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Final adjournment and elimination of a mass of legislation now pending in both houses, and which it is impossible to reach, and yet to sift out the party obligations and enact them into law, are the items that trouble the dreams of the Democratic majority in the legislature at this time. Sifting committees

have been at work in both Senate and House for a week, but even this makeshift was not sufficient to sift proposed legislation close enough to make any possibility of a nearby final adjournment. A committee of three was appointed both in the House and the Senate to reach a further agreement for the elimination of many of the pending bills in process of incubation. This committee reported to the House and Senate a scheme whereby, after March 24th, the Senate was to consider only House bills, and the House only Senate bills, in this way reducing the actual work to bills already passed by the other house. The Senate agreed to the arrangement, but the House would have none of it, leaving the matter hanging in the air, and the consideration of bills presented by the sifting committees goes merrily on. The joint committee on final adjournment

rendered a report agreeing on March 30th as the date of final adjournment. This was acceptable to the House, but the Senate has as yet refused to adopt it, leaving even the date of final adjournment as yet undecided. The anxiety of many of the farmer members to get home to the spring work indicates, however, that adjournment will be had somewhere near the first of April, and at farthest probably not later than the third.

The Democratic majority is having an endless amount of trouble with its platform pledge which promised to the people the physical valuation of the railways of the state. S. F. 133 by Ollis of Valley was introduced in the Senate many weeks ago and was framed to carry out this party promise. Its provisions were in the main for the physical valuation of the steam railways. The bill was passed by the Senate and sent to the house, where the radical element, who desire great reforms to be accomplished in a day added to the bill the South Omaha Stock Yard, the Stock Yards Railway, the street car systems of the state, and other matters, making an enormous volume of work for the state railway commission. With these amendments, the bill was returned to the Senate and under the lead of Senator Ollis, who framed the bill, the Senate unanimously refused to concur in the House amendments. Conference committees were appointed both in the House and Senate to adjust these conflicting views, and reached a conclusion that the House should recede from its effort to amend the Senate bill and to permit the bill to become a law in the form in which it was originally passed by the Senate.

The differences between the Senate and the house on this is-

sue have as yet failed of adjustment. The probabilities are that the House will accept the mutilated bill rather than lose physical valuation altogether, but only the final action of the house will indicate the temper of those who wanted a bill which would value the public service corporations of the state without exception of that section which comes, next to the railroad, the closest to the interests of the farmers and stockholders of the state, viz: the Union Stock Yards and its railroad.

The governor has signed H. R. 428, the famous "guarantee of deposits" banking bill, and in due time the bill will become a law. As finally passed and accepted, the bill is little more than a miserable makeshift with which to fulfill the promises made by the Democrats in the last campaign. The Democratic promises were to so guarantee the deposits in banks that under any and all circumstances the depositor should have his money any minute he asked for it. Under this law, as enacted by a Democratic legislature, no such a result is attained. While weakening the entire banking system of the state in several ways, it does not provide for that immediate payment of depositors which was so glibly promised by Democratic campaign orators. Some conception of what the bill does in the way of guarantee of deposits may be gained from a slight review of one item. The total deposits of the state banks of Nebraska range around sixty-five million dollars. To guarantee this enormous sum, the Democratic guarantee bill proceeds to raise a fund of a little more than a half a million dollars by the end of the two coming years. In other words, the guarantee law will be in existence two years be-

fore the fund, without any withdrawals from it, amounts to a sum in excess of one half million. With this "30 cents" of a reserve fund accumulated in twenty-four months, the Democratic mathematicians pretend to stand ready to pay the losses that might occur in a total of sixty-five million dollars, for which the guarantee must stand responsible. This might be very well in periods of continued prosperity, when no losses occur, but in a period of business depression the decidedly false conclusion of the Democratic plan as provided in this law will become sadly apparent. The Democrats themselves, many of whom helped to enact the law, admit privately that the law would be of little use in a period of business disaster, and furthermore that it is not by any means a fulfillment of the party promise made to the people, when they were asked to elect a Democratic legislature.

County option was again beaten in the House during the past week, the Boyd bill, H. R. 249, being indefinitely postponed by a vote of 52 against to 39 for. The Boyd bill was an exact counterpart of Senator Miller's bill defeated in the Senate some time ago. Both houses are now on record in the matter of county option, having defeated the measure in both branches of the legislature.

Many of the appropriations of interest to the various cities in the state are on their final passage in the Senate at the close of the week. Among them the following have passed both houses: \$70,000 for new buildings at Beatrice, Feeble Minded; \$40,000 for new buildings at Peru Normal; \$50,000 for the Kearney Normal. The House has passed the bill by Kelly of Furnas appropriating \$100,000 for an agricultural college in the western end of the state. The bill has yet to pass the Senate and receive the governor's approval.

The following bills have been passed by both Houses and signed by the governor during the week.

- S. F. 163 by Buck—Pure vinegar law, prohibits misbranding as cider vinegar any not made from apple juice.
- S. F. 176 by Miller—Conveying title to market square, Lincoln, to the city of Lincoln.
- S. F. 1 by Howell—Omaha city charter.
- S. F. 315 by Howell—Pension fund for Omaha school teachers.
- H. R. 39 by Kelly—To reimburse inmates of Soldiers Homes for pension money accepted by the state.
- H. R. 70 by Case—Providing for the regulation of the profession of nursing.
- H. R. 114 by Carr—Experimental farm station in northwest

- Nebraska. Appropriates \$15,000.
- H. R. 126 by Hector—Provides library fund for Peru Normal.
- H. R. 158 by Bushee—Bondholders of irrigation districts given authority to bring suit to test validity of bond.
- H. R. 235 by Clark—Increase salaries of deputies secretary of state and state superintendent to \$1,800.
- H. R. 149 by Carr—Provides for changes in the boundaries of school districts.
- H. R. 128 by Lawrence—New military code for state national guard.
- H. R. 158 by Kuhl—Amends primary law, provides state and county convention last Tuesday in July.
- H. R. 214 by Skeen—Election of precinct assessors.
- H. R. 215 by Skeen—Salaries and duties of precinct assessors.
- H. R. 228 by Griffin—Prohibits dumping of rubbish in drainage ditches.
- H. R. 423—New banking law containing democratic plan for the guarantee of bank deposits.

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