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THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE.

SENATE, Jan. 4.—At 12:20 Lieutenant Governor Shedd took the gavel and called the senate to order. The Rev. Mr. Tate, of Sheldon, opened the session with prayer. Recess was taken, after which, on reconvening, Micklejohn, of Nance county, was elected president of the senate. Walter M. Seeley was elected secretary. V. C. Shickley was the unanimous choice for first assistant secretary. E. O. Lewis was chosen second assistant secretary. For clerk of the committee of the whole J. H. Esterday was the unanimous choice. W. D. Wildman was chosen sergeant-at-arms, with Erwin Nestover as assistant. The Rev. J. Tate, of Buffalo county, was chosen chaplain. Perry Walker was elected postmaster and James Ireland assistant. For doorkeeper, J. W. Brush was elected; assistant, Frank Saunders, of Kearney county; second assistant, Joel Parcell. Miss Nellie Duppe, of Lincoln, was unanimously chosen for enrollment clerk; Miss Olmstead, of Englewood, clerk. John R. Simpson was elected janitor; assistant, Mr. Everson. M. Windle, postmaster. The officers elected presented themselves before the secretary's desk and were sworn in by Secretary of State Roggen. The president appointed a committee consisting of Senators Robbins, Linn, Burham, Majors, Snell, Brown, Calkins, McNamara and Hartwell, to advise with the chairman and form the standing committee. A motion made and carried that all employees be under the direction and control of the secretary. Adjourned.

HOUSE, Jan. 4.—The house was called to order by Secretary Roggen and the roll called by Brad Slaughter Newcome of Webster, and Miller of Butler, were placed in nomination for temporary chairman, the former receiving 65 votes and the latter 30 votes. Newcome was declared temporary chairman. Brad Slaughter was elected chief clerk pro tem. Whitmore, Caldwell, Slater, Bentley and Pemberton were appointed a committee on credentials. Recess was taken, after which, on reconvening, the committee on credentials presented their report, which was adopted. Chief Justice Maxwell was brought to the bar of the house to administer the oath of office to its members. The house then proceeded to permanent organization. Harlan, of York county, was elected speaker. A senate committee presented itself at the bar of the house and notified the speaker that the senate had organized and were now ready for business. McConaghy, of Polk, placed the name of Brad Slaughter, of Fulton, for the office of chief clerk. Smyke, of Douglas county, nominated Slaughter received 73 votes, a majority, and was declared elected. A resolution was adopted granting the use of representative hall, on Jan. 6, to the Nebraska Women's Suffrage association, for holding their convention on that date. Adopted. Adjourned.

LINCOLN, Jan. 4.—SENATE.—A resolution was passed requesting the secretary of state to prepare for the use of the senate 400 copies of a legislative manual similar to the manual of 1855. The senate and house met in joint assembly at 4:30 p. m. and canvassed the vote on state officers. A resolution was passed authorizing the president of the senate to appoint the custodian, pages, and other customary officers of the senate, and locate rooms for committees.

LINCOLN, Jan. 5.—HOUSE.—The first bill of the session, house roll No. 1, was introduced at 3:27 this afternoon by Russell, of Colfax. It creates an additional judge in the Fourth judicial district. House roll No. 2 was introduced by Harrison, of Saunders, and is a bill to repeal the act creating a railroad commission. Age, of Hamilton, offered a resolution providing for a committee of nine to investigate the report that there are now about twenty-four indigent soldiers in this state, who are unable to furnish the proofs necessary to secure pensions, and to report to the house what legislation is necessary for the relief of such persons.

LINCOLN, Jan. 6.—SENATE.—Senator Colby introduced bills as follows: Prohibiting the acquisition of Nebraska real estate by aliens; a bill to make eight hours a day of labor; one to reduce the fare on all railroads in the state to 2 cents per mile, and to accommodate the commercial traveler by allowing him to carry 250 pounds of baggage; one to make election days general holidays; one to aid mechanics and laborers in the satisfaction of liens; one to establish and maintain public libraries and reading rooms in cities of first class; a joint memorial requesting congress to pass laws to establish uniform freight and passenger rates on railroads, and prevent discrimination by railroad companies; one to amend the divorce law, and one to protect girls under 15 years of age.

LINCOLN, Jan. 6.—HOUSE.—The committee appointed to wait upon the governor returned and announced that they had performed the duties assigned to them and that the governor and state officers were present. Gov. Dawson then took a place upon the platform and was followed by the officers-elect, as follows: Secretary of State, Attorney-General, Commissioner of Public Lands and Fisheries, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and also by the present state officers. Ex-Governor David Butler, State Librarian Guy A. Brown, and others also occupied seats upon the platform. Governor Daves was introduced by President Shedd and delivered his biennial message, which was listened to with evident interest and close attention.

LINCOLN, Jan. 7.—SENATE.—The special committee on standing committees reported the following: Judiciary—Colby, Snell, Mikeljohn, Robbins, McNamara, Brown, Lindsay, Fuller and Vandemark. Finance, Ways and Means—Majors, Holmes, Burham, Hartwell, Tschuck, Kent, Sherwin, Agriculture—Keeckley, Calkins, Burham, Higgins, of Colfax, Sprick, Wright, Higgins, of Cass. Highways, Bridges and Ferries—Sterling, Sprick, Lindsey, Campbell, Keeckley, Accounts and Expenditures—Linn, Lindsay, Colby, Moore, Bonesteel. Military Affairs—McNamara, Colby, Majors, Higgins, of Cass, Calkins. Municipal Affairs—Linsinger, Moore, Hartwell, Walbach, Schminke. Public Lands and Buildings—Moore, Schminke, Linsinger, Fuller, Conger, Colby, Kent. Internal Improvements—Schminke, Moore, Tschuck, Higgins, of Colfax, Sherman. School Lands and School Funds—Conger, Fuller, McNamara, Walbach, Casper. Federal Relations—Dumas, Sterling, Keeckley, Wright, Tschuck, Public Printing—Kent, Snell, Conger, Sherwin, Casper. Enrolled and Engrossed Bills—Snell, Holmes, Linn, Kent, Majors, Mikeljohn, Bonesteel. Counties and County Boundaries—Campbell, Mikeljohn, Linn, Lindsay, Bonesteel. Education—Holmes, Campbell, Brown, Linsinger, Calkins. Library—Casper, Dumas, Burham, Fuller, Wright, Chalmers—Lindsay, Moore, Robbins, Keeckley, Bonesteel. Banks and Currency—Hartwell, Holmes, Kent, Campbell, Walbach. Railroads—Brown, Hartwell, Fuller, Robbins, Kent, Snell, Keeckley,

NO NATIVES NEED APPLY.

Disatisfaction Expressed With Presidential Appointments in the Territories.

Washington special: Delegate Gifford has been reading the riot act to President Cleveland. He went to the white house to urge the name of a Dakota man for a judicial office in that territory and the president displayed some impatience at Gifford's importunities, at which the latter said: "You must remember, Mr. President, that we have good men, men pure in morals and highly qualified as to legal ability, to fill these offices and all offices of this territory and a majority of our people want them in these offices."

"But I cannot appoint your citizens to these positions," said the president, "because every man in your territory who amounts to anything is arrayed on one side or the other of your territorial fight or is in some corrupt transaction. They are mixed up in your quarrels and they are unfit to hold office. It seems that you take a few months to clear the people up into Dakota to get into the meshes of your rackets and to be placed beyond the pale of unbiased citizens."

This fired up Gifford, and he replied: "Well, you propose to disregard the voice of the people there in choosing their officers, do you? Now, there was a man who wanted to be governor. Day was endorsed not only by his party at the polls in his candidacy against me, but by the people. They said they wanted him in the office, and yet you did not listen to them. If we had a statehood we should select by popular vote. Now, there was a man who did not consider now and you, even you, must acknowledge that for the purpose we have statehood now; all we lack is the form of admission."

Ex-representative Barney Caulfield, of Deadwood, now here, is disappointed and disgusted at the appointment made of a successor to Justice Church. He thinks it is an insult to the intelligence and integrity of the territory, and says the president's objection to appointing Dakotians to this position will not stand; that the very men the president is taking from New York to fill the offices, according to his own statement, will become entangled in questions before the people of Dakota within a few months after they enter the territory, and that therefore there can be no possible advantage in going elsewhere for men to fill the offices, if only to get those men outside of the questions before the people. Caulfield thinks the truth is that the president goes to New York for appointees because he wants to reward personal friends and despairs of securing anything in the office line for legitimate residents of the territory.

MISCELLANEOUS STATE MATTERS.

TILLIE SWANSON, of Omaha, lost her arm by having it caught in machinery in a laundry.

By the end of the year final proof had been made on 16,000 acres of government land in the northern half of Antelope county before the clerk of the district court at Neligh. This is equal to 100 farms of 160 acres each.

A FIERCE occurred in the B. & M. headquarters building at Omaha the other night, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

The citizens of Atkinson have organized a board of trade.

EWING claims to have shipped more hogs than any other point west of Norfolk.

GRAND ISLAND has a good prospect of securing a glucose, sugar and starch factory to cost \$100,000, and employ 150 hands.

PLAINVIEW wants more houses. Families are boarding in hotels for lack of dwellings.

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PLATTSBURGH makes a very creditable showing of the year's progress, the total amount expended being \$253,825.

INDIANOLA'S improvement record for the past year amounts to \$100,000, with 33 per cent increase in population.

The postoffice at Blair was broken into on the night of the 6th, the safe blown open in a skillful manner and the contents rifled. About \$300 in stamps, some money and twelve registered packages for local delivery were taken. The contents of the packages are not known. This is the second time in a year that this office has been robbed, each time done in the same manner.

The Sidney Telegraph learns of a settler living on the north divide who makes a practice of eating and killing prairie dogs. This is an example that might well be followed by many people living on the western plains. The flesh of the prairie dog is very white and tender, and as he lives almost wholly on grass and roots, there is no known reason why he should not be eaten. This is a case of everything in the name. If these animals had been called prairie-squirrels instead of prairie dogs they would not be as numerous in the west as they are now, because people would have judged from their names that they were good to eat, and a trial would have convinced them that their judgment was correct.

BEATRICE does not propose to be behind the times and will organize a toboggan club.

A LINCOLN special says: Pat O'Haves has been in the city for a few days conferring with the attorney general in reference to the draft he holds which belongs to the state. The obstinacy that Mr. O'Haves has exhibited for several weeks in refusing to turn the money over to the governor has at last died away, and he will now turn it over and trust to the legislature for reimbursement.

The Elkhorn is in the field pushing surveys southwest from Fremont. One of these lines taps David City, another Beward, while a third goes in the neighborhood of Ulysses. It is understood that the objective point is Hastings.

The presence of wild geese in the northern part of the state at this season is, according to the "old inhabitant," indicative of a short winter.

MR. GARRIGAN, an engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Omaha, has been shot at three different occasions during the past three months while running through the big Wixor cut between Craig and Tekamah, and he feels that his position is becoming quite ticklish.

The gross receipts of the Fremont post office for the third and fourth quarters of the year were \$6,362.

The new Brownell hall college at Omaha was thrown open for students on the 4th inst.

Suits have been instituted against Messrs. Sturtevant and Jackson, ex-treasurers of Nance county, for the recovery of sums aggregating \$6,000 claimed to be due the county from them.

A PECULIAR accident happened in Omaha the other day. A man named Yerga, employed in the packing house of Harris & Fisher, was dangerously injured by becoming suspended from a meat hook in one of the departments of the house. The hook caught him in the left jaw and forced it way through the skin into his mouth. He suffered excruciating agony until a physician was called and relieved him.

E. T. HORN has been appointed superintendent of the eastern division of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, with headquarters at Norfolk. Supt. Horn was formerly a conductor on the road and is a railroad man of ability and experience.

HERMAN NATASBARD, for several years a wagon maker and blacksmith at Columbus, has made a jump for a more congenial climate, leaving many creditors anxious as to his whereabouts.

FIFTY-SIX marriage licenses were issued in Pierce county last year.

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The clerk then asked the defendants if they heard the charges. They replied in the affirmative, and to the question as to whether they were guilty or not guilty, answered "Guilty." The state's attorney recommended that the extreme penalty of seven years in the penitentiary be meted out to Wittrock and Haight, and that Weaver be given five years. The judge then sentenced them in accordance with the recommendation. Wittrock and Haight took their sentences stoically, the former remarking: "We have made our beds and must lie in them." But Weaver was evidently affected. He cannot reconcile himself to the idea of serving a term in a Kinney, Moriarty and others who received part of the stolen money are allowed to go at liberty.

After receiving their sentences the prisoners were taken back to the cells, where they will remain until to-morrow, when they will be taken to the penitentiary at Jefferson City.

After Wittrock, Weaver and Haight were sentenced to-day and were taken to jail, they were observed to start at the sight of Fotheringham, who stood inside the cage. Wittrock, Weaver and Haight shook hands with him and he had done him a great wrong, but hoped he bore him no hard feelings. Fotheringham assured him he did not, and the three entered into an earnest conversation regarding the events since the robbery.

RECEPTION AT OAKVIEW.

Washington special: Mrs. Folsom held her first reception to-day at Oakview, assisted by Mrs. Lamont and Miss Hastings. A number of the principal people in diplomatic, official and social circles waited upon the handsome mother of the president's wife, although the effort meant a dreary three-mile drive over a miserable road in the face of a severe snow storm. About noon Mrs. Cleveland arrived. She looked her best and had added the beauty of very rosy cheeks, up to Fotheringham's shock hands with him said he had done him a great wrong, but hoped he bore him no hard feelings. Fotheringham assured him he did not, and the three entered into an earnest conversation regarding the events since the robbery.

NEARLY A HALF MILLION.

Rapid City (D. T.) special: Saturday's Journal published a resume of the building done in this city during twelve months and shows a total of \$358,000 expended in new buildings during the time. Added to this the expenditure for the new water works system, the street railway, the county jail, the electric light system and the grading of Main street, etc., the total expended in improvements during 1886 reached the handsome figure of \$457,000.

The improvements in Fairbury the past year took up nearly \$100,000.

DOTS AND DASHES.

Two east bound freight trains collided at Russell, Kansas, Thursday, killing T. T. Alexander of Ottawa and H. C. Tinges, a Kansas City grain buyer, instantly. The first train had stopped when the second ran into its rear end, smashing eight or ten cars. Both engines of the second train were wrecked.

THE ENGINEER WAS DRUNK.

Investigation into the Horror at Tiffin, Ohio. Cleveland dispatch: The inquiry into the causes of the Baltimore & Ohio wreck at Republic, Ohio, was begun at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Tiffin. A special dispatch says that the city hall where the inquiry is being held was crowded. The first witness examined was L. F. Fletcher, conductor of the train. He said:

"Ed. Kiler was the engineer of the freight and J. C. Cullison the fireman. We ran from Tiffin to Seneca siding, about three and a half miles east of here, and side tracked for the east-bound express. After this train passed we had forty-five minutes in which to make Republic siding. We left this place with 145 pounds of steam. After we left this place I noticed that the train was slackening. I went forward over the cars, eighteen in number, to the engine, to see what was wrong. I found that the steam had run down to forty pounds. I opened the