

THE STATE CAPITAL

WHAT THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE IS DOING.

Frank T. Ransom Is President of the Senate and James Gaffin of Saunders County Was Elected Speaker of the House.

Legislature in Session.

The start of business in the senate was accomplished in a very few moments at Lincoln on Tuesday. Lieutenant Governor Moore called the members to order and Senator Howell, of Douglas, moved the election of J. R. Hunter, of Omaha, as secretary pro tem. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. T. Dais, of Lincoln. On motion of McGann, of Boone, a committee of five on credentials was appointed. The only notice of contest was filed by John Jeffcoat of Douglas, who formally announced through the committee that he would like to occupy the chair now warmly held by Senator Evans, of Omaha. A committee then escorted Chief Justice Post to the senate chamber, and the oath of office was administered to the senators.

Proceeding with the permanent organization, Howell of Douglas, acting as secretary of the fusion caucus, nominated Senator Frank T. Ransom for president. The Republicans placed no candidates for places in nomination and refrained from voting throughout the work of organizing the senate.

The following permanent officers were then elected: Secretary, W. M. Schwind, of Lincoln; first assistant secretary, H. A. Edwards, of Grant Island; second assistant secretary, H. G. Stewart, of Dawes County. The remaining officers and employees were elected in a body.

Senator Howell then moved the appointment of the following list of officers and employees: Bookkeeper, N. A. Greenfield; Chaplain, Rev. F. T. Chabrun; sergeant-at-arms, John S. Conlin; assistant sergeant-at-arms, D. H. Burke; postmaster, Laura M. Forbes; assistant postmaster, J. Butler; doorkeeper, Charles Nownes; assistant doorkeeper, W. G. Wilby; chief enrolling clerk, G. M. Petty; assistant enrolling clerk, G. D. Chadderton; clerk of the committee of the whole, W. M. Clark; custodian of the senate, A. V. Lichner; janitor, J. P. Kelly; mail carrier, J. J. Swabson; custodian of the clerk's desk, E. Nealon; file clerk, J. B. Donovan; night watchman, Cyrus Lindell and H. S. Klock; file holder, F. M. Johnson; proof reader, C. W. Sherman; door keeper in the gallery, F. M. Whittekar; bill clerk, G. G. Seay; fireman, A. L. Bossiter.

The list was a long one and it did not receive full official approval until after a protest by Senator Ritchie of Butler County, who moved as an amendment that the position of assistant postmaster and assistant doorkeeper be abolished.

On the roll call Senator Ritchie's amendment was voted down. Senator Dundas of Nemaha joined with his Butler County colleague in support of the amendment and Senator Deal of Broken Bow voted aye on the first call, but after a brief conference with a fellow member changed his mind and voted with the majority. The eight Republican senators voted for the amendment. The amendment was lost by a vote of 19 to 11.

Deputy Secretary of State Evans then administered the oath of office to President Ransom and his brother officers of the senate. The secretary was instructed to officially notify the house of representatives that the senate had been legally organized and was ready to transact business. Adjourned.

The house was called to order at noon by Secretary of State J. A. Piper, with F. A. Harrison, first assistant clerk of the Twenty-fourth session, at the clerk's desk. Divine invocation was offered by Rev. C. C. Mailey of David City. The secretary of state then announced that the next in order was the election of chief clerk pro tem. On motion of Sheldon of Dawes Frank D. Eager, the caucus nominee for chief clerk, was elected clerk pro tem, by acclamation. Gerdes of Richardson nominated Ralph A. Clark of the same county for speaker pro tem. Wooster of Merrick seconded the nomination. There was no voice against him and Clark was escorted to the chair by Gerdes and Wooster. On motion of Hull of Harlan, a committee of five on credentials was appointed by Speaker Pro Tem Clark.

Crow of Douglas moved that the house rules of the twenty-fourth session be temporarily adopted until new one could be provided. The motion prevailed. On motion of Hull the roll was called and when named, members presented their credentials to the committee.

Then Rich of Douglas moved a recess until 3 o'clock, which prevailed. It was 3:45 before Speaker Clark convened the body. Clerk Eager called the roll. The speaker instructed the clerk to mark the committee on credentials and Gaffin and Rich, as present. Hull, from the committee on credentials, reported eleven members as not having yet presented their credentials. These delinquents were instructed by the speaker to report to committee in the speaker's room. Finally Hull informed the speaker that the committee on credentials was ready to report, and the names of the members were read by Loomis of Butler, the list covering the sixty-seven representative districts in the state, with the exceptions of McGee of Antelope, Prince of Madison, Henderson of York and Straub of Cass and Oteo. The latter's name had been omitted in the reading of the names, but he said that he had handed in his credentials and should not have been passed. The committee was instructed by the speaker to adjust the matter.

On motion of Crow, of Douglas, the report of the committee on credentials as amended, was received and adopted. Chief Justice Post was then escorted to the chamber and administered the oath to the members of the house.

The house then proceeded to perfect its organization, and Sheldon of Dawes, placed James N. Gaffin of Saunders, in nomination for speaker. On the part of the Republicans, Jenkins of Jefferson, named George L. Rouse of Hall County, the caucus nominee as the republican candidate for speaker. The vote: Gaffin, 68; Rouse, 29.

On taking the chair the speaker said that on assuming the gavel he did not do it as a ruler, but as a servant. He should try to be just, fair and firm. To the best of his ability, he would try to preserve as good order as possible, and this could only be done by co-operation of the members. Adjourned.

Wednesday. The house was opened by prayer on the 6th by Chaplain-elect Mailey. After some routine business, Sheldon, from the committee on credentials, reported that there were still several members who had not handed in their credentials. This matter was adjusted, and the house proceeded to

complete the organization which it left unfinished the evening previous.

It was moved that a committee wait on Chief Justice Post and escort him to the hall for the purpose of swearing in the new officers. Pollard of Cass said he believed the speaker was fully empowered to administer all oaths, and believed it would be a good thing to do away with the services of the chief justice altogether. Speaker Gaffin demurred at this suggestion, and said it would be a grave breach of precedent, and one not warranted by the situation. He then appointed as a committee to wait on the chief justice, Crow, Jenkins and Hull.

On their return Crow moved that the house now proceed to elect the officers selected by the caucus by acclamation, and it was done. This resulted in the selection of Frank D. Eager, chief clerk; U. E. Foster, first assistant; A. W. Barnhart, second assistant; L. A. Belcher, sergeant-at-arms; John C. Hammang, doorkeeper. It was contended that until the enrolling and engraving clerks had been elected there could be no perfect organization of the house, and this was admitted. But no names were selected at this session, and the house proceeded to elect Rev. C. C. Mailey of David City, chaplain and Ralph E. Parsons postmaster.

Speaker Gaffin was then authorized to name all other officers and clerks of the house. Speaker Gaffin at this point announced that the chief justice was then in his room and prepared to swear in all the new officers. A recess of ten minutes was taken for this purpose. After returning to the hall a motion to adjourn to 4 p. m. carried. The house got together again at 4:15 p. m., and the following were elected clerks: Charles G. Wallace, Dawson County, enrolling clerk; John L. Cleaver, Richardson County, engraving clerk. The house was now declared duly organized. A resolution was sent to the clerk by Clark of Lancaster, asking that the American flag be kept flying from the state house, and the resolution was adopted.

A committee of three was appointed to notify the senate that the house was now organized and ready for business.

Burkett moved that the committee on supplies be named by the speaker. This was side-tracked by a motion that the house must proceed to canvass the vote, and that until this was done no other business could be transacted.

After some further talking on the subject the house adjourned until 10 a. m. Thursday.

Thursday. The senate had no particular reason for assembling Thursday, but a pro forma session seemed to be necessary. All members were present, for the first time this session, Mr. Muffley of Madison being the last to take the oath. A committee, consisting of Representatives Sheldon, Rich and Clark, appeared at the bar of the senate and announced that the house had been duly organized, and was ready for business. The most important work of the brief session was the appointment of a committee of seven senators to make up the list of standing committees of the senate. An unusual feature of the forenoon's deliberations was the adoption of a resolution having for its object a determination to locate the senate property turned over to the secretary of state at the end of the session two years ago. A resolution was offered by Mr. Sykes and went over under the rules, directing the secretary of the senate to furnish the reporters of the daily newspapers with typewritten copies of all resolutions, bill titles and needful stationery for their use.

The hour for the joint convention of the two houses was fixed for 10 o'clock, and the two houses met at that hour. After the joint convention to canvass the votes the senate again recessed until 1 o'clock. Harris was escorted to the chamber and addressed the members at some length, at the conclusion of which adjournment was taken.

Speaker Gaffin's gavel fell promptly at 10 o'clock on Thursday. At roll call ninety-four members of the house responded to their names. During this, the first reading of the house journal, Secretary Schwind appeared on the floor and announced that the senate was now permanently organized and ready for business. The first two days of the house session have been carried on the journal as one day, the house not having perfected its organization until Wednesday afternoon.

Jenkins of Jefferson, moved that the speaker be allowed a private clerk and page and that the speaker appoint them.

Wooster of Merrick, moved that a committee of three, to act with a committee of two, from the senate be appointed to wait on the governor and inform him that the two houses were now ready to receive any message he might be ready to communicate. The motion prevailed. Clark of Lancaster moved that a committee of three be appointed to canvass the vote for state officers, with a like committee from the senate, which prevailed. The speaker announced the following appointments: Enrolling clerk, Charles Wallace of Dawson; engraving clerk, J. L. Kiefer of Richardson; second engraving clerk, Charles F. Yost of Buffalo; third engraving clerk, A. J. Webb of Douglas; head janitor, Joy Aackler of Keya Paha; second janitor, W. S. Leiter of Seward; fourth janitor, T. Harrington of Douglas; assistant sergeant-at-arms, James Noe of Dodge; custodian of the house, Albert Berry of Wayne; custodian of the cloak room, D. Cosgrove, Douglas; timekeeper, E. W. Crane of Lincoln; fireman, H. B. Schneringer of Custer; night watch, W. F. Maddox of Hamilton; custodian of the water closet, M. McGee of Sarpy.

Wooster, from the committee to arrange with the senate committee for an hour in which to canvass the vote, reported that a conference had been held, and the hour fixed at 1 o'clock p. m., in the hall of representatives. The report of the committee was adopted and the house adjourned until 1 p. m.

Friday. Lieutenant Governor Harris presided at the brief session of the senate Friday morning. No attempt was made to transact business beyond the adoption of a resolution directing the secretary of state to furnish all supplies needed by the officers and members of the senate upon requisition. Mr. Fritz of Thurston, moved that the senate adjourn until Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. His motion was amended by Matz of Keya Paha, making the hour 10 o'clock Monday forenoon. The amendment was lost on a tie vote. The original motion was voted down. Then the senators agreed to a motion made by McGann of Boone, under which an adjournment was taken until Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Ninety-eight members responded to roll call on Friday morning. Clark of Richardson was called to the chair by the speaker and the house journal was read by First Assistant Clerk Foster. Hull of Harlan moved that when the house adjourn the time be fixed at 2 p. m. Monday. This was carried, and Jones of Gage moved that the house authorize the printing of 500 copies of the governor's message. On this motion a division was called for, and the speaker requested the clerk to call the roll. The result of the roll call showed 32 ayes, 52 nays, and the motion was lost. Billings of Cherry then moved that two copies of the message be furnished each member of the house, but the motion failed of a second. Who of Custer moved that a committee of three be appointed to act with a like committee from the senate on joint rules. The speaker said that he should appoint a committee on rules, but that the motion was properly before the house, and would be acted upon. The motion was carried. Speaker Gaffin announced the following appointments selected by the caucus: Fourth assistant clerk, G. W. Phillips, Platte County; typewriter, Miss Virginia Phillips, Douglas; assistant postmaster, Laura M. Lucas, Douglas; first bill clerk, I. D. Marks, Hall; proofreader, Mary Fairbrother, Douglas; assistant proofreader, to be named Monday; enrolling and engraving clerks, Edward Westering, Clay; Lizzy Stevens, Adams; Katie Neville, Otoe; Lena Bower, Cuming; Arthur Franz, Saline; copy holder, Jesse Pilg, Fillmore; assistant copyholder, Anna Clegg, Richardson; sixth janitor, L. R. Chaney, Richardson; stenographer, to be filled Monday; assistant nightwatchman, Henry Taylor, Furnas; secretary, Ralph Clark; typewriter, chief clerk, Sadie Striker; engraving and enrolling clerks, D. A. Way of Douglas, C. Wilson of Platte, J. M. Whisman of Thayer, D. W. Murray of Fillmore; mail carrier, Daniel Burkhard Adams; assistant doorkeeper, Charles Bivens, Johnson; assistant bill clerk, H. F. Wassund, Sheridan; assistant custodian of cloak room, L. S. Bruno, Merrick; janitor of the house, John Vandenberg, Frontier; pages, Oscar Phelps of Dundy, Willie Smith of Richardson, Fred Schreninger of York, James Boyd of Hamilton. W. F. Wright of Lancaster, was the choice of the caucus for bookkeeper in the chief clerk's office, subject to the appointment of the silver democrats. The following named persons are the democratic caucus nominees for pages, and were appointed by the speaker: Willie Cunningham of Saline, Louis Edwards of Richardson, Willie Hensley of Platte, R. Black of Hall and Harvey Grosvenor of Hamilton. The house then adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Monday.

BACK AT WASHINGTON

CONGRESS AGAIN RESUMES ITS LABORS.

Senate Joins with the House in Opposing Death Penalty for Certain Crimes—House Is Interested in the Loud Postal Bill.

The Routine Work.

After its two weeks' recess Congress has again assembled. The Senate Tuesday passed the House bill abolishing the death penalty in a large number of cases. The measure is in the line of recent State laws abolishing capital punishment and applies the same principle to Federal offenses, although the change is not extended to a total abolition of the death penalty. The House entered upon its work immediately after reassembling Tuesday by taking up the Loud bill to amend the laws relating to second-class mail matter. The whole day was devoted to general debate on the measure under a special order. Mr. Loud (Cal.), the author of the bill, was its champion on the floor, and Mr. Quigg (N. Y.) had charge of the opposition.

In the Senate Wednesday Cuba was the subject of a speech by Mr. Call. The House bill was passed to provide for the appointment by brevet of active or retired officers of the United States army. The bill providing free homesteads for bona fide settlers on public lands acquired from the Indians was taken up and debated at length. The joint resolution requesting the British Government to pardon Mrs. Florence Maybrick was indefinitely postponed. The Loud bill to amend the law relating to second-class mail matter was passed by the House after two days of debate. The most important provision of the bill denies the serial publications admission to the mails at 1 cent per pound rates. The Pacific Railroad funding bill came up Thursday in the House under a special order which allows two days for general debate and one day for amendments and debate under the five-minute rule. A huge map of the roads, with their feeders, was hung up. There were only four speakers—Mr. Powers of Vermont, the chairman of the Pacific Railroad Committee, who opened with an exhaustive two-hour argument in support of the bill; Mr. Hubbard of Missouri, the minority member of the committee, who has charge of the opposition, and Messrs. Grow of Pennsylvania and Bell of Texas, who spoke respectively for and against the measure. The Senate had a long and busy session, passing a number of bills on the calendar, including several amendments to the law of navigation and also the bill authorizing the President to reappoint to the navy Commander Quackenbush, whose case has occasioned much controversy. The Senate adjourned until Monday.

OPPOSE FREE LANDS.

Government Should Not Buy Farms to Give Away.

A minority of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is decidedly opposed to free lands for settlers. The report opposes the bill on the general grounds of the vast expense its adoption would entail upon the government. Commencing with the year 1889 the government has purchased 33,252,540 acres of land from the Indians, agreeing to pay \$25,261,937 for it, besides \$3,000,000 set apart as a trust fund for the benefit of the Indians of the Great Sioux reservation. "If," says the report, "all the land already opened to settlement upon Indian reservations heretofore ceded shall be taken up, the sum to be paid therefor by the settlers will be \$35,353,006.36. This bill proposes to release the settlers from the payment of this sum."

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The report calls attention to the fact that it was provided in the acts bearing upon those settlements with the different tribes of Indians that settlers should pay sufficient for the lands to reimburse the government for the money paid the Indians. Several million acres of land are embraced in these pending agreements. The bill as it passed the House applied only to lands in Oklahoma, but by the amendments made by the Senate committee the provisions of the bill are extended to all ceded Indian lands, the amount being more than three times that contemplated in the bill as it passed the House. All the lands on the Indian reservation thus opened for settlement have been paid for by the government before the opening of the same, except in the case of the Cherokee outlet, where payment was to be made in installments, and the sum of \$4,980,000 still remains unpaid, and in the case of the Great Sioux, Chippewa and Colville reservations, where the Indians are to be paid as the government shall receive money from the settlers upon disposal of the lands.

Another amendment proposed to the bill in effect requires that the government shall, upon releasing the settlers from payment of their obligations, pay the Indians for these lands the sum per acre which by law is now to be paid by the settlers. "If," says the report, "this amendment shall be adopted and the bill pass, the government would be called upon to pay in the future, including the amount not yet due in the Cherokee outlet purchase, a sum approximating \$15,000,000."

The report calls attention to the fact that negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of other Indian lands, which are being conducted upon the policy that the government shall be reimbursed for its outlays. Vivian St. Martin, the famous geographer, is dead at Paris. Willie, Maud, Hall and an infant, sons and daughters of Jesse Goodman, were killed outright in a train wreck at Moorhouse, La. The Cardinal Archbishop Sanfelice, of Naples, is dead. He was born in 1834 and was created a cardinal at the consistory of March 24, 1884. Grace Vaughn, the actress at present with "A Bunch of Keys" company, has filed a suit for divorce in Chicago, against Andrew Rawson Jennings, son of the Cleveland Standard Oil magnate. The charges contained in the complaint are sensational. Ouray and San Miguel Counties, Colorado, are on the verge of a miners' strike that may surpass the one now in progress in Leadville. The cause is the imposition of non-union miners from Missouri into the Virginian mine and Revenue tunnel, situated about nine miles west of Ouray.

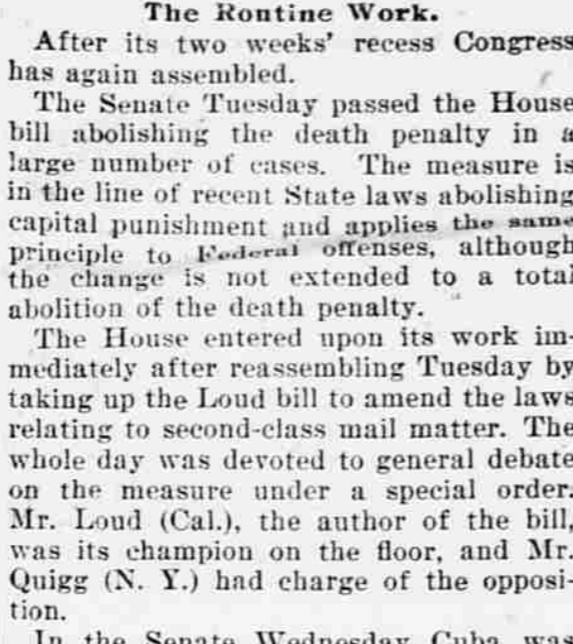
Telegraphic Brevities.

Queen Anne of England was so reduced from her love of brandy that her not too respectful subjects called her "Brandy Nan."

CHARLES H. BELL

The Busy Chairman of the McKinley Inauguration Committee.

Charles H. Bell, the chairman of the General McKinley Inauguration Committee, is not so well known in political as he is in financial circles. His name suggests the telephone and appropriately, for Chairman Bell is a cousin of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor. Charles H. Bell was in fact the man who organized the telephone service in England and opened all the exchanges in that country.



CHARLES H. BELL.

His father, David Charles Bell, now of Georgetown, was once professor of English literature in Dublin University. The chairman of the Inauguration Committee was educated in the Irish capital, and in 1873 immigrated to Canada and studied banking with the Imperial Bank at Toronto. It was in 1880 that he went abroad in the telephone interest, and having safely launched the big enterprise in England, he returned to the United States to engage in the banking business. At present Mr. Bell is the president of the American Security Trust Company. He is one of the leading citizens of Washington, and it is in this capacity that he is connected with the management of the inauguration of the new President.

Reckless Banking Methods.

It appears that the Illinois National Bank was carrying too many sons-in-law.—New York Press.

The officials of Chicago's wrecked bank were daring financiers when it came to risking other people's money.—Washington Post.

It is bad banking that has wrecked the National Bank of Illinois. No bank has resources enough to hold out against the consequences of recklessness in making loans.—Portland Oregonian.

It appears that the directors of the Illinois National Bank of Chicago did not know anything about the business of the bank except what the officers chose to tell them.—Louisville Commercial.

The managers of the Chicago bank appear to have been governed by the morals of the highwayman. They used and abused the bank to further schemes of spoliation.—Memphis Commercial-Appal.

It is now in evidence that the directors of the National Bank of Illinois succeeded for some time in covering up the unsafe nature of a portion of their loans from the scrutiny of the examiner.—Rocky Mountain News.

The further investigation in the matter of the failure of the National Bank of Illinois is pushed the more it becomes evident that the institution was managed by officials who are little, if any, better than common thieves.—Peoria Journal.

Unhappily some of the Illinois National Bank's irregularities seem to have evaded the bank examiner at the time of his inspection of its accounts, which raises a suspicion that bank examiners do not always examine.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The history of how the National Bank of Illinois in Chicago was wrecked, as narrated by a friend of Vice President Hammond, recalls the days when the black flag, with its skull and crossbones, was floating free in the winds of the Spanish main.—New York Journal.

For twenty years hardly one bank has disastrously failed without flagrant and long-continued misconduct on the part of its officers which even a tolerably honest and alert supervision would have discovered and arrested in time to avert the catastrophe.—New York World.

National banks are bound by every rule of honesty and good faith to observe the restrictions which keep them within the limits of safety. Any tale of selfish movements of street railway monopolies as a justification for going over these bounds is entirely beside the mark.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Troubles in Spain.

Twenty thousand more Spanish troops are to be sent to Cuba. Spain must have been very thickly populated once.—Cleveland Leader.

That Spanish crisis that has been expected for several days must be held somewhere for unpaid postage.—Detroit Free Press.

Spain might learn something to its advantage if it would ask Lord Salisbury how he gets along with Uncle Sam.—Syracuse Post.

It is true that Mr. Weyler has been expensive. But Spain cannot complain that he has not given her a great many victories for her money.—Washington Star.

Gen. Weyler has gone to the front with a good descriptive writer and a telegraph operator, and we may expect to have the battles of our war of secession served over in embroidered Spanish.—Memphis Commercial-Appal.

Told in a Few Lines.

Commander J. C. Morong has been ordered to the Mare Island navy yard as senior member of the inspection board. The Standard Cordage Company, at Boston, started up, after a shut down of nearly three years. This will give employment to 400 hands. The shipment of grain from Baltimore to foreign ports during the month of December were by far the largest in the history of that port, seventy-six steamers clearing, carrying full or part cargoes of grain.

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A. F. & A. M. Minnekaudus Lodge, No. 122, A. F. & A. M. meets in regular communication, Saturday evening, on or before the full moon in each month. Members of the order in good and regular standing cordially and fraternally invited to attend. J. KRELLY, W. M. W. W. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

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G. A. R. Col. Wood Post No. 208, Department of Nebraska regular meeting 3d and 4th Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m. sharp. Reports from other Posts are cordially invited to attend. J. W. TUCKER, Adjutant; JOHN DUNN, Commander.

M. W. A. Valentine Camp No. 175, Modern Woodmen of America, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at Davenport's Hall. Visiting neighbors cordially invited to attend. W. S. JACKSON, W. E. HALEY, Venerable Counselor.

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