

NEBRASKA CONGRESS

DAILY REPORT OF WHAT IS BEING DONE.

Measures of More or Less Importance Are Being Introduced at the Present Session of the Legislature—List of the Business.

Monday, Feb. 13. Twenty-second ballot for senator:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Allen (40), Hayward (29), Thompson (29), Webster (6), Field (6), Weston (4), Scattering (8).

In the House four petitions asking that provisions be made for paying bounty on wolf scalps and one asking for the passage of an equal suffrage memorial to congress were read and referred to committees.

When the Senate convened at 11 o'clock S. F. 34, relating to the control of Soldiers' Home, was recommended to pass by the Committee on Soldiers' Home.

Tuesday, Feb. 14. Twenty-third ballot for senator:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Allen (54), Hayward (54), Webster (10), Thompson (10), Field (4), Weston (4), Scattering (7).

The first thing that came up in the House was the message of the Governor relating to the insurance department of the auditor's office, and on motion of Weaver of Richardson the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to act with a Senate committee on investigation.

Friday, Feb. 17. Twenty-sixth ballot for senator:

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Senator Spohn wanted the report of the Board of Transportation in regard to the possibility of lowering the rates on coal and lumber shipped into the State and live stock and grain shipped out.

Wednesday, Feb. 15. Twenty-fourth ballot for senator:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Allen (57), Hayward (36), Webster (10), Thompson (10), Scattering (8).

The Senate held another strictly "business" session Wednesday morning, considering a couple of bills in committee.

sale of Union Pacific lands under foreclose. Talbot of Lancaster requested that the Governor's message and all motions made Tuesday be read, which was done.

Whereas A joint committee has been appointed to investigate the transactions in the insurance department of the auditor's office, and it will be necessary in the discharge of its duties for said committee to have full power and authority in the premises; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That said committee shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered in conducting said investigation to send for and have produced any and all papers, documents, books or other evidence of transactions, to call, subpoena and examine witnesses and to administer oaths to such witnesses testifying.

This joint resolution was adopted under suspension of the rules and sent over to the House for its action.

Thursday, Feb. 16. Twenty-fifth ballot for senator:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Allen (55), Hayward (37), Thompson (9), Webster (10), Field (4), Weston (3), Scattering (8).

After a debate lasting most of the morning the Senate killed a couple of resolutions without giving them a place on the general file. The first was the joint resolution introduced by O'Neill of Holt demanding the immediate return of the American troops from the Philippines.

The following committee reports were adopted. S. F. 63, to pass; S. F. 64, to pass; S. F. 184, to pass; S. F. 225, for indefinite postponement; S. F. 235, for indefinite postponement; S. F. 207, to pass; S. F. 208, to pass; S. F. 215, for indefinite postponement; S. F. 216, to pass; S. F. 213 was placed on general file.

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Under the order of bills on third reading in the House H. R. 33, by Smith of Saline, an act requiring fire insurance companies to pay 25 per cent. interest on claims due under policies, if payment thereof is delayed beyond the time allowed by law for the settlement thereof, was passed with emergency clause by a vote of 79 to 7.



After a good deal of debate in the Senate on Saturday, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was passed.

At no time during the session of the Senate on Monday was a quorum present, a majority of the members being snowed out of their homes. A sharp debate over the unanimous consent agreement reached Saturday afternoon to vote on the McEnery resolution was precipitated early in the session.

The unanimous consent agreement reached by the Senate on Saturday to vote Tuesday afternoon on the resolution of Mr. McEnery (Dem. La.) declaring the policy of this Government in the Philippines was not vacated.

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The army reorganization bill was reported to the Senate on Thursday. The naval personnel bill was taken up and read, but no effort made to proceed further with its consideration.

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Notes of Current Events. The navy appropriation bill this year calls for \$90,000,000.

At Gen. Brooke's suggestion, the collection of taxes in Cuba will be taken away from the Bank of Havana.

The New Hampshire Legislature has passed a bill prohibiting the dissection of honorably discharged United States soldiers or sailors.

Peter Holt of Dickinson County, Tenn., was shot from ambush in his yard, the contents of a shotgun being emptied into his right side, fatally wounding him.

The newly organized American Beet Sugar Company will have a capital of \$5,000,000 in preferred stock and \$15,000,000 in common stock.

NAVY YARD IS SWEEPED.

Fire Loss of More than \$1,000,000 at Brooklyn.

Fire destroyed the great machine shops in the Brooklyn navy yard Wednesday night, causing a loss to the Government of between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000.

There was practically no opposition to the flames after they had started. The deep snow and a lack of water prevented the naval forces and the fire department from working effectively.

The main building is four stories in height, and has two great towers. On the first and second floors were many valuable machines and tools.

BLOW FOR THE CANAL.

Chances of Nicaraguan Measure at This Session Are Slim.

The national House Wednesday apparently settled the fate of the Nicaragua canal bill in this Congress by refusing to override the decision of the chair in committee of the whole, when the chair held that the canal bill offered as an amendment by Mr. Hepburn was out of order.

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Advocates of violating the rule undertook to justify their proposed action on the ground that the Speaker would not allow the Nicaragua canal bill to come up in any way in which it could be disposed of under the rules in an orderly manner.

FOREIGN TRADE IN JANUARY.

Department Makes Comparisons with First Month in 1898.

The total exports of merchandise for January, 1899, were \$115,515,954, as compared with \$108,426,674 in January, 1898, and the imports \$58,472,315, against \$50,827,714 in 1898, making an excess of exports over imports for January, 1899, of \$57,043,636.



Rewards to the amount of \$50,000 for proof of bribery in the senatorial contest at Harrisburg, Pa., continue without takers or claimants.

There are only two Democrats in the New Jersey delegation in the Fifty-sixth Congress of two Senators and eight Representatives.

As soon as Clark of Montana pockets his senatorial certificate he will hasten the completion of the gorgeous castle he is building for himself near Central Park, New York.

Kentucky's blue-eyed goddess turned her face to the wall and blushed charmingly the other day while her foster father dashed off this modest paragraph: "If Congress will simply enact the editorial page of the Courier-Journal the date of the millennium may be definitely and finally set."

Candidates for congressional honors have reason to envy the easy race which Thomas Spight had in obtaining a seat among the lawmakers of the nation.

BLIZZARD IN SOUTH.

DEEP SNOWS AND HIGH WINDS CAUSE HAVOC.

Eastern and Southern States Paralyzed by Cold Wave of Unprecedented Severity—Peril to Shipping—Tropical Fruits Badly Damaged.

The protracted cold wave that recently held the Northwest in its grip later extended to the South and East, changing its form east of Ohio into that of a blizzard of almost unprecedented ferocity, and carrying its below-zero weather far out into the Gulf of Mexico.

The suffering everywhere was pitiable, but in the South it was worst, because the cold was so unprecedented. There is something appalling in the thought of zero weather along the Gulf of Mexico.

CAPTURE OF ILOILO.

American Ships Bombard and Troops Take Insurgent Stronghold.

The United States forces under Brig. Gen. Miller captured Iloilo, capital of the Island of Panay and seat of the so-called government of the Visayas federation, on Saturday after a bombardment.

The rebels set the town on fire before evacuating it; but the American troops extinguished the flames. There were no casualties on the American side.

JARO IN AMERICAN HANDS.

Another Battle Fought More Serious than That of Iloilo.

The village of Jaro, a mile north of Iloilo, was captured on Sunday afternoon by a battalion of the Eighteenth infantry. It was learned that the rebels were assembling there, and our troops were dispatched to make a reconnaissance.

MILLING TRUST SUCCESSFUL.

Most of the American Spring Wheat Mills in the Deal.

The Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin says: "It was admitted here today that the flour mill syndicate, of which Thomas A. McIntire is the head, had carried their All Duluth mills except Freeman's and a small concern are reported to have been secured, in addition to the majority of the mills in Minneapolis. It is also learned that the largest mills in New York and Buffalo, in addition to several large Milwaukee plants, have been captured.

LOOK FOR WAR WITH ENGLAND.

Correspondent Says French Officials Expect a Conflict.

The Toulon correspondent of the London Daily Mail, remarking on the extraordinary activity at the arsenal there and generally in the French naval works, says: "It is believed that M. Lockroy (minister of marine) expects war with Great Britain within two years and it is not unlikely that a war with England is being preached in official circles. Troops are being poured into Tunis and Algeria and war material is being dispatched to all the colonies. French officers openly boast that they will sweep the British fleet out of the Mediterranean."

Warship Near Being Sunk.

While the blizzard which has swept the Atlantic coast was at its height the United States cruiser Marblehead had a narrow escape from being sent to the bottom in midocean by the Comander Etruria.

Between 7,000 and 9,000 pounds of pig tobacco is yearly furnished to the penitentiary inmates in Mississippi.

SUMATRAN TOBACCO.

How the Fragrant Leaf is Cultivated for the Market.

Sumatra, upon the equator, "the halfway house of the world," is one of the most beautifully situated of the isles of the summer seas. The high mountain ridges on the west slope down and spread out in great green plains to the fertile eastern coasts, where the low swamps at the water's edge breed fatal germs of tropical disease.

The wild mountaineers of Sumatra are in striking contrast to the gentle Javanese. When the Dutch would have conquered them they retired to their mountain fastnesses and waited for malaria to lay low the European foe.

When a certain development has been reached the young plants are planted at equal distances apart. The tobacco plant arrives at maturity about the end of June. After the leaves have been gathered they are dried in enormous sheds. These sheds are constructed most artistically of wood, bamboo and matting, and are provided all around the sides with adjustable mats for regulating the supply of air to insure perfect drying.

The tobacco is then stored, pressed, sorted and packed and finally piled in the buffalo wagons for shipment. It is taken to Belawan, and from here will find its way to all quarters of the globe. It will be treated in factories by modern machinery, will be handled by all sorts and conditions of men and women, and finally it will be smoked by careless, prosaic men, who know nothing of the "summer isles of Eden," to whom Sumatra on parly seas is but a name.

Deduced from Daily Experience. If you see a man and woman riding side by side in a car, the man absorbed in a paper, and replying coldly, or not at all, to the remarks addressed to him by the woman, you may take it for granted they are husband and wife.

Solidified Alcohol. As the disciples of the chafing dish know, alcohol is not a fuel to be trusted. Instead of burning quietly it sometimes shows such excess of service that it becomes dangerous. There is good news for those who have found everything ablaze beneath and about the chafing dish which will save them from any such trouble hereafter.

Chance for Puzzle Lovers. Here is an arithmetical problem that is going the rounds: A is indebted to B \$5, B to C to D, D to E, E to F, same amount. A, B, C, D and E each have \$1 and no more, and consequently they cannot pay their debt. They put their money all together. A takes the \$1, goes to B, pays his debt and gets his receipt. B does the same to C, C to D, D to E and E to F. A, B, C, D and E are out of debt and F has his money. Who, if anyone, is the loser?—Indianapolis News.

Talking Clocks.

In Switzerland they are making clocks which do not need hands and faces. The clock merely stands in the hall and you press a button in its stomach, when, by means of the phonographic internal arrangements, it calls out "half-past six" or "twenty-three minutes to eleven," as the case may be.