense of operation, it would be a great saving to the people of the county and besides would be great convenience to all phone owners. It would do away with tolls. Several of the local companies in the north part of the county have already consolidated on a similar plan and the thing to do is to have every plant in the county consolidated. In some communities in the east the plan has been tried and is working admirably with a cost of only about fifty cents a month to the phone.

We have not seen much of that bill introduced in the legislature early in the session providing for the election of all county and state officers the same year. That is a capital plan and would be of great saving to the counties and state in election expenses. While it would be a long time between meals for the professional politician it would make quite a rest for the public. The importance of such a law should not be lost sight of by the legislature until it is too late to pass it. It might be a hardship to some of the present incumbents, whose time expires this year, that would have to hold over a year for the general election, but the most of them would hale the opportunity with

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delight whether their constituents enjoyed the occasion or not. Let us have the law at any rate.

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President Roosevelt's Speech at New York.

President Roosevelt in his speech in New York last Monday night on the occasion of Lincoln's anniversary banquet discussed the negro question from the civil, social and religious view. His appeal was to the individual of the colored race as well as to the individual white man to labor for the elevation and not the lowering of those in their immediate vicinity. He does not advocate social equality, but civil liberty and equitable adjustment of differences between races, not by abridging the rights of either but by raising the backward race. So it may enter into the true freedom while the forward race is enabled to preserve, unharrassed the high civilization wrought out by its forefathers. He says the working out of this problem must be necessarily slow and that it is not only necessary to train the colored man; it is quite necessary to train the white man, for on his shoulders rests a well nigh unparalleled social responsibility. In speaking of things to be remembered in dealing with men of different color, the president says:

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much of it as concerns dealing with men of different colors. We must remember two things:

In the first place, it is true of the colored man, as it is true of the white man, that in the long run his fate must depend far more upon his own effort than upon the efforts of any outside friend. Every vicious, venal, or ignorant colored man is an even greater foe to his own race than to the community as a whole. The colored man's self-respect entitles him to do that share in the political work of the country which is warranted by his individual ability and integrity and the position he has won for himself. But the prime requisite of the race is moral and industrial uplifting.

"Laziness and shiftless, these, and above all, vice and criminality of every kind, are evils more potent for harm to the black race than all acts of oppression of white men put together. The colored man who fails to condemn crime in another colored man, who fails to co-operate in all lawful ways in bringing colored criminal to justice, is the worst enemy of his own people. Law-abiding black men should, for the sake of their race, be foremost in relentless and unceasing warfare against law-breaking black men. If the standards of private morality and industrial efficiency can be raised high enough among the black race, then its future on this continent is secure. The stability and purity of the home is vital to the welfare of the black race, as it is to the welfare of every race.

It develops that the anti-pass and reduced passenger rate bill introduced in the legislature, which Berge claimed to be the author was the bill of W. J. Harmon, a republican of Saunders county, Mr. Harmon had drafted the bill, but it was not entirely satisfactory to him and he took the editor of the Lincoln Herald into his confidence who recommended Berge as a lawyer capable of putting it in just the shape the author wanted it. Mr. Harmon was introduced to Mr. Berge and arrangements were made for him to redraft the bill on the lines suggested by Mr. Harmon, this Mr. Berge did, but before Mr. Harmon introduced it Berge got himself interviewed and claimed the authorship of the bill. Mr. Harmon is a large farmer of Saunders county and is now serving his second term in the legislature.

S. L. Cannon who had come up to spend Sunday, returned to Lincoln on 42 Sunday night, as he was afraid to wait for Monday's train.

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Lincoln Letter.

Special Correspondent—

The legislature adjourned Friday until Monday afternoon. Many of the members who went to their homes were unable to return for the Monday session on account of belated trains.

The Sheldon bill to levy an annual tax of 2 mills to pay the state indebtedness of \$2,000,000, was amended by making the levy one mill, and advanced for third reading as amended. The author of the bill, in defending his measure for a 2 mill levy, said that this levy would pay off the state indebtedness in four years. The bill as amended will pay off the debt in nine years. The bill will probably pass the senate this week.

A bill by Senator Lavery providing for the election of precinct assessors was defeated in

the senate by two votes. The friends of the bill made a strong fight for its passage, but the opposition succeeded in defeating it by a small margin. A few senators who did not wish to go on record as being for or against the bill, quietly left the Senate Chamber. This did not escape the notice of Senator Fries, one of the leaders in favor of the bill, who insisted that the absentees be sent for. The president of the senate instructed the sergeant-at-arms to go in search of the missing senators. The bill was defeated by a vote of 14 to 16. The opposition to the bill claimed that the appointive system of local assessors was one of the strong features of the new revenue law; that the elective assessors would favor their constituents in the hope of being re-elected, and in doing so the valuation of the state would soon go back to where it was before the new law was enacted. Senator Fries believed

in the people electing their own assessors and made a strong fight for the bill.

S. F. No. 59, by Dimery, of Seward, to consolidate the home for the friendless at Lincoln and the industrial home for women at Milford, has passed the Senate. In favoring the consolidation of the two homes and removing the inmates of the Lincoln Home to Milford, senator Aaron Wall made a brief but eloquent speech. Senator Wall has rare talents as beautifully clothed in choice language. The bill received the almost unanimous vote of the Senate.

At a joint meeting of the House and Senate committees, the bill introduced making it unlawful and fixing a penalty for the violation of the same, to keep in constant service any railroad employee longer than 12 hours and without rest, was reported for in-

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