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NEBRASKA CONGRESS

DAILY REPORT OF WHAT IS BEING DONE.

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

Wednesday.

Following are bills on third reading acted upon by the house on March 31st: Senate file No. 108, Beal's deficiency judgment bill, which was passed over Tuesday on account of house amendments not being printed, was read and after a call of the house was passed by a vote of 58 to 24. Fouke, McLeod and Mann, Republicans, voted for the bill, while Hyatt, Rich, Uerling, Woodward, Zimmerman and Clark of the Republicans, voted with the minority against it. House roll No. 267, by Gaffin, to prohibit corporations from contributing money to campaign funds, had been amended by the senate, and the house concurred in the amendments. Senate file No. 210, by McGann, providing that the territory within the corporate limits of a city of 1,500 inhabitants or over, shall constitute one school district, was passed by a vote of 61 to 17. House roll No. 428, extending the powers of the state board of transportation, received 65 votes, with 23 against, and it failed to pass with the emergency clause. Senate file No. 78, allowing pupils to attend school in a nearer district, and providing that they shall hereafter be enumerated in the district nearest their residence was passed by a vote of 79 to 1. Senate file No. 145, requiring railroads to mow their right-of-way twice a year, between the 15th day of July and the 15th day of August of each year, was passed. Senate file No. 104, the bill for the protection of fish, failed to pass. The judiciary committee reported house roll No. 658, with the recommendation that it be engrossed for the third reading. The report was adopted. It is the bill to validate bonds in metropolitan cities. The house took a recess until 7:30. The house convened at 7:30 with sixty members present, and went into committee of the whole to consider house roll No. 247, the general revenue bill. On motion of Wooster the bill was recommended for indefinite postponement. House roll No. 342, Fernow's bill for the government of the state penitentiary, was recommended for passage. House roll No. 274, providing for the branding of convict made goods, was indefinitely postponed.

The senate Wednesday made an earnest effort to clear away the large accumulation of business on the general file. The day was commenced with the usual attempt to advance favorite bills for immediate consideration, but the effort resulted in failure. The greater portion of the day was taken up in committee of the whole in consideration of bills and some lively discussions were had. The only bills passed were senate files Nos. 269, 270 and 271. They provide that the governor shall appoint the superintendents of the Institute for the Feeble Minded at Beatrice, the Industrial School for Boys at Kearney and the Industrial for Girls at Geneva. At present these officers are appointed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings.

Thursday.

The senate put in the forenoon of the 1st passing bills, most of them senate files, which have yet to run the gauntlet of the house. Some comment is heard over the passage of three important bills at a day so late in the session when their fate in the house is doubtful, because of the near approach of final adjournment. The three bills referred to are the ones imposing a tax upon the gross earnings of express, telegraph and telephone companies of the state. The first senate file No. 31, taxing the express companies, was passed by a vote of 17 to 2. Senate file No. 375, providing for the taxation of telephone companies, was next placed on its final passage. It proposes a tax of one-half of 1 percent on the gross earnings of all such companies. The bill was passed by a vote of 17 to 5. Senate file No. 578, taxing the telegraph companies 1 percent on gross earnings, was passed by a vote of 17 to 5. The anti-corporation bills having been disposed of, the next taken up was senate file No. 28, introduced by Mr. Mutz of Keya Paha, providing a systematic method for making road overseers' returns to the county treasurer. It was passed by the requisite majority. House roll No. 196, appropriating \$20,000 for the erection of a new dormitory building at the State Normal School at Peru, was passed without the emergency clause.

The first work of the house Thursday morning was to advance senate file No. 40 to third reading. It is the bill to authorize the organization of mutual hail insurance companies. Under the regular order of business bills on third reading were taken up. Senate file No. 187, to provide for a system of uniform vouchers for the disbursement of state funds, was passed by a vote of 78 to 0. Senate file No. 312, setting apart 240 acres of land in Lancaster County for the use of the hospital for the insane, was passed by a vote of 77 to 0. Senate file No. 40, to authorize the organization of mutual hail insurance companies, was passed by a vote of 86 to 1. The bill provides that any number of persons not less than 100, residing in the state, who own, collectively, not less than 5,000 acres of grain, may form an incorporated company for mutual protection against loss by hail. House roll No. 42, a bill to enable irrigation districts that have no outstanding indebtedness to discontinue their organization, was passed by a vote of 77 to 1. House roll No. 224, appropriating \$25,000 to build an addition to the Norfolk asylum, was passed with the emergency clause, receiving 67 to 13 votes. House roll No. 359, a claim of \$376 for four men in Red Willow County, who had paid the above amount rent on school land, without having been granted a lease for the same, was passed. House roll No. 18, by Uerling, to provide for building a standpipe and an additional wing to the asylum at Hastings, and appropriating \$30,000 to defray such expense, was passed with the emergency clause. House roll No. 634, by Sheldon of Dawes, providing for drawing and empanelling juries in the trial of original actions in the supreme court, and providing fees of the jurors, was passed with the emergency clause, the vote being 68 to 14. House roll No. 653, to amend the Omaha charter in regard to issuing bonds, and validate such bonds as have already been issued, was passed with the emergency clause stricken out.

Friday.

As soon as the senate was ready for business Friday morning special action was taken on a number of bills. Senate files Nos. 296, 250, 203, 201, 202, 261 and 292 were advanced to third reading. The first bill was senate file No. 296, to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries received by their employees in their service, and to prevent the making or enforcement of contracts or agreements limiting or impairing such liability. The bill failed to pass. Senate file No. 244, amending the irrigation bill, was read the third time and passed. House roll No. 203, appropriating \$30,000 for the wing of a new building to be erected on the campus of the University of Nebraska for a school of Mechanic Arts, was passed and sent to the governor. House roll No. 254, a pro forma bill appropriating the matriculation fees of the State Normal School to the use of the institution was passed. Senate file No. 61 was read the third time and passed. This is the bill introduced by Mr. Ritchie placing the management of the Industrial Home for Fallen Women at Milford under the management of the board of public lands and buildings, the superintendent and other officers to be appointed by the governor. Senate file No. 315 was then placed on its final passage and it provided that contracts for sale of lands between the owner and agent employed to sell such lands shall be made in writing. The consideration of the appropriation bill consumed the balance of the day's session and when the committee rose it had not been finished.

When the house opened for business on the 2d a messenger from the governor announced that the executive office had signed house rolls No. 72, for the relief of Burt County; No. 209, relating to the Morrill fund; No. 29, repealing the Russian title law; senate file No. 256, relating to an irrigation fund in Hancock County, and senate file No. 381, an act incorporating cities of the metropolitan class. House roll No. 463, by Loomis, providing for a blank ballot in place of the present system, was passed. Senate file No. 351, providing that unclaimed bodies of those who die in state institutions shall be turned over to medical colleges failed to pass. Senate file No. 157, by Ransom, to prohibit officers in cities and villages from accepting free gas or electric lights, water or transportation on street cars and providing punishment for violations of these provisions, was passed by a vote of 53 to 21. House roll No. 342, to provide for the administration and government of the state penitentiary, was passed with the emergency clause. Senate file No. 207, by Talbot, defining fraternal beneficiary societies, and regulating the same, was passed, with the emergency clause, without opposition. House roll No. 334, by Gaylord, to provide instruction for a blank ballot for pupils either within or without the district of their residence, was passed with the emergency clause. House roll No. 351, allowing Mrs. B. McKell of Thayer County \$163.88 overpaid on school land, was passed. House roll No. 175, by Wheeler, amends the present law in regard to the deposit of state and county funds in banks. It provides that the deposit shall not in any case exceed 80 percent of the capital of such bank. The bill passed with the emergency clause.

Saturday.

The following bills were acted upon by the senate on the 3d: Senate file No. 292, introduced by Mr. Spencer of Lancaster by request, was passed. It amends the law governing the practice of medicine in Nebraska. Senate file No. 169, introduced by Mr. Beal of Custer, was passed. This bill pertains to the appointment of clerks of district courts. Senate file No. 250, introduced by Mr. Ransom of Douglas, was passed. It makes a radical amendment to the method of levying taxes for school purposes, and will especially affect the city of Omaha. Senate file No. 202, introduced by Mr. Graham of Frontier, an act for the establishment, maintenance and management of public libraries in school districts failed of passage. Senate file No. 201, introduced by Mr. Dundas at the request of the State Teachers' Association, was defeated. It amended the laws relating to county superintendents. House roll No. 244, introduced by Mr. Prince of Madison, to appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of erecting an additional wing to the Hospital for the Insane at Norfolk was passed. It lacked one or two votes of the necessary number to pass it and a call of the house was ordered. It is now understood that all danger of the defeat of the appropriation for the Hastings asylum has passed and that when the bill is reached it will receive the necessary seventeen votes.

Immediately after the reading of the journal Saturday Stebbins of Lincoln County offered a resolution which had for its aim the paying of all employees of the house straight time instead of for actual amount of work performed. A motion to lay the resolution on the table prevailed. Many bills were advanced to third reading, after which the house went into committee of the whole. The committee of the whole report was adopted on all bills except house rolls Nos. 491 and 578 with little opposition. The report on house roll No. 491 was adopted after voting down a motion to indefinitely postpone. When the report on house roll No. 578 came up a motion was made to recommend for indefinite postponement and a call of the house was demanded by Smith of Douglas at 5:30, when it developed that there was not a quorum present. One or two members were brought in, but most of the absentees had gone home. Unanimous consent was asked to have the call raised, but there were three or four objections. The speaker ruled that a motion to adjourn could not be entertained during a call of the house. During the next two hours ten attempts were made to raise the call. Finally by the help of a couple of members of the recent committee fifty-one votes were secured and the call was raised. The house adjourned without acting on the report.

The First Watch.

At first the watch was about the size of a desert-plate. It had weights, and was used as a "pocket clock." The earliest known use of the modern name occurs in the record of 1552, which mentions that Edward VI. had "one larum or watch of iron, the case being likewise of iron gilt, with two plumets of lead." The first watches may readily be supposed to have been of rude execution. The first great improvement, the substitution of springs for weights, was in 1550. The earliest springs were not coiled, but only straight pieces of steel. Early watches had only one hand, and, being wound up twice a day, they could not be expected to keep time nearer than fifteen or twenty minutes in the twelve hours. The dials were of silver or brass; the cases had no crystals, but opened at the back and front, and were four or five inches in diameter. A plain watch cost the equivalent of \$4,000 in our currency, and after one was ordered it took a year to make it.

FLOODS IN S. DAKOTA

LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED IN TWO INSTANCES.

Rivers and Creeks Are Full from Bank to Bank—Railroad Bridges in Great Danger and Many Have Already Been Carried Away.

Flood Situation in Dakota.

Melting snow and rain have filled the rivers of South Dakota from bank to bank, and in many sections the prairie is covered with water for miles. At Sioux Falls the Sioux has got in its work. That city is cut off from the country on the north, south and west, all roads being impassable from washouts between bridges and flooded roadways.

The Milwaukee railroad bridge at Vermillion is in great danger. A dispatch from that city Sunday stated that it was likely to be carried out at any moment. Thus far the greatest amount of damage by the overflow of water in the Sioux, Vermillion and Jim River valleys has been done in the Sioux. The water came with greater rapidity and took the people living along the stream completely by surprise, although they had been repeatedly warned to prepare themselves for an overflow. There were a great many narrow escapes, but as yet no lives have been lost. A young man named Elson was crossing a bridge on the Brule, a small creek emptying into the Sioux, driving two teams. When half way across the structure was swept away. The wagon was new and the young man found himself sailing down stream in the wagon box, which had become separated from the wheels. He was rescued some distance down stream. Both teams were drowned. Farther up the stream a farmer suddenly found his house surrounded with water. He constructed a rude craft of flood wreckage and started to cross the hill with his family of four. The current carried them down stream into a heavy growth of timber, where the raft was broken up. The family found refuge on the roof of a farm shed and were rescued.

The flood situation at Aberdeen is more serious than ever before. Nearly the entire west and south parts of the city were under water Monday. All lively barns, blacksmith shops, warehouses, etc., on the west side were flooded. The schools at this point were all closed and there was not a steam heating plant or furnace fire in operation in the town. Between Greton and Andover, on the Hastings & Dakota division a boat ferry was put in operation and passengers transferred. All other railroad communication is cut off.

The first of the high water in the river reached Yankton Saturday and the river now extends from bluff to bluff above the city. The Milwaukee road has had about two miles of track washed out east of the Jim. The Great Northern Railroad has abandoned its service for the present. Yankton was entirely cut off from the outside world by rail Monday.

There are acres of water in every direction at Huron. The flood conditions here are the worst ever experienced. The trains north and west on the Chicago and Northwestern have all been abandoned, the tracks being under water or the roadbeds washed out, but those east and south were running regularly up to Sunday. There was great apprehension for the safety of the Great Northern bridge at this point, as the banks were being badly washed out and being a pile bridge had already been severely strained.

The Jim rose seven inches at Mitchell Saturday. The Milwaukee and Omaha quick transferring across the river on account of the current being too swift. The water has spread over a large section and many wagon bridges have been carried away.

There are a number of small creeks in the vicinity of Chamberlain that are causing considerable trouble and in one instance loss of life. A young man named Charles Reber, while on an errand, was drowned while crossing Smith Creek. His body was recovered. The creek was badly swollen by melting snow. American Creek, which enters the Missouri at Chamberlain, was so high that the Manchester, quite as large as a Missouri River ferry, used the month for a harbor, something never before possible.

Miller and all west of Huron have been without railroad service for over a week and country stages have been abandoned for a longer space of time. The prospects Sunday were that no trains could be run west of Huron for a week or so.

A telegram Saturday from Tyndall stated that it had rained there incessantly for six days, and that the situation was as bad as in 1881.

John A. Bushnell of Sioux City, a Milwaukee brakeman, was drowned Saturday afternoon in the Sioux River, between Hudson and Calliope. Bushnell was working on a pile driver and was on the ladder, when his hands slipped and he fell into the river. Considerable driftwood was floating down by the swift current. A boat was nearby and fellow workmen used every endeavor to rescue him, but he soon sank out of sight. It is not likely his body will ever be recovered. He was a married man.

Air Jam in a Tunnel.

A curious state of things was observed in the tunnel of the underground railway of Buda-Pest on account of lack of ventilation. For a stretch of more than two miles there is only a single ventilator, which is entirely insufficient, and the trains running through the tunnel compress the air within like that in the gun barrel of a Zalsinski dynamite gun. It is stated that on several occasions the cars were raised bodily from the tracks by the pressure of air and gas, and the passengers were almost suffocated. Steps have been taken to increase the number of air shafts, so that there will be at least ten of these in each mile, and very large exhaust fans will do away with the danger of insufficient ventilation, which now renders the employment at the same time of the two tracks in the tunnel absolutely dangerous.

New Museum for Windsor Castle.

Windsor Castle is now to have a museum for the reception of some of the historical relics which, owing to the want of a suitable place for their exhibition, have hitherto been inaccessible to visitors.

Senator Beranger is the Dr. Parkhurst and Anthony Comstock of Paris. He is leading a crusade against vice in the French capital, but at the present moment vice is many laps ahead of the reformers.

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