# WAS FATAL DEFECT

HOUSE INITIATIVE AND REFER ENDUM BILL NO GOOD.

Friends Found After Its Passage That Peculiar Wording Made One Provision Impossible But Fact Not Revealed.

Now that the initiative and referendum has been agreed upon by both houses of the legislature in the form In which it will be submitted at the next general election, it has become known that the Hatfield initiative and referendum bill which passed the house and was then sidetracked for the Skiles bill contained an error which would have made it absolutely valueless as a means of securing direct legislation if it had been submitted and adopted by the people.

Only a few members of both houses were aware of this fatal error in the Hatfield bill, and they kept it a secret. It, however, accounted in a measure for the fact that the supporters of the propositions embodied in the Hatfield bill did not make any effort to push it forward for the consideration of the senate.



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Primary Bills This Week.

Primary election bills will come be- board of regents of the state unverfore the house of representatives this sity. week and the question of retaining the open plan or adopting the closed one will be decided. The Quackenthe general file waiting for the sifting committee to advance them. The former provides for the open and the latter for the closed primary.

national committeemen and delegates difficult problems of the session. If to national conventions elective by the voters in the primaries, and also for an expression of preference for ical change is needed in the managepresident and vice-president every ment of the institutions the disclosfour years.

Acotylene Gas Plant Bill.

The record for registered lobbyists on any one subject will in all probability go to those interested in acetylene legislation at the present session. Eighteen men affected, as they believed, by victous provision of a bill introduced by Kirk of Boyd in the house flocked here at one time from over the country only to find out that plants shall be placed at least twenty of the board of control plan. feet away from buildings, and through the safety which it seeks to secure will mean in all probability wider use smaller towns and villages.

To Conserve Roadways.

has ben reported back to the senate. room building. The bill was introduced by Representative Smith of Fillmore county, and has an emergency clause.

Members Protest.

the bouse on the bill establishing per- of the committee, which concedes university in Omaha, will be over- from one senate amendment, was turned by a majority of that commit- adopted, twenty-six voting to adopt tee. Seven members have signed a and none against. protest addressed to the speaker against the report indefinitely postponing the bill.

Speaker Kuhl has consulted Attornev General Martin on whether the state banking board is intending to demand back payments of the banks file by the house committee on teleunder the guaranty law. A bill is phone and telegraph lines. The bill pending to relieve the banks of pay- is known as senate file No. 86. and ment by deferring the first assessment until next July.

Henry C. Richmond, chief clerk of the house, was voted the customary couse until the work is completed. 25 to 6.

SENATE COMMITTEE SAYS NEW BUILDINGS ARE BAD.

The senate committee on public lands and buildings have filed a report asking for an investigation of the construction of state buildings that have been recently erected at the different state institutions. It reports that it found a frightful waste of state funds and the committee expresses its indignation when speaking of the architecture, construction and business management in the construction of buildings. In order that the blame may be laid to the proper

source, it asks for an investigation. The committee also severely condemns the management of the state industrial school for boys at Kearney. A most deplorable condition, is what the committee calls it. In the opinion of the committee the school as now conducted is of no advantage or help to the boys kept there and it recommends that if the state cannot get better results the institution should be abolished both in the interests of the state and of the boys, and some other arrangements be made for the training and education of the boys. This is the only institution whose management is condemned by the committee.

House Sifting Committee.

Pursuant to the action taken by the united democratic house caucus, Speaker Kuhl has named the house sifting committee. It is made up as follows:

First District-Gerdes of Richardson, Potts of Pawnee. Second District-Liver of Douglas,

McArdle of Douglas.

Third District-Regan of Platte, Lawrence of Dodge.

Fourth District-Eggenberger of Fillmore, Murphy of Saline. Fifth District-Taylor of Hitchcock,

Sink of Hall. Sixth District-Fries of Howard,

Bailey of Buffalo. Republicans-at-large-Eager of Lancaster, Baker of York, Haller of Blair.

Is Eastman Bill Valid?

It is the opinion of opponents in the legislature that the Eastman bill, which calls for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the establishment of an agricultural school in southwestern Nebraska and which fulfills a democratic platform pledge, may be invalid because of the conflicting provisions in regard to the board under whose control it will be and on account of all right." a provision which states that, though the school is to be built at the instance of and under the supervision of the board of public lands and buildings, the money paying for such construction is to be paid out on warrants officially certified to by the

The Board of Control.

In the selection of a bill which will bush and Gustafson bills are both on redeem the pledge of both democratic and republican platforms, to take the management of the state institutions out of politics through provision for a non-partisan board of control, the Both bills carry sections making legislature is facing one of the most nothing else were needed to convince members of the legislature that a radures which have been brought to light by investigating committees during this session are sufficient.

For a Board of Control.

Mayor Dahlman and a number of Omaha citizens came down to Lincoln Tuesday. The mayor had two especial purposes for his visit. He has long had it in mind to come down and put in a few good licks for a board of control bill which is one of the measure was really one which the planks of the democratic platwould ultimately be beneficial to them. form. He believes thoroughly that The bill, short and to the point, mere- the state institutions should be taken ly provides that that class of gas out of politics, which is the essence

Favorable to Medical College.

The house unanimously accepted of all kinds of gas plants in the the special investigating committee's report recommending the university provide four years of medical training in Omaha after two years of academic Senate File No. 251, an act to pro- work in Lincoln. The final test on vide for cultivating the unused por- the question whether the medical tions of the public roads, defining school is to be maintained or be sufterms, providing that such cultivation fered to perish for want of support shall in no way obstruct or injure the will come when an effort is made to roadway and that the products shall pass the bill appropriating \$100,000 not be allowed to cumber the ground to build a laboratory and recitation

Concur in Report.

The senate concurred in the report of the conference committee having under consideration house and senate The course taken by the commit- amendments to S. F. No. 1, by Skiles, tee on finance, ways and means of initative and referendum. The report manently the medical school of the two house amendments and recedes

> Local option county unit won in the Missouri house.

> > Telephone Merger Bill.

The Ollis telephone merger bill has been ordered reported to the general was introduced by Senator Ollis at the request of the Bell Telephone company.

The Eastman bill, H. R. 2, to appro-\$1,200 appropriation to make up the priate \$100,000 to start a state agrijournal of the house. He is author- cultural school in southwestern Neized to retain his office in the state braska, was passed by a vote of

Disparity That Hardly Seems Creditable to the Generous Instincts of the Race.

According to a statement before a meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Presbytery of Washington an interesting statement regarding the money spent for chewing gum and that given to charity was made. The speaker was Miss Mary W. Kerr of Harrisburg, Pa., in connection with the topic of "Frenzied Finance in Missions." In urging the society to be more liberal in its contributions to charitable work, she

"For every \$3,000 contributed to charity, \$17,000 is spent for chewing

The statement passed almost unnoticed except by a few, who saw the pertinence and logic of the remark.

School Boys' Garden.

An admirable scheme to have a school boys' garden next year, has been planned by the authorities of Elming, N. Y. Last summer a hundred boys made good as farmers of vacant lots, and it is now proposed to place practically all such unused property in the city under cultivation, the pupils of the public schools to be the gardeners and to reap the profits from their products.

Explained. "Now they claim that the human body contains sulphur." "In what amount?"

"Oh, in varying quantities." "Well, that may account for some girls making better matches than others."

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Willing to Tell It.

The check which the comely young German handed in at the window of a Walnut street savings fund bank the other day was made payable to Gretchen Schmidt, and she had endorsed it simply Gretchen Smith. The man at the receiving teller's window called her back just as she was turning away to rectify the mistake.

"You don't deposit this quite this way." he explained. "See, you have

forgotten the H." The young woman looked at her

check and blushed a rosy red. "Ach, so I haf," she murmured, and wrote hurriedly: "Age 23."

Facing the Future.

"Even when Henrietta gets the vote," said Mr. Meekin, "I don't believe she will be quite satisfied." "Why not?"

"We'll have to reorganize the ballot so that when there's an election she can stay home and let me attend to that along with the rest of the errands."

True to Her Nature.

Maud-Did you hear the news? Madge has eloped. Jack-Madge always was a flighty sort of a girl.

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Mr. Trimmins-You surprise me, mum. Why, it was quite a young

Mrs. Joskins-Um. Must have kept late hours, then!

Before a Shop Window. Billy-Buy me that little rocking

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sultation, was thought to be in a hopeless state. "My limbs were so swollen." said Mrs. Shearer, "that I could hardly get about. I rapidly grew worse until the doctor said one kidney was entirely gone and the other badly decayed. The end seemed near, and my friends gave me up to die. On my brother's advice I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and after the fourth day I was able to be propped up in bed. Through their use I rapidly improved until at the present

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