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A woman of Valentine has an old hen sitting on a door knob and the woman thinks the old hen is trying to hatch out a hotel. Goodness knows Valentine needs a hotel but we're afraid the old hen has missed her calling. The woman misses her cackling.

To the Public:

It is refreshing indeed to sit, these times, in an audience and witness a real effort to do justice to a play you have paid to see. "Sweetest Girl in Dixie" was exceedingly well rendered here last night, Nov. 17. A play full of genuine merit. Each part highly satisfactory. The band and orchestra is worth all my patrons paid to see the show. Don't pass this company up. Respectfully,

R. BUCHANAN,

Mgr. Maxwell (Ia.) Theatre.
At Quigley's opera house March 7, 1911.

St. Nichols Church.

Services will be held at the Catholic church as follows:

In Valentine, on Sunday Feb. 26.

1st mass at 8 a. m.
2nd mass at 10 a. m.
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after mass.
Instruction for the children at 3 p. m.

In Nenzel, Sunday, March 5th.
Leo M. BLAERE,
Rector.

C. P. Hamar died last night after a short illness, though in failing health the past few weeks. He was born near Muncie, Ind., May 16, 1835, was married to Sarah E. Williams June 13, 1858, came to Cass county in 1878, and to Cherry county in 1883. He leaves a widow and five children. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

Presbyterian Church.

J. M. CALDWELL, D. D., PASTOR

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APPROPRIATION BILLS ARE NEXT

Usual Onslaught on Treasury Will Soon Be Made.

INCOME WILL EXCEED EXPENSES

Lincoln, Feb. 22.—After the legislature disposes of the initiative and referendum, capital removal, county option, prohibition, railroad, insurance and stock yards bills and some minor measures, it will be confronted with appropriation bills that may amaze those members who have been preaching economy in campaigns. The usual onslaught on the treasury, regardless of the income of the state, will soon be made. Already a few of the large appropriation bills have passed the house. Two years ago the legislature appropriated a total of \$5,203,754.19. This was the largest amount ever given by any legislature for the support of the state government for a period of two years.

The indications now are that this legislature will appropriate \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000. The amount given two



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years ago proved to be too small. At this time the penitentiary, soldiers' home at Grand Island, soldiers' home at Milford and the industrial school for boys at Kearney are practically out of funds and deficiency claims will pile up between now and the 1st of April, when new appropriations become available.

For the first time the estimated expenses of the state for the next two years are smaller than the estimated income of the state. The estimated expenditures, including about \$400,000 for new buildings, are \$7,048,948.45, while the estimated income for the same period is \$7,352,847.89. Since these figures were placed before the legislature, more new buildings and new institutions have been asked for in different parts of the state. The current expenses of the state are constantly increasing, but if the legislature is careful with the people's money the income of the state will be sufficient to meet expenses and to build many new buildings. Most of the expenses of the state are paid from the general fund and the income for this fund for the next two years will not exceed \$4,675,000. Of that amount, \$3,132,252 is the estimated amount of general fund taxes to be derived from the levies of 1911 and 1912. The cry of economy has barely been raised during the present session of the legislature, except in regard to the most insignificant items of expense. As a rule the most noise is made in regard to little items and the least over the big expenditures. Those who may pose later as watchdogs of the people's money have not thus far been heard from in the legislative halls.

Excepts Newspapers.

The senate threw a bouquet to the newspapers of Nebraska by excepting them from the provisions of S. F. 54, by Bartling, a bill to suppress all free gift enterprises. Whether or not the newspapers desire to be in the excepted class was not divulged in debate. The bill is intended to suppress trading stamp gift enterprises. It makes it unlawful to offer to give anything of value in consideration for the purchase of any article or thing, but as amended in the senate it excepts manufacturers or retailers who sell original packages containing prizes or certificates calling for prizes and redeemable by the manufacturer, and also excepts newspaper subscription contests. The bill as originally drawn was prepared by the Nebraska Retail Dealers' association.

Scheele Is Seated.

After the presentation of three reports of the house committee on privileges and elections upon the Scheele-Wertman contest the house by a vote of 54 to 43 adopted the majority report, signed by the six wet Democrats of the committee, in favor of Henry Scheele, the present holder of the seat from the Twenty-ninth district in Seward county.

Stock Yards a Live Issue.

The anti-stock yards bill introduced by Otis of Valley in the senate is now on the general file and will be discussed this week. The bill places the stock yards under control of the state railway commission, the commission to have power to make rates and to value the property of stock yards.

Attorney Frank T. Ransom, representing the Union Stock Yards company of South Omaha, argued before the senate committee on live stock and grazing that there was no need of legislation of the kind in the bill, but his argument did not convince three of the five committeemen. Every year a measure to regulate stock yards comes before the legislature. No amendments to the present law fixing charges for feed and the time limit for unloading stock have been made for many years. The Otis bill is one of the many measures used in the legislature as a center for log rolling or vote trading.

Governor Aroused.

The trading of votes, which is apparent in the legislature, promises to become more of a scandal than ever on account of the many important bills used for trading purposes. Governor Aldrich has issued an emphatic warning to the legislature that bills should be discussed and acted on upon their merits. He intimates that the first bill which he thinks has been "log rolled" will meet with a veto at his hands. The governor did not send the legislators a special message, but he lectured the members in a speech which he delivered in Lincoln before the Young Men's Republican club on the occasion of Lincoln's birthday.

Death by Hanging.

The biennial attempt to induce the legislature to abolish capital punishment failed in the house when that body turned down an anti-capital punishment bill by a vote of 45 to 22. The Nebraska law is considered one of the best of its kind, because it permits juries in trials for first degree murder to say whether or not the prisoner shall be punished by life imprisonment or by death. Only in rare instances do juries order the death penalty inflicted.

Prohibition Bill.

Galt of Clay introduced the first prohibitory measure in the legislature. His bill was presented in the house last week, following close upon the heels of a bill introduced in the senate by Reagan of Douglas to permit licensing boards in cities over 5,000 inhabitants to extend the hours of closing saloons not later than midnight when so petitioned by over 50 per cent of the voters of a city. These bills coming soon after the defeat of county option in the senate make the legislators sit up and take notice that the liquor question is still a live one before the legislature. Two years ago the daylight saloon law was passed the last day of the session, much to the surprise of many. Some such a surprise is looked for at the close of the present session.

Initiative and Referendum.

The senate, after much turmoil, passed an initiative and referendum bill. The house considered a house bill without waiting for the senate bill to arrive, but the discussion led to nothing and the attempt to conform to the senate amendments was abandoned. The leaders propose to pass the bill precisely as it came from the senate, although such party leaders as Chris Gruenther and Arthur Mullen (Dem.) have published open letters denouncing some of the provisions of the bill.

The bill as amended in the senate provides for a 10 per cent petition to initiate and a 5 per cent petition to refer. The same provisions in the bill as to the initiative and referendum applies to the constitution and to laws. Straight party votes are not to be counted for or against propositions submitted under the terms of the bill. A majority of the votes cast at an election is all that is necessary to carry a proposition submitted under the bill, provided a proposition receives 35 per cent of the total vote cast at the election.

To Raise County Salaries.

An effort is being made by nearly every county officers' association in the state to obtain the passage of bills raising salaries of county officers. This effort is meeting with considerable resistance in the legislature. However, the senate has started S. F. 8 on its way. This is a bill to increase the salaries of county superintendent. These officers receive less pay than other county officers and the movement to increase salaries intends to push the county superintendents bill before other salaries are discussed.

The State Watchdog.

Land Commissioner E. B. Cowles, chairman of the state board of public lands and buildings, is called the watchdog of the treasury so far as allowing claims for supplies for state institutions are concerned. Recently he discovered that Dr. Baxter, the former superintendent of the Hastings asylum, had bought strawberries, salted almonds, candy and other delicacies in the face of an order from Mr. Cowles that strawberries should not be bought in the winter time for officers and their families at state institutions. Land Commissioner Cowles refused to allow the state to pay \$37.21 of the bill presented by groceryman and confectioners at Hastings. Now Commissioner Cowles has blacklisted \$118.55 worth of high priced meats bought at the Hastings asylum for the use of officers of the institution. The purchases were made shortly before Dr. Baxter returned from the institution and started on a trip to Europe. The board did not give the superintendent permission to buy the meat and the bill will not be paid by the state. The state buys cattle, which are slaughtered at the institution, and the meat is kept in a large cold storage plant owned by the state, and the state's meat is supposed to be as good as anybody's meat.

Hoimes of Douglas introduced a bill in the house providing that the fire and police board of Omaha shall be appointed by the mayor and shall be non-partisan.

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RAILROAD CASES

High Court Hands Down Opinions on Important Questions.

MONEY ONLY FOR R. R. TICKETS.

Officials of Naval Stores Company Granted New Hearing of Their Conviction of Violations of Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Not for years have so many far-reaching principles relating to interstate commerce been approved by the supreme court of the United States, as were established in its decisions as the unquestioned law of the land. Decisions on several other difficult questions also were announced.

That the passenger has no right to buy tickets with services, advertising, releases or property, nor can the railroad company buy services, advertising, releases or property with transportation.

That a law regulating the size of crews on trains within the state which is not an obstruction to interstate commerce, but is rather enacted in aid of interstate commerce, may be passed by a state for the public safety.

That the supreme court will review the validity of an order of the interstate commerce commission even though the two-year limitation on the life of the order has expired.

That a railway system may not escape regulation as an instrument of interstate commerce because one of its constituent parts is a wharfage company and its dominating power over the wharfage company rests in the fact that it is a holding company.

That the interstate commerce commission does not possess the power to reduce a rate "unjust and unreasonable" merely because the rate is inequitable under some circumstances,

as in cases where railroads induce shippers to enter the field by offering rates so low as to be unremunerative and later increases the rates.

The court further held constitutional a state statute providing that no contract of relief, benefit or insurance should be a bar to the right of a railroad employee engaged in the operation of a railroad to sue the employer for damages resulting from injuries received in the course of his employment.

The mayor and several councilmen of Clay Center, Kan., were held in contempt, but excused from punishment with the payment of costs, because they destroyed the subject matter of a litigation before the supreme court after its decision was announced, but before the mandate had been issued or time given for a motion for rehearing.

The famous boycott case brought in the local courts by the Bucks Stove and Range company of St. Louis against the American Federation of Labor was formally dismissed.

The officials of the Naval Stores company were granted a review of their conviction of alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law.

STUDENTS VISIT STOCK YARDS

Two Hundred Nebraska Aggies Spend Day at South Omaha.

South Omaha, Feb. 18.—Two hundred students of the short course at the Nebraska agricultural college, Lincoln, spent a day at the stock yards here, seeing practical demonstrations of everything which concerns the marketing and handling of live stock at the yards and packing houses.

This is an annual advantage which the students enjoy and learn in one day things about the live stock industry which it would take several years for them to learn as individuals and in the ordinary course of events. They were the guests of the Union Stock Yards company and the big packers. Before the day was over they had seen every step from the time the stock arrives from the farm until it is ready for the markets as food.