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DAILY REPORT OF WHAT IS BE-ING DONE.

Many Measures of More or Less Importance Being Introduced at the Present Session of the Golden Rod Legislature.

Wednesday. the legislature Wednesday was the reception of the governor's message on finances of the state. He asks for an investigation of the treasury and points out the failure of Bartley to make the required settlement witl: Meserve and the need of legislative

The following bills were passed by the senate: Providing that "cities and villages are empowered and authorized to receive by gift or devise real estate within their corporate limits, or within five miles thereof, for purposes of parks or public grounds;" providing a law defining cruely to children, prescribing punishment therefor and for the guardianship of children in certain cases; providing that no children under the age of 12 years shall be employed in any store, office, shop factory or mine in Nebraska to exceed three months in any one year; providing that all graduates of the University of Nebraska holding the degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science shall be accredited qualified teachers within the meaning of the school laws of this state, and all such graduates shall have equal privileges, upon equal conditions, with graduates from any and all other educational institutions within the state; requiring school district boards to provide on every school house site and keep in good repair and in clean and healthful condition at least two separate water closets; providing that all legal advertisements shall be set in solid nonpareil type; joint resolution extending an invitation to the world to take part in the exposition at Omaha.

House roll No. 206 was the first bill considered under the call for bills on third reading in the house. The bill was introduced by Hull, and provides that county commissioners shall be allowed \$3 per day for time actually employed in official business, and in counties having a population of over 70,000 the salary shall be fixed at \$1,200 per annum. The bill reduces the salaries of the county commissioners in Douglas and Lancaster Counties from measure would fail to carry, demanded a call of the house. The doors were closed and the sergeant-at-arms began to rustle for absentees. Then Hull moved that further proceedings under the call dispensed with and it prevailed. Absentees voting raised number to a sufficient strength, and the bill was declared passed by a vote of 55 to 26. Soderman's bill, house roll No. 145, to reduce the salaries of county attorneys was next on the list. As amended in committee of the whole it reduces the salaries of the county attorneys in Douglas and Lancaster Counties to \$2,300 per annum. It reduces the salaries of all other county attorneys 20 per cent. The bill passed by a non-partisan vote of 78 to 9. There was no debate over Søderman's bill, house roll No. 19, which reduces the salary of the superintendent of the industrial school for boys at Kearney to \$1,590 per annum. It passed by a vote of 81 to 1, Rouse's bill, house roll No. 111, provides for transportation of inmates of soldiers' and sailors' homes to and from the homes, and was passed by a vote of 84 to 0.

Hon. W. J. Bryan addressed a joint session of the senate and house Wednesday evening in the hall of representatives. Every available inch of room was occupied and hundreds were turned away. One hundred and thirty-three seats were reserved for members of the legislature in front, but these were filled at an early hour and many of the legislators were obliged to stand.

Thursday.

Thursday's proceedings of the senate were purely routine, President Protem Ransom occupying the presiding officer's chair most of the day. Mr. Talbot of Lancaster presented a protest from the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic against the proposal to close the branch soldiers' home at Milford .. The committee on Miscellaneous subjects recommended that senate file No. 113, introduced by Mr. Talbot, be placed on general file. The bill defines the crime of grave robbing and prescribes rules for disinterring and dissecting bodies. The committee on municipal affairs, reported favorably on senate file No. 67, by Mr. Muffly, to consolidate the offices of justice of the peace and police judge in towns. The bill introduced by Mr. Mutz, senate file No. 23, making it unlawful for a county treasurer to accept in payment of poll tax the affidavit of any person that he was not notified, was recommended to pass. Senate file No. 31, by Mr. Murphy, for judicial determination of the question of the adoption or rejection of constitutional amendments was indefinitely postponed. Joint resolution No. 4, asking the Nebraska senators and representatives in congress to vote for a free coinage of silver bill, was, by recommendation of the committee on federal relations, placed on general file, Senate file No. 133, introduced by Mr. Dundas, reducing facs for legal advertisements and public printing, was recommended for passage by the committee on printing, to which it had been referred back for correction.

Reading of the journal in the house was suspended on the 18th and Hull was recognized by the speaker. He said he wanted to speak on behalf of prompt action on the Transmississippi Exposition bill. He moved that the bill, house roll No. 93, be advanced to the head of the list on the general file, Wooster started in to oppose this, but Pollard was recognized. He said hat in all justice to the farmers and advocates of this measure it should be immediately considered. If the bill was to be killed, it should be done now, If anything was to be done in its favor, now was the time. Mr. Winslow moved an amendment that action be deferred on the bill till the state institutions had been provided for. The aye and nay vote was called resulting: Nays, 57; ayes, 36. The measure was placed on general file, and there are sixteen measures ahead of it. The report of the committee to investigate the several state offices was read and referred to a special committee. The balance of the day was spent in com-

mittee of the whole. Friday.

A large audience of spectators gathered in the senate chamber Friday afternoon to listen to the Jeffcoat-Evans contest. The report of the committee on privileges and elections was taken up. After it had been read, Mr. Dearing, chairman of the committee which made the report, moved that eloquence.

NEBRASKA CONGRESS it be adopted. Mr. Graham of Frontier moved as a substitute that the report of the committee be not concurred in and that John Jeffcoat be declared entitled to the seat now occupied by J. H. Evans. Mr. Murphy of Gage moved that further proceedings be deferred for one week. The motion was lost. The senate then voted on the first half of the motion made by the senator from Frontier. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 18 to After some debate the last half of Mr. Graham's motion was carried by a vote of 17 to 13, and Mr. Evans was unseated. After the result was announced a resolution was introduced providing for The leading feature in both branches of the payment of contest fees out of the senate contingent fund. The total expenses of the contest amounted to \$3,797.50, of which \$1,500 is for Jeffcoat's attorneys, \$1,500 for Evans'. The balance is distributed among the stenographers and notaries. A committee of eleven senators consisting of Osborn, Weller, Sykes, Grothan, Watson, McGann, Feltz, Mutz, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Canaday was authorized to make a tour of the state

> till 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The house spent most of the day in committee of the whole with Wheeler in the chair. The Trans-Mississippi Exposition bill was made a special order for Tuesday February 23. The following report of the committee on insane hospitals was read and adopted: "In the matter of certain complaints against the superintendent regarding the government of the institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Omaha: Your committee would recommend that in view of the complaints presented to it in writing by persons formerly connected with said institution as employes thereof which reflect on the management of said institution by the superintendent, in justice to the superintendent and in order that the whole truth may be known, a committee of five be appointed by the speaker from the committee on deaf and dumb and insane hospitals to visit said institution, inspect the same and the books and receipts, to take testimony of witnesses and do all things necessary to make a full, fair, impartial investigation covering the management of said institution, and report to the house at the earliest possible date, at the expense of the state."

> institutions. The senate then adjourned

The following is a statement by ex-Treasurer Bartley in regard to his alleged shortage of state funds: When Treasurer Meserve took charge of the

office he requested that all moneys which are not covered by depository bonds be paid to him in eash, amounting to some \$670,000. I informed him that the times were such that it was very hard to make a settlement in that way, but I would comply with his request, although it might \$1,800 to \$1,200 per annum. While the roll take some time to do so. I have proceeded on call was proceeding Hull, fearing that the these lines and collected and turned over to him about \$152,300 and am settling with him as fast as it is possible for a man in my position to do so without endangering the loss of funds. There is nomecessity of making a mountain out of a mole hill; every dollar that is due from me to the state will be paid in reasonable time. There is not a penny of the public funds intrusted in my care that cannot be accounted for, and while I have heretofore avoided any newspaper discussion of my affairs. I desire to say that the state of Nebraska has not and will not lose one dollar through any short comings of myself.

When Mr. Meserve took possession of the office there was due from myself to the state in all funds, including bonds and securities, some \$5,-050,000. Of this amount I have accounted for and turned over to Mr. Meserve some \$4,530,000. leaving a balance due of \$520,000. This is about the amount I owe the state.

The governor's message to the legislature pprising it of the shortage concludes thus: I also deem it my duty in this connection to inorm you that I am advised by the state treasurer that he has as yet been unable to make a final and complete settlement with his predecessor for moneys belonging to the state and due from the retiring to the incoming treasurer. Under date of January 30 the state treasurer informs me that there was due to the state from his predecessor at the expiration of his term of office \$1,536,304.10; that of this amount there was in depository banks \$1,046,616,89, leaving unaccounted for \$489,687,31,

I am also informed that a general fund warrant with interest amounting to the sum of \$201,884.05—the sum being for an appropriation made by the last legislature to reimburse the sinking fund on account of losses by the failure of the Capitol National Bank-has been paid out of the funds in the state treasury and is yet unaccounted for, making a total amount due the state, outside of moneys in depository banks of the sum of \$691,571.26, less the cash payments of \$153,809.13 hereinbefore mentioned, leaving a balance due the state of \$537,762.13.

In order that the state's interests may be fully protected it would seem to me to be advisable and of great assistance to the executive and egal departments of the state if your honorable body should appoint a joint committee to investigate and ascertain all needful facts respecting this subject, with such authority and power in the premises as may be by you deemed for the interests of the state.

Saturday,

Jones of Wayne, introduced a bill in the house for an act to compensate the producers of sugar beets and chicory roots and to provide for an appropriation of \$75,000 for this purpose. Another bill, introduced by Hull of Harlan, provides that all judgments in courts of record and justice courts shall be assessed and taxed at the full amount shown by the record of the court, and shall be subject to sale the same as other personal property, and said judgment can be seized and sold for taxes at any time when said taxes are delinquent. Clark of Richardson, moved that a sifting committee of seven be appointed by the speaker to advance bills on the general file and the motion carried. Wooster's motion that the house meet Monday afternoon in informal session to celebrate Washington's birthday by singing, speaking and other exercises was voted down. Sheldon asked unanimous consent to introduce a resolution which was read by the clerk as follows: Whereas, Joseph Crow, John H. Butler, Levi Cox and Frank Burman were seated in this house upon proper credentials at the opening of this session and subsequently

by vote of this honse unseated, and Whereas, The attorney general has rendered an opininn that they are not entitled by law to the pay for the time they were sitting as members of this house and engaged in transacting the state's business which they were required to do by the law and rules of this house;

Resolved, That said Joseph Crow, John H. Butler, Levi Cox and Frank Burman be paid from the incidental funds of this legislature \$5 per diem for the time they were sitting members of this house, together with mileage to and from their homes at 10 cents per mile, after deducting any amounts they may have already drawn on account of services here.

The resolution was carried with but a few dissenting votes. A number of bills were then, on second reading, referred to appropriate committees. The house then went into committee of the whole to consider bills on general tile, and upon arising the house adjourn duntil Tuesday at 10 a. m.

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SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Justice Harlan Tells How They Are Arrived At by His Associates. Justice Harlan, of the Supreme Court

of the United States, at a banquet in Cincinnati, Ohio, gave the following interesting account of the method pursued by that body in deciding cases be-

"In my intercourse with the members of the bar I found to my great surprise that the impression prevails with some that cases, after being submitted, are divided among the judges, and that the court bases its judgment in each one wholly upon the report made by some judge to whom that case has been assigned for examination and report. I have met with lawyers who actually believe that the opinion was written before the case was decided in conference, and that the only member of the court who fully examined the record and briefs was the one who prepared the opinion.

"It is my duty to say that the business in our court is not conducted in any such mode. Each justice is furnished with a printed copy of the reccord, and with a copy of each brief filed, and each one examines the records and briefs at his chambers before the case is taken up for consideration. The cases are thoroughly discussed in conference-the discussion in some being necessarily more extended than in others. The discussion being concluded -and it is never concluded until each member of the court has said all that he desires to say-the roll is called, and each justice present and participating in the decision votes to affirm, reverse, or modify, as his examination and reflection suggest. The chief justice, after the conference, and without consulting his brethren, distributes the cases so decided for opinions. No justice knows, at the time he votes in a particular case, that he will be asked to become the organ of the court in that case nor does any member of the court ask that a particular case be assigned to him.

"The next step is the preparation of the opinion by the justice to whom it has been assigned. The opinion, when prepared, is privately printed and a copy placed in the hands of each member of the court for examination and criticism. It is examined by each justice, and returned to the author, with such criticisms and objections as are deemed necessary. If these objections are of a serious kind, affecting the general trend of the opinion, the writer calls the attention of the justices to them, and they are sustained or overruled, as the majority may determine. The opinion is reprinted so as to express the final conclusions of the court, and is

"Thus, you will observe, not only is the utmost care taken to make the opinion express the views of the court, but that the final judgment rests, in everycase decided, upon the examination by each member of the court of the record and briefs. Let me say that, during my entire service in the Supreme Court, I have not known a single instance in which the court has determined a case merely upon the report of one or more justices as to what was contained in therecord and as to what questions were properly presented by it. When you find an opinion of the court on file and published, the profession have the right to take it as expressing the deliberate views of the court, based upon a careful examination of the records and briefs by each justice participating in the judgment,"

Foiled Again.

The grocer was weighing some sugar for the woman in the dyed blue bonnet, when the man in the black frock coat and yellowish white tie, who had been standing in the door for some minutes, came inside and laid a silver quarter on the counter.

"I picked it up on the floor, just at the edge of the steps," he said. "It must belong to you. A quarter or a thousand dollars, sir-it is the principle of the thing that I look at. I want nothing that is not mine. There is the

The grocer laid a large forefinger on the quarter and shoved it back across the counter.

"You put dot money in your pocket, mein friend," he said.

"But, sir. you or one of your clerks must have dropped it, and it rolled

over there. My motto has always been_" "I believe," sald the grocer, "dot you

yoost moved your family in dot house across the street dis morgen. Vas it not so?"

"Yes, sir, I did, and it being convenient, we expect to do a good deal of "You put dot quarter back in your

pocket righd away. Dot vas not mein quarter. You put him back in your pocket, und ven your vife come ofer vor dose groceries you will remember dot my derms vos spod cash efery time,"-Detroit Free Press.

Swedish Doctors.

In Sweden doctors never send bills to their patients, the amount of remuneration being left entirely to the latter's generosity. The rich, however, pay their doctor very liberally, when once he has been retained by them, whether they have need of his services or not. From the poor he receives only small sums, and from the very poor, nothing. Yet to his great credit be it said the Swedish doctor visits the poorest of his patients as faithfully and constantly as his richest.

Sure Sign. Miss Robson-I don't think Fred will be long in coming to the point now! Mrs. Robson-Why not?

Miss Robson-Because he's beginning worry about your bad temper.-Judy.

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