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The Nebraska Assembly.

SENATE.—The session on the 25th involved in a parliamentary tangle over the bill providing for a new dormitory for the Peru normal school. Today the senate undid some of this hasty work. The dormitory appropriation was recalled, and the bill, which had been passed by a vote of 17 to 14, in the afternoon the senate took up regular routine business.

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CIVIL SERVICE DEBATE.

Some Requirements Brought to the Attention of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Another brief discussion of the civil service occurred during the open session of the Senate yesterday. Mr. Gallinger, Republican, of New Hampshire, presented several forms issued by the civil service commission to substantiate his recent statement that certain applicants for office were required to hop on one foot for twelve feet. He said his statement had been challenged by several penny-anters and by one member of the civil service commission. The senator read the "hopping provision" and several other sections as to the weight and height of the typesetters, which he characterized as absurd. Referring to the size and weight requirement, Mr. Gallinger said: "Phil Sheridan could not have served the government if the civil service commission had got at him." The matter was referred to the civil service committee. A resolution was adopted asking the President for information as to the death of two American sailors at Santiago de Cuba; also resolutions asking the attorney general for information, of any proposition to sell the Union Pacific railroad. Owing to the public demand for copies of a recent decision of the supreme court sustaining the anti-trust laws applicable to railroads, it was determined to print the majority and minority opinions as a Senate document. A memorial from the Michigan Legislature was presented by Mr. McMillin, Republican, of Michigan, protesting against the executive order at the close of the last administration consolidating pension agencies, and, in effect, abolishing the agency at Detroit.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Three Men Blown to Atoms by Nitro-Glycerine—Ten Others Hurt.

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The explosion occurred at 12:24 o'clock, when the workmen were returning from dinner. Most of them had not reached their posts, or the loss of life would probably have been greater. The concussion was felt for miles around, and a plasterer at work on a scaffolding three-quarters of a mile away was thrown. Meanwhile a corps of men was put to work among the ruins and, after much search, the mutilated remains of the three victims were gathered into two buckets. Wright was identified by a ring on one of the fingers, and Stiles by his shoulders from which the head had well as the lower part of the body had been torn.

The explosion was of such terrific force that, beside totally destroying the two houses, it tore a hole fully eighty feet long and twenty-five feet wide in the ground upon which they had stood.

The cause is assigned to excessively high temperature in one of the houses, quantities of the explosives being it both at times.

BUSINESS THE PAST WEEK.

Gradual Improvement in Different Industries, Says Dun.

NEW YORK, March 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "With confidence that 'better times' and larger business are coming, men are less disposed every day to throw away good investments, and the very fact that prices of products are low is regarded as a guarantee against further decline in all industries. The number of mills and shops and hands at work gradually increases."

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Quotations From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

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Hogs—Light mixed, 3 10 12; Beef Steers, 3 10 12; Milk and springers, 2 10 12; Stags, 2 10 12; Cows, 3 10 12; Heifers, 3 10 12; Sheep and feeders, 3 10 12; Sheep—Waters, 3 10 12; Sheep—Lams, 3 10 12.

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Wheat—No. 1 hard, winter, 80 10 12; Corn, per bu., 25 10 12; Oats, per bu., 16 10 12; Pork, 8 10 12; Lard, 8 10 12; Cattle—Bulk of sales, 4 10 12; Hogs—Medium mixed, 3 10 12; Sheep—Lams, 3 10 12.

ST. LOUIS.

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WICHITA, Kan., March 27.—O. G. Eckstein, a well known attorney and Republican politician, was granted a divorce from his wife to-day on the ground of gross neglect of duty.

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Kansas Almost Certain to Get the First Interior Assistant Secretaryship.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—President McKinley has practically agreed to appoint Thomas Ryan of Kansas first assistant secretary of the Interior department. He arrived at this conclusion last night and some surprise was manifested when the Kansas name was not found in the list of new nominations sent to the Senate after it met to-day.

As first assistant secretary of the interior it will be Ryan's duty to examine charges against officials and employes, instruct Indian inspectors and mines inspectors, supervise open market purchases of Indian supplies and generally matters pertaining to the Indians, supervise business relating to the distribution of certain public documents and matters relating to the government hospital for the insane, Columbia institution for the deaf and dumb, supervise the Arkansas Hot Springs, the Yellowstone mineral parks, and General Grant parks of California, and supervise the disbursement of the fund for a more complete endowment of agricultural colleges in states and territories. In the absence of the secretary, he acts in that capacity.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER CASE.

Attorney General McKenna Orders Its Appeal to the Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Attorney General McKenna yesterday sent instructions to District Attorney MacFarland at New York to take an appeal to the United States supreme court from the decision of the circuit court of appeals in the case of the United States against the Joint Traffic association. As soon as the papers reach the department of justice a motion will be made in the supreme court to advance the case on the docket, so that a speedy determination of the question involved may be had.

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