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Sargent suffered from quite a disastrous fire.

The smallpox quarantine at Nebraska City has been raised.

Protracted meetings at Hebron are awakening much interest.

A lodge of the Knights of Pythias has been organized at Bertrand.

The Methodists of Stuart are conducting an enthusiastic revival.

Mrs. Anna Michelson, a pioneer woman of Grand Island, died last week. Measles, mumps and the grip are

keeping the doctors of Wilcox and vi-

cinity on the jump. The citizens and business men of Fairbury are moving in unison for the success of a farmers' institute to be held under the direction of the state university.

The family of Corl Grunz, residing near Doniphan, Hall county, which which was afflicted with severe illness caused by trichnea-infected pork, are rapidly recovering and are now out of danger.

A bill has been prepared by County Clery Robertson, and will be introduced in the lesiglature, praying that Cass county be reimbursed to the amount of \$600 by the state. This is the sum expended by the county officials in maintaining company B while awaiting its mustering into the actual United States service.

Mrs. Fannie O'Lynn, a practicing attorney of Chadron, has written a letter suggesting that the forty-five stars in the flag be so arranged that they form one large star. She says: "The forty-five stars divide equally into the five points, but many may be distributed in the center of the large star and the symmetry still be preserved.'

The coroner's jury investigated the Sunol wreck on the Union Pacific and reached a verdict in substance that the accident was due to an unintentional error on the part of H. R. Reece, engineer on head engine of train No. 3, in not giving signal for brakes to engineer on second engine ing for United States senator was made of the train, who had control of the air brakes.

Dr. Armstrong, formerly in charge of the feeble minded institute at Beatrice, died last week. He was 47 years of age the 28th of last December. He was born in Columbia county, Ohio. Moving to Iowa he took a collegiate course at Parsons college. He graduated then from the lowa state university, from whence he entered medical college at lowa City, from which he graduated with high honors.

Railroad contractors are pricking up their ears over the rumor being circulated among them that the Union Pacific's new owners have appropriated no less a sum than \$27,000-000 to be spent soon in improving the old lines and its branches and building new lines. Just what foundation there may be for this report is not now definitely ascertainable, but railroad contractors have made the assertion that such is the fact, and they generally know about such matters.

Several cases of well developed smallpox are reported from three miles east of Murray and nine miles south of Plattsmouth. James Nichols and wife were visiting in Hampurg, Ia., one month ago. On their way home they visited friends in Nebraska City. Soon after arriving home he was taken sick. A physician was called and pronounced it chicken pox. Since that time Mrs. Nichols and her mother, Mrs. Frank Carroll, have come down with what is now conceded to be small-

J. H. McClay of the Third Nebraska, thus writes from Cuba: "Speaking for those of the regiment who were recipients of those very fine favors, (Christmas donations), permit me to return sincere thanks and to say that if a complete enjoyment of these gifts and an abiding gratitude on the part of those receiving will in any way compensate those who have so generously remembered the Third Nebraska, then we must receive a liberal credit on account. I may say further that the knowledge that the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps were largely instrumental in collecting and forwarding those articles, adds a preserving memory in connection with Christmas festivities enjoyed by the Third Nebraska."

At the meeting of the Nebraska state historical society recently held in Plattsmouth, Hon. J. Sterling Morton announced that ex-Senator T. W. Tipton, who is now in his 82nd year, had completed his manuscripts and that they would soon be published by the society. The first paper read was by Clyde B. Aitchison of Council Bluffs, and related to The Mormon Settlements in the Missouri Valley. In the year 1846, 16,000 Mormons were obliged to leave their homes in Illinais. and crossed the Mississippi in May of that year. W. W. Cox of Seward gave a vivid description of one of the earliest conventions for the nomination of congressmen, held at Omaha in 1852. Mr. Cox was living at the time not far from the present site of Lincoln, and went as a delegate. He entitled the journey, "My First Trip from Salt Lake Basin to Omaha." The city of Lincoln was not thought cf. and Lancaster county contained but twenty-one families. Both the republican and democratic conventions met in Omaha at the same date, and an exciting time ensued.

The Rockford mills and contents, owned by I. B. Nelson at Burwell, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,800; no in-

The footings for the year in the books of the county clerk reveal the fact that during the year 1898 Jef- county agricultural societies. ferson county's mortgaged indebtedness has been decreased by a grand total of \$425,146.49. This marvelous decrease was not alone confined to realty mortgages have shared in it alike. In reading in the senate on the 18th, and other public carriers in attending mortgages, but farm, city and chattel this particular Jefferson county claims to have made the banner record of the state when population and area of square miles are considered.

M'COOK TRIBUNE. THE STATE LAWMAKERS

The Grind With Which They Are Daily Engaged.

Text of Some of the Measures Thus Far Introduced-An Onslaught of Bills in Both Branches-Some that Have Advanced to Second Reading.

Senate.

The senate of the 16th was called to order by the lieutenant governor. Senator Howard was the only absentee. New employes were agreed to as fol-Milks: clerk of committee on public lands and buildings, Willar Weedon; copyholder, W. R. Stewart; clerk of committee of agriculture, John Sherel; clerk of committee on enrolled and engrossed bills, E. M. Havens; engrossing clerk, I. C. Harnley; clerk of committee on military affairs, L. C.

A large number of bills were introduced and read at large on first read-

Bills read on second reading were referred to the following committees: Senate file 48, to committee on constitutional amendments and federal relations; 49, revenue; 50, finance, ways and means; 51, railroads; 52, live stock and grazing; 53, counties and county boundaries; 54, revenue; 55, judiciary; 56, judiciary; 57, judiciary; 58, judiciary; 59, judiciary, 60, miscellaneous subjects; 61, banks and currency; 62, judiciary; 63, counties and county boundaries; 64, counties and county boundaries; 65, judiciary; 66, judiciary; 67, judiciary; 68, mines and mining; 69, judiciary; 70, judiciary; 71, judiciary; 72, miscellaneous subjects; 73, judiciary; 74, insurance; 75, judiciary; 76, judiciary; 77, live stock and grazing; 78, agriculture; 79, judiciary; 80, judiciary; 81, municipal affairs; 82, judiciary; 83, judiciary; 84, live stock and grazing; 85, judiciary; 86, judiciary; 87, insurance; 88, railroads; 89, education; 90, finance, ways and means; 91, education; 92, judiciary; 93, judiciary; 94, judiciary; 95, judiciary; 96, judiciary.

On motion of Senator Talbot, ballota special order for tomorrow at 11 a.

When the senate was called to order on the 17th by President Talbot every member was in his seat. The journal fer no waste, but also for the paywas read in part, its further reading | ment of rental value in case the judgbeing dispensed with on motion of ment is affirmed. The bill was passed Senator Halderman.

Senator Schaal of Sarpy sent up to The senate then adjourned to the the secretary's desk a resolution peti- house for joint ballot on United States | the house now proceed to vote on | len W. Field 3, E. H. Hinshaw 3, G. tioning congress against any entang- senator, and returning at 12:40 a reling alliance with Great Britain, and | cess was taken until 3 o'clock. moved its adoption under suspension of the rules. The resolution was tabled.

rived the senate proceeded to the balloting for United States senator.

Lieutenant Governor Gilbert read the regulation for the election of senator, after which Secretary Morgan called the roll of the senate, each senator as his name was called responding with the name of his choice.

The ballot resulted as follows: Allen 12, Hayward 8, Webster 3, Thompson , Field 1, Hinshaw 1, Lambertson 1, Weston 1, Davidson 1, Valentine 1,

Little 1, Cornish 1. The total number of votes cast was thirty-threc. The vote having been read and verified it was announced by the chair that no one had received a majority of the votes cast, and the secretary was instructed to so record it in the journal.

Senator Halderman of the committee on printing reported recommending that the senate reconsider its action of yesterday ordering the return of files furnished by the secretary of state to their manufacturers, and the alties for non-compliance with the proprocuring of Keystone files in their stead. The committee recommended that the files furnished be retained on account of the exorbitant charge for Keystone files. The report was adopt-

Senator Van Dusen of the committee on judiciary, reported recommend. ing the passage of senate file No. 23. The report was adopted and the bill ordered engrossed for a third reading. The law sought to be amended is that prescribing bonds that must be eexcut. ed in order to make an appeal in equity operate as a supersedeas.

A resolution offered by Senator Talbot petitions congress to pass the bill now pending granting a pension to John M. Palmer. The rules were suspended and the resolution was unani-

mously adopted. Quite a number of new bills were introduced and given a first reading. Senator Prout of the committee on securing committee rooms reported that the secretary of state had not complied with the request of the secretary for making committee rooms ready for occupancy, and ordered the sergeantat-arms to prepare such rooms at once.

Senator Giffert's motion of yesterday tabled until today, giving the governor a messenger during the session of the legislature, was, on motion of Senator Van Dusen, laid on the table. Senator Van Dusen explained that the governor had not asked for a messen-

Among bills introduced the follow-

A bill for an act to amend section 5 of chapter 76 of the compiled statutes of the state or Nebraska of 1897, and to repeal said original section. Re-

lating to the auties and compensation of supervisors of registration. A bill for an act to amend section 16 of chapter 4 of article 1 of the compiled statutes of 1897 and repealing said section as now existing. Making owners of dogs responsible for damage done by them to sheep and other

domestic animals. A bill for an act to amend section 17, chapter 2, article 1, of the compiled statutes of Nebraska, and to repeal said section 17 as it heretofore existed. Amending the law governing

Senate file No. 147, by Owens-A Dill for an act concerning the compensa-

tion of receivers.

were properly referred. senate me No. 25 is edition administration, has been for an act to amend section 677 of the with the clerk of this house showing leaving out of consideration the votes ment. These reports were adopted. code of civil procedure of the state of the number of miles traveled for in all the precincts objected to by Grell of Sarpy offered a resolution for Nebraska.

Nebraska, and to repeal said original section 677," introduced by Senate

The section amended is as follows. the part printed in parenthesis being

the amendment: "Third-When the judgment, decree or order directs the sale or delivery of the possession of real estate, the bond shall be in such sum as the court or TRYING TO ELECT U. S. SENATOR. judge thereof in vacation shall prescribe, conditioned that the appellant or appellants will prosecute such appeal without delay, and will not during the pendency of such appeal commit or suffer to be committed any waste upon such real estate (and if the judgment be affirmed, he will pay the value of the use and occupation of the property from the date of the undertaking, until the delivery of the possession pursuant to the judgment and all costs)."

Quite a spirited discussion arose over the measure. The committee reported the bill back, with the recommendation that it pass, by a vote of 18 to 11. The Engrossing clerk, Everett committee then arose, and President Talbot took the chair.

A communication was read addressed by the governor to President Talbot, signifying that should the senate so decide he would like to be accorded a

messenger during the session. Senators Prout and Currie were opposed to allowing the governor's request on the ground that the constitutional limit of employes had already been reached. The motion of Senator Talbot to allow the messenger was amended by Senator Van Dusen so as to show that the messenger was not an employe of the senate. The motion as amended was agreed to.

Quite a grist of bills were introduced in the senate on the 13th.

Bills on second reading were referred as follows: Senate file No. 159 to committee on live stock and grazing; 160, judiciary; 161, education; 162, judiciary; 163, judiciary; 164, judiciary; 165, highways, bridges and ferries.

The senate considered, without definite action, senate file No. 12. The bill provides that no tract of land shall be divided into city, town or village lots unless free of liens or incumbrances of any kind. No register of deeds or county clerk shall enter for record any such plat unless it have attached certificates and affidavits showing its freedom from incumbrances. The register of deeds is made responsible to parties suffering injury from his neglect to comply with the provisions of this act.

Senate file No. 23, by Mr. Talbot, was read for the third time. It provides that appellants in cases of foreclosure under mortgage, where the judgment shall direct the sale or delivery of possession of real estate, shall give bond, not only to commit or sufby a vote of 21 to 10.

The committee on judiciary reported favorably senate file No. 33, by Senator Talbot. The bill is an amendment The hour of 11 o'clock having ar- | to section 4, chapter 111, of the revised statutes, entitled "Attorneys." They also reported favorably senate file No. 31, by Mr. Prout, and senate file No. 28, by Mr. Talbot, was reported without recommendation. It was placed by the senate on the general file. Senate file No. 24, by Mr. Talbot, and senate file No. 16, by Mr. Prout, were favorably reported with amendments. Senate file No. 11, by Mr. Fowler, was reported without recommendation. It was placed on the general file.

Among bills introduced were. A bill for an act entitled, "For an act to provide that all fire insurance policies, written and covering in whole on or part upon property within the state of Nebraska, shall be written, countersigned and issued only by a duly authorized officer or agent of such company, corporation, association, partnership or persons, resident of the state of Nebraska, and providing pen-

visions of this act. A bill for an act to amend section 189 of the code of civil procedure and to repeal said original section 189. defendant in writ of replevin right to demand new sureties, upon which sureties offered must be examined as to their property qualifications.

In the senate on the 20th, under the head of first reading of bills H. R. 113 and 121, the two appropriation bills for salaries and incidental expenses were read. Four new bills were introduced.

At 11 o'clock the senate took a recess until shortly before noon, when it reconvened and went over to the house to take part in the joint session. The committee on accounts 271 ex-

penditures presented a report recommending that the secretary of state be authorized to purchase twelve revolving chairs at \$5.75, six rocking chairs at \$2.75 eight office chairs at \$1.50, one revolving chair at \$5.50, and one table at \$10, for the use of the senate. The report was adopted.

The committee on privileges and elections reported S. F. 32, by Mr. Talbot, for indefinite postponement. This bill is one that sought to correct a clerical error in the election law, and the committee decided that the error was of little importance.

Among bills introduced were the following:

To fix the time within which the county or probate court shall decide and determine matters in said court, when the same shall be submitted for

decision or determination. To provide for the registration, leasing, selling and general management of the educational lands of Nebraska; to provide for the collection of rental, interest and principal payments thereon, and for the distribution of the funds arising therefrom.

To amend section 668e of the Code of Civil Procedure, Compiled Statutes of Providing for the sale by corners

or warehousemen of perishable property and live stock.

House.

A number of bills went to second tion over railroads and the lines of sion being as follows: Senate file No. 23 is entitled "A bill and that each member file a statement George W. Benjamin received 1,082, was reported for indefinite postpone-

miles traveled that he used traansportation. The resolution was indefi-

nitely postponed. Sturgess of Douglas offered a reso-

lution as follows: I move that a committee of three | 953. be appointed to investigate the charge made that state officers and state employes have collected mileage from the state while traveling on free railroad transportation.

Burns of Lancaster moved to inthe motion was defeated by a vote of 37 to 40.

The resolution was then adopted by a vote of 72 to 19, and the chair appointed Prince of Hall, Smithberger of Stanton, and Sturgess of Douglas, Burns of Lancaster moved that the committee be empowered to administer oaths, and that they be allowed to employ a stenographer. The motion was defeated.

The following bills were taken up on second reading and referred to committees:

201, judiciary; 202, judiciary; 204, miscellaneous subjects; 205, judiciary; 206, library; 207, insurance; 208, miscellaneous subjects; 209, insurance; 210, banks and currency; 211, corporations; 212, judiciary; 213, county seat, county boundaries, organizations; 214, cities and towns; 215, judiciary; 216, judiciary; 217, judiciary; 218, judiciary; 219, judiciary; 220, insurance; 221, judiciary; 222, judiciary; 223, benevolent institutions; 224, railroad; 225, medical societies.

Among the bills introduced was a joint resolution by Cunningham of Harlan county which reads as follows: Be is resolved by the senate and house that we, as representatives of the state of Nebraska, do, in justice to and in defense of the ancestral bequest of liberty we now enjoy, ask our congress at Washington not to detract from or depreciate the pride and glory of our national freedom by forming any foreign alliance with a nation such as Great Britain, whose only evidence of power is the starvation and robbery of her own subjects, and the oppressing, plundering and murdering of the weak and anwarlike, who, by bribery, betrayal and invasion, unfortunately come in her

In the nouse on the 17th Taylor of Custer offered the following resolu-

tion: Resolved, That the duties, powers and privileges heretofore given to the special committee on passes, by the resolution introduced yesterday by Mr. Sturgess and adopted by this house, be extended to include in said investigation and apply to judges and commissioners of the supreme court and members of this house. The resolution was tabled.

The hour of 11:30 having been prevailed and the roll was called. Among the bills introduced were the

following: A bill for an act to amend section 176 of chapter xxiii, entitled "desceheretofore existing. Amendment gives estate. A joint resolution proposing oath. and agreeing to an amendment to section 1 of article iii of the constitution of the state of Nebraska, and to provide for submitting such amendment to a vote of the people. Relating to the initiative and referendum. An act to amend section 36 of article i of chapter xiv of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, 1897; also section 26, chapter xx, of the Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, 1897, and section 100 of the Nobraska Code of Civil Procedure as to permit cities to appeal from judgments without giving bond and to re-

peal said original section. Thompson of Merrick introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

"Whereas, This is the tenth day of this, the twenty-sixth, legislative session, and, "Whereas, Only nineteen bills of

the large number already sent to the

printer appear to have been printed; therefore be it "Resolved, That the committee on public printing be requested to investigate and report to this body as soon as possible as to whether or not the party or parties to whom the contract for printing the bills of this house is let are able to perform that work

of this house." The resolution was adopted. The order of business for the day having spective offices, and provided furbeen gone through the house ad. journed until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

without delaying unecessarily the work

The vote for senator in the house was: Allen 46, Hayward 20, Webster 7, Thompson 5, Feld 3, Lambertson 2, Hinshaw 1, Hamer 1, Adams 2, Majors 2. Weston 1, Reese 2, Foss 2, Valentine 2, Martin 1, Van Dugro 1.

When the house assembled on the 18th all the members were present except Loomis.

Grosvenor introduced a resolution providing for 500 extra copies of house roll No. 137, the Pollard revenue bill. On motion of Burns the number was made 1,000 and the resolution adopted.

At noon the sergeant-at-arms announced "the senate of the state of Nebraska" and the representatives arose as the senators filed into the hall, preceded by Lieutenant Governor Gilbert. The lieutenant governor was received by Speaker Clark at the steps leading to the speaker's stand and invited to take the chair. The formula of opening a joint convention all cases prescribe the number of of the legislature as provided for by houses.

The first joint ballot for senator was then taken, resulting as follows: William V. Allen 58, M. L. Hayward 29, John L. Webster 10, D. E. Thompson 7, Allen W. Field 4, G. M. Lambertson 3, E. H. Hinshaw 3, E. K. Valentine 2, T. J. Majors 2, M. B. Reese 2, Frank Martin 2, E. E. Adams 2, J. B. Weston 2, S. P. Davidson 1, A. J. Cornish 1, J. H. Van Dusen 1, F. L. It was 2 o'clock on the 16th when | Foss 1, E. J. Hainer 1.

The house being again called to or-Easterling of Buffalo offered the fol- der, the committee on privileges and the committee an roads and bridges. lowing resolution: That all members elections reported on the contested H. R. 5, amending the statutes so of the house who use free transporta- case from Chase county, their conclu- that in cases of felonies, except trea-

Pioneer and Fisher in Chase county; Highland and Swan Lake in Hayes county, Stratton in Hitchcock county, the votes remaining are: Frank Israel, 1,005; George W. Benjamin,

"Frank Israel having received clear majority of all the votes cast in the Sixty-seventh representative district, cast for the office of representative, we recommend that he be awarded the seat therefore in this house and definitely postpone, and on roll call that George W. Benjamin be ousted therefrom.'

The report went over for later consultation.

The report made by the minority on the foregoing case requested that the entire matter be resubmitted. Among bills introduced were the

following: To amend section 6, article iii, chapter xviii, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, and to repeal section so amended-providing that there shall be no stoppage of pension in case of veteran entering soldiers' homes.

To provide that all labor on state lands and buildings be done by days' labor and to provide for the manner of purchasing material for the construction and repair of said public works.

To amend an act entitled "An act to provide security to the public against errors, omissions and defects in abstracts of title to real estate and for the use of abstracts in evidence," laws of 1887, chapter lxiv.

Supplementary to an act entitled 'An act concerning counties and county officers," approved March 1, 1879, and to amend section 18, of chapter xviii, of the Compiled Statutes of 1897. Provides for county treasurers keeping on hand in banks of the county money necessary to meet current disbursement. Adjourned.

Fifteen new bills were introduced in the house on the 19th, among them

To amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to provide for a lien or labor performed and material furnished for the erection, preparation or removal of any house, mill, manufactory or building or appurtenance, being chapter 82 of the laws of Nebraska of 1885 and to amend the title of said act.

To provide for a fire proof wing and heating equipment for the Nebraska hospital at Lincoln, Nebraska, and to appropriate \$50,000 theretownships, or towns, cities villages

To amend section 958a of the Code of Civil Procedure and to repeal said section as now exists. Provides for change of venue in civil and criminal

When the two houses met to ballot for United States senator, the result was announced as follows: William reached, with all regular business V. Allen 56, M. L. Hayward 36, John transacted, Pollard of Cass moved that | L. Webster 10, D. E. Thompson 7, Al-United States senator. The motion M. Lambertson 4, M. B. Reese 2, C. E. Adams 1, J. B. Weston 2, E. J. Hainer 1, S. P. Davidson 1, F. I. Foss 2, A. J. Cornish 1, J. H. Van Dusen 1.

On reassembling of the house, the chief justice of the supreme court havdents" of the Compiled Statutes of 1897 ing been sent for, F. P. Israel, who and to repeal said section as now and was declared elected to represent the Sixty-seventh district, was called besurviving husband equal rights with fore the speaker's stand and Chief surviving wife pending settlement of Justice Harrison administered the

Speaker Clark announced that he would assign Israel to places on committees held by Benjamin, whose seat Israel takes, and in addition would assign Israel to the chairmanship of the committee on live stock and grazing, Chairman Tucker of the last named committee having requested that this

change be made. On motion of Wheeler of Furnas the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider bills on general file. The speaker called

Rouse of Hall to the chair. House roll No. 13, by Taylor (Custer) was taken up and considered by the committee. Taylor spoke in behalf of his bill, which provides:

That every county judge, county clerk, county treasurer and sheriff whose fees shall, in the aggregate, exceed the sum of \$1,200 each for said judge and clerk, and \$1,600 each for pay such excess into the treasury of sheriff and treasurer per annum, shall the county in which they hold their

respective offices. Provided, that in counties having more than 25,000 and less than 40,000 inhabitants, each of the aforesaid officers whose fees shall in the aggregate, exceed the sum of \$2,000, shall pay such excess into the treasury of the county in which they hold their rether; That in counties having more than 40,000 inhabitants, each of the aforesaid officers, whose fees shall in the aggregate exceed the sum of \$2,500, shall pay such excess into the treasury of the county in which they hold

their respective offices. If the duties of any of the officers named in section 1 of this act shall be such as to require assistants, then each such officer shall be allowed one deputy, whose compensation shall not exceed one-half of the amount hereby allowed the officer whose deputy he is, also such clerks or assistants as the board of county commissioners may find necessary.

None of the officers, deputies, clerks or assistants mentioned in this act shall receive for their services any money other than that accruing to their respective offices.

None of the officers named in this act shall have any deputy, clerk or assistant unless the board of county commissioners shall find the same to be necessary; and the board shall in deputies, not exceeding one, or assistthe law and the joint rules of the two | ants, the time for which they may be employed and the compensation they are to receive.

The committee arose, reported to the house, and the report was adopted by a vote of 74 yeas to 17 nays.

The house then adjourned.

The following reports of standing committees came up in the house on the 20th. H. R. 53, declaring the plowing up

son, arson and murder, information by

which he paid and the number of fusionists, viz.: Bussell, Pearl, Logan, declaring that the house was opposed to the United States entering into any foreign alliances. On motion of Pollard of Cass the resolution was laid

on the table by a strict party vote. Pollard of Cass offered a resolution authorizing the committee on printing to furnish the supplies for the house. It was indefinitely postponed,

Pollard of Cass offered a substitute resolution as follows: I move that the committee on printing be given entire supervision over the amount and character of supplies for the use of members of this house, and that the secretary of state be instructed to only purchase such supplies as the committee on printing

may desire. This was also indefinitely postponed. Olmstead of Douglas made the folowing motion, which was acopted: That the sergeant at arms be instructed to forthwith bring F. Skipton, county judge of Fillmore county, Nebraska, before the board of this house to show cause, if any he has, why he still refuses to deliver to this house, in violation of its subgoenoa, the ballots cast at the last election in said Fillmore county.

Mr. Skipton having refused to deliver the ballots, Olmstead offered the following:

That F. Skipton, now before the bar of the house, be adjudged guilty of contemptuous behavior in its presence by refusing in the presence of the house to deliver the Fillmore county election ballots in the possession and under his control, and that he be punished in the county jail of Lancaster county, Nebraska, for the period of six

hours. The resolution was adopted without division, and the speaker ordered the prisoner to the custody of the sergeant at arms until a mittimus could

be made out. In the joint ballot for senator the result stood: Allen 53, Webster 10, Lambertson 3, Hinshaw 2, Foss 2, Adams 1, Van Dusen 1, Hayward 40, Thompson 7, Field 2, Reese 2, Weston

2, Cornish 1, Hainer 1. Among the bills introduced were the following:

To amend an act creating the Nebraskan Territorial Board of Agricul-

To fix the time which the county or probate court shall decide and determine matters in said court when the same shall be submitted for decision or determination. To authorize countles, precincts,

and school districts, to refund their bonded indebtedness and issue new bonds therefor. To amend sections 42 and 43, chapter ixxiii, Compiled Statutes of 1897, so that it would read, "To convey the

right of dower or courtesy, the husband and wife must execute a joint or separate deed. To amend sections 8, 9, 18 and 21 of an act entitled "An act concerning official bonds and oaths," approved February 18, 1881, being sections 8, 9, 18 and 21, chapter x, entitled "Bonds and oaths official," Compiled

Statutes of 1897. Making an appropriation of \$905.80 for the relief of J. H. Evans, J. H. Butler, Frank Burman, Levi Cox and Joseph Crow, the members ousted by the last legislature, being the balance of salary that would have been due

had they retained their seats. To amend section 3890, Compiled Statutes of 1897, relating to the use

of illuminating oi's. To locate and establish a state normal school at St. Paul, Howard county, Nebraska, and to appropriate \$50,-000 for the purchase of grounds and the erection of a suitable building.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The bill for the home for the friendless is prepared and will be introduced soon. It repeals the law placing the control of the society in the hands of the governor, gives the control back into the hands of the society and instructs the auditor to allow claims against the appropriations of 1897, which have been withheld. The bill is quite brief but to the point.

Bank Receiver Bill.

Senator Fowler of Fillmore has introduced a bill that will give the state banking board a right to secure information in regard to the condition of banks that are in the hands of receivers. The bill is senate file No. 61 to amend section 35 of chapter 8, statutes of 1897, entitled "Banks." At present when a bank is placed in control of a receiver the state banking board has no power to inquire into its condition or the manner in which the receiver acts. The new bill provides means for getting rid of a receiver who fails to do his duty, or attempts to prolong his services. The Fowler amendment to the present law may meet with some opposition because it makes it mandatory for the district judge to remove a receiver when so requested by the state banking board. That part of the bill may be amended by the senate. The Fowler amendment to the present law relating to the appointment of bank receivers is as follows:

"Provided, however, that it shall be the duty of such receiver to make to the state banking board, consisting of the auditor of public accounts, the state treasurer and the attorney general, detailed reports of the affairs of such bank at such times and in such manner as may be directed by said state banking board, and said receiver shall submit the affairs of such bank to the inspection of the state bank examiner when so required by the state banking board, and if the said state banking board shall at any time and that said receiver is not winding up the affairs or such bank in a satisfactory manner and in their opinion it is for the interests of the creditors and stockholders of such bank that the receivership of such person shall terminate, it shall be the duty of said state banking board, or any of them, to instruct the attorney general to file with the judge of court appointing such receiver a written request for the removal of such receiver and the termination of his receivership, and it shall be the duty of the judge or court which appointed him to at once and without of a public highway to be a misde- necessary delay, remove such receiver meanor, was reported for passage by and appoint in his place another person in the manner heretofore provided."

A private telegram at Lincoln an-"At the election for such office grand jury is necessary, and relating nounces that James A. Cline of Minthis session be not allowed mileage, Frank Israel received 1,137 votes, and to the bonds required in such cases, den, state bank examiner under the republican administration, has been