

LEGISLATION

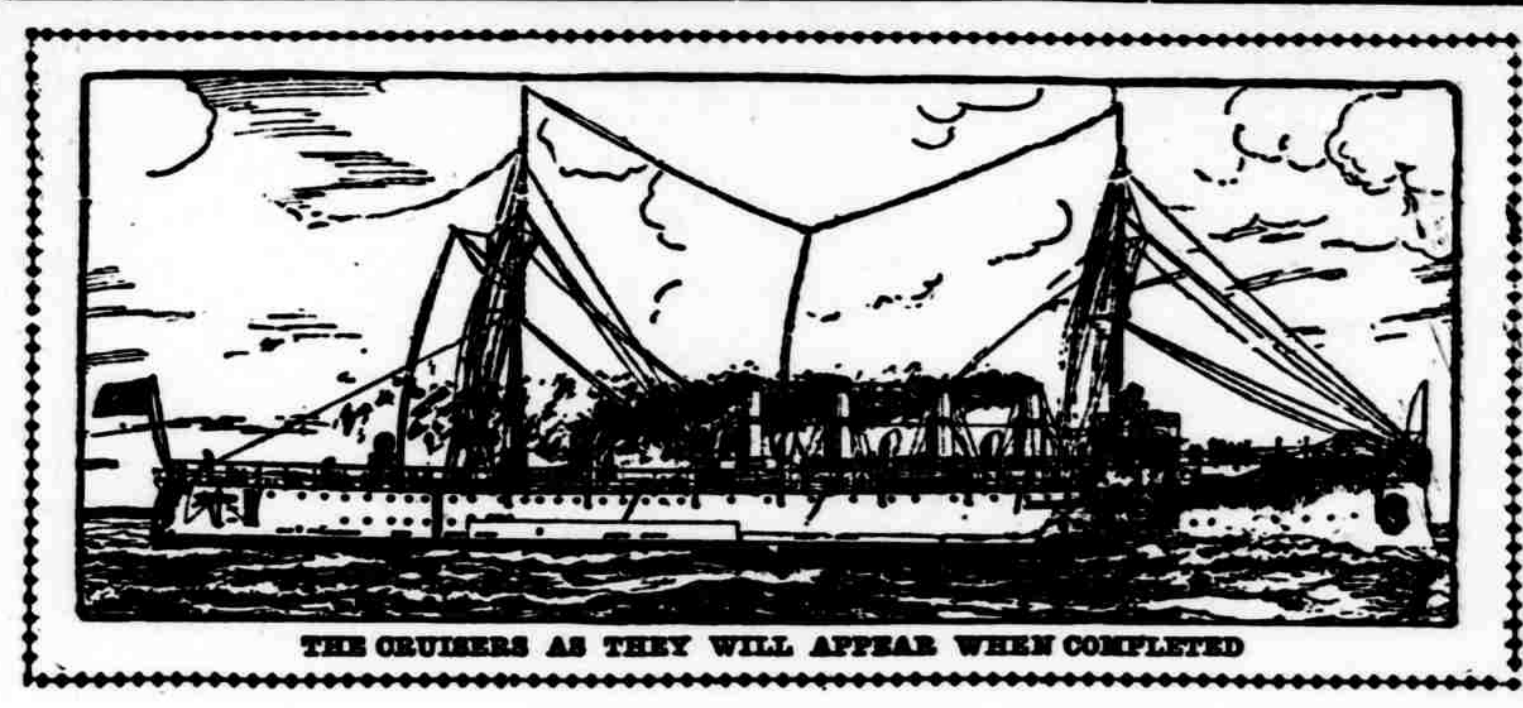
Complete List of Bills Passed by the Recent Session of the Legislature.

Below will be found a complete list of the bills passed by the recent session of the Nebraska state legislature and presented to the governor for his approval.

- HOUSE BILLS**
- House bill No. 1, by Wilson of Pawnee, appropriating \$500 for the payment of salaries of members of the legislature, approved March 2.
- House bill No. 2, by Wilson of Pawnee, appropriating \$500 for the payment of the incidental expenses of the legislative session, approved March 2.
- House bill No. 3, by Wilson of Pawnee, transferring \$500 from the clothing fund of the Asylum for the Insane at Nebraska to the same fund of the Asylum for the Insane at Lincoln, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 4, by Harris of Lancaster, to permit state officials to give either personal bonds or bonds surety by security of fidelity companies, emergency clause, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 5, by Roberts of Dodge, providing that where patents for public lands have been issued by the state to persons dying prior to the condition of the patent, the title shall be void, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 6, by Krid of Gage, to authorize J. E. Colby of Beatrice to publish the laws of the legislature on a plan uniform with the Annotated Statutes of Nebraska, with the exception of the laws making such publication admissible as evidence in court, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 7, by Wilson of Pawnee, to create a state registrar of vital statistics and to provide for the registration of marriages, divorces, and deaths, and to provide for the certification of the state board of health by the local registrar, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 8, by Saffler of Adams, to provide for the appointment of a state relief commission composed of one member from each county, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 9, by Windham of Cass, authorizing the justices of the supreme court to examine and report on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 10, by Saffler of Adams, to regulate the practice of dentistry in this state, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 11, by Saffler of Adams, to regulate the practice of dentistry without first having obtained a license, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 12, by Saffler of Adams, to provide for the time actually employed, such as extra and overtime, and to collect the same, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 13, by Ward of Sarpy, appropriating \$500 for the purchase of fish ponds, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 14, by Ward of Sarpy, appropriating \$500 for the purchase of fish ponds, approved February 7.
- House bill No. 15, by Casbeer of Gage, to provide for the payment of jurors in justice courts, approved February 7.
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NEW SCOUT CRUISERS FOR AMERICAN NAVY

LIGHTLY ARMED; BUT BUILT FOR SPEED



THE CRUISERS AS THEY WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED

Plans have been completed and bids announced for three new "scout cruisers" to be added to the United States navy. They are to be named Chester, Birmingham and Salem. The act of congress providing for them says they shall have the highest speed compatible with the best cruising qualities.

These vessels will carry some small guns, but will depend on their swiftness for safety. They will be 420 feet in length between perpendiculars, forty-six feet in breadth, and have a mean draft of sixteen feet nine inches. Each will carry 1-250 tons of coal. Nothing larger than a three-inch gun will be carried, but there will be a number of these.

Each scout will also have two submerged tubes, from which torpedoes may be discharged. The scouts must show a speed of twenty-four knots an hour on trial. This is nearly ten miles an hour more than the average fighting ship in a fleet would be able to make.

SOME ODD BELIEFS AND FANCIES OF SAILORMEN

We who have had so much of the nonsense knocked out of us by living in great towns are still not wholly cleared of the ancient fancy that there is more in the night than darkness.

The sailor—out in the darkness and solemnity of the great grave place, with only an inch between him and what comes after—would be not be callous indeed if he did not think there was more in the world than what he sees.

Yet no sailor is superstitious nowadays, writes a correspondent in the London Morning Leader. He would tell you so himself—like Mark Twain's homes man. He has no objection to sailing on a Friday; he thinks it ridiculous to believe that a Finn can raise a storm. But if you are with him 'long enough you will find that he has a little ritual and creed of his own which he will tell you if you catch him one day propitiating the unknown, though in a manner ever so small.

Like all folklore, the same sea fancies and tales are met with amongst the most diversified peoples—with but little difference you will find the same superstition in a Cornish lugger and a Chinese junk. When the ground swell begins to moan along the shore "the sea wants someone," the Danish fishermen say. They think the same in Cornwall, in the Shetlands, and wherever a regular tribute of lives is paid to the waters. The idea that the ninth, or, in some cases, the tenth wave, was the death wave was the belief of the ancients when the Atlantic was the Sea of Darkness. It still survives today in many widely separated places.

Whistling for wind. Once, when becalmed on a Devon cutter, I remember hearing the skipper, as he sat with his hand on the tiller gazing round the lazy sea, continually whistle for a wind. The boatmen do the same on the Ganizes. The Greenlanders believe in its efficacy, and indeed nearly all the world's sailors. Whistling is a wind-rasher. Or another good plan is to scratch the fore or the mizzenmast with a knife, lolling the handle in the desired quarter. But only whistle when there is a calm; to whistle in a wind may sour the ship.

It is not surprising to find a belief in Jonah's common to all. There is a person on board of all nations it is darkly whispered in the forecastle, when ill-luck dogs the vessel, "a face like that would sink any boat."

But it is eerie to find that women, priests, and lawyers are lumped broadly as Jonahs by all experienced sailors.

A Cornish fisherman spoke to a woman who met him every day. He wished him good luck. But he never had any—until he ceased to meet her. The same fatality in women has been noticed in Japan among seafaring folk. No Japanese sailor is pleased to meet a woman when going to his fishing boat.

From time immemorial sailors have been snakes, krakens, and other monsters, so we may take this to be a sort of habit. These creatures are still seen, even from steamers. The mermaid never. She has gone. Steamers perhaps have no time to wait about while she combs her hair, which she always did very leisurely.

SCIENCE and INVENTION

Double Lid on Suit Case.

No matter how carefully a trunk is packed, the thing which is wanted first from it is always on the bottom, by some strange decree of fate. In this case, in order to secure the desired object, it is necessary to turn the entire contents out on the floor. With the average man this is a simple matter, for he would throw the things back in the same manner, but with a woman or a more systematic man this is a harder task. In the most recent trunk architecture this has been

Before a single flower seed is sown we are going to take pains to see that the soil is in good and proper condition. It must be rich, deep and finely powdered, without a lump in it. It must not be wet and sticky. If it is, we had better wait a day or two so that it may dry out a bit.

When the time comes we are going to take the seeds in order; but with the understanding that there are to be two sowings in any event, and some of the seeds from tropical countries will rot in the ground if it is too cold for them.

When we are quite sure that the weather is pretty well settled and the ground is beginning to get warm, we shall take for our first sowing the seeds of *alysium*, *callopius*, *candytuft*, *chickweed*, *plink*, *coropsis*, *delphinium*, *larkspur*, *mignonette*, *pansey*, *phlox*, *sweet William* and *verbena*.

In ten days or so you may plant all kinds of aster, and cosmos, *hyacinth* beans, *Japan morning glory*, *marigold*, *nasturtium*, *petunia*, *salvia*, *salpiglossis*, *scabiosa*, *ten-week stocks* and *zinnia*.

Packet Also Gives History.

Every packet of seed tells the height of the plant, when it begins to flower. Study this well, and sow the dwarf kinds in front, the medium kinds behind and the taller kinds at the back, or where it is desired to produce the tallest effects.

Care must be taken not to sow the finer seeds too deep, and this is particularly true in such a matter as the contents of any one of them may be easily revealed.

A recent innovation in dress suit cases solves the problem by building it with two lids. If, upon opening it, it should be discovered that one's hair brush is on the very bottom, the lid is closed and the case turned over and opened from this end, when, presto! there it is, on top.

Statistics Via Machinery.

The census department of the United States has a machine that compiles statistics, and this machine has been purchased by the census department of many governments. The machine records upon specially prepared cards certain facts, and then tabulates them mechanically. This device has proved such a success that it has been adopted by many of the great railway systems for the classification of their freight cars, and for compiling and classifying accounts. The cards are punched with small holes and are fed into a pin box. Each hole is of a different size unless the classification is the same.

When the cards are fed into the pin box the automatically governed pins find their way into the proper hole—and the facts on the cards are registered and the figures put down automatically. These cards are fed into the machine at the rate of one to the second and the machine never makes an error. If the wrong card is fed into the machine it stops, refuses to accept the card, and rings up a little sign announcing a mistake.

When Wampum Was Currency.

A curious old document showing how shells in the shape of wampum deteriorated its currency on Manhattan Island is found among the minutes of the Court of Burgomasters and Schepens, of May 1650, at the meeting in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherlands. The account reads: "Whereas, we see and for some time have seen the decline and depreciation of the loose wampum, among which is found much unpierced and only half-finished, made of stone, bone, shells, horn, nay, even of wood and broken; therefore, we have resolved that henceforth, loose wampum shall be current unless strung upon a wire. Trade wampum shall pass as good pay as heretofore at the rate of six white or three black beads for one silver (2 cents). Done, in force and effect, this 20th of May, 1650, at our meeting in Fort Amsterdam, New Netherlands."

New Telephone Microphone.

The new telephone microphone of M. Secher of Brussels is to be known as the "isophone," and it is claimed to give a much softer and more accurate reproduction of the voice than any other of the ordinary transmitter. It is essentially a hollow disc sounding box inclosing a simple carbon system.

Many of the inventions that are patented relate to tools for all purposes and although very few are put upon the market for sale, they generally contain some attachment or improvement that would be useful for the purposes designed. Combinations of tools that can be used by practically everybody seem to claim the attention of the inventors and the result is a vast array of devices.

Combination Vise and Wrench.

The illustration will be found an article of this kind, and combination and adjustable wrench, and vise. The details of construction are such that the wrench, which is of the adjustable jaw type, can be converted quickly into a vise, either for manual use or as a fixture upon a support and also permit the exchange of parts of the matter before the jaws are converted into a sliding jaw wrench, as occasion may require.

William P. Foster of Occum Springs, Cal., is the patentee.

Parisian Public Automobile.

The first automobile equipped with a fare register has been put in service in Paris by an automobile delivery company.

Boy's Valuable Discovery.

Van Erpeum, a boy student in the high school at Batavia, Java, has discovered a new law of floating. He noticed that when a glass is filled with brim with water and floating ice there is no overflow on the melting of the ice, and two years ago he called the attention of his principal, Dr. C. M. Van Deventer, to the fact. Other physicists were notified who brought the matter before the Royal Academy of Amsterdam. It has now been shown that the water neither rises nor sinks, and the proposed "law of the permanent level" teaches that "when a vessel contains a solid floating in its own liquid, the level of the latter does not change by the melting of the solid."

Phone Records Messages.

Perhaps one of the strangest devices turned out since the last year is an automatic telephone message recorder. The invention is the work of a German and it has been taken up and improved by an American concern which is now preparing it for the market. This device consists of a combination of the ordinary telephone and the phonograph.

Essence of Vanilla.—A good extract of vanilla suitable for domestic use is prepared as follows: Cut up 2 ounces of vanilla beans and place in a tight jar or wide-mouthed bottle with 1 pint of alcohol. Let them steep for a week or longer, press the beans, and decant or filter the liquid. A stronger essence, equal to the most expensive sold in the stores, is made by doubling the quantity of vanilla bean and proceeding otherwise as before.

Last Year's Coal Output.

The world's total coal output for last year is estimated at less than 200,000,000 tons.

True Enough.

"Now, then, children," said the teacher, "what is it we want most in this world to make us perfectly happy?"

"The things we ain't got," shouted the bright boy in the back seat.

"atholic Standard and Times.

Proof Positive.

Lawyer—You say you were sitting in a room, could not see the roof, heard nothing, and yet you swear, sir, that an automobile passed at 7 o'clock. Witness—Certainly, I smell it!—Puck.

Dog Aids Shoplifter.

Arrested for shoplifting in Paris a woman was found to have a clever accomplice in a King Charles spaniel, which she carried under her arm, and had trained to snatch up pieces of lace from shop counters.—London Mail.

It gives a man a moral squint to stare more at condition than at character.

The habit of borrowing grows with just very much effort.

Peninsula of Arabia.

The peninsula of Arabia has an area of some 1,200,000 square miles, with a population estimated at from 6,000,000 to 10,000,000. The Turkish province of Yemen is most populous and is highly fertile. Aden commands a total export and import trade of some \$50,000,000.

Now comes the scientist with the claim that kissing is healthy. Will it not be wise to get this question settled once for all before the vaccination craze of the Omnia water plan is carried out?

Peninsula of Arabia.

The average woman dreams of the fairy prince who is some day coming sumes the form of a death angel instead.

When fortune frowns and folds her arms in defiance, court her the hard and finally she will fall into your arms.

If you would enjoy your food be good-humored. An angry man doesn't know whether he is eating stewed prunes or boiled umbrellas.

Prosperity is not entirely free from serious heartaches and ill feeling.

Biblical Arithmetic.

To the number of times Paul was stoned add the number of times he was shipwrecked; add the number of times he was beaten with rods; multiply by number of times he received forty stripes save one; add the number of fathoms at first sound when Paul was shipwrecked; add number of days they sailed; multiply by number of anchors cast out, and the result will be number of persons on board the ship that was to carry Paul to Rome.—Ram's Horn.

St. Bernard Saved Pointer.

Dennis, a pointer dog owned by Mose O'Brien, broke through the ice on the river Wednesday, but escaped drowning through the efforts of a large St. Bernard dog owned by Edgar Cornwall.

The St. Bernard, which was near by, pulled him out. The dog has a reputation as a life savior, having performed a similar act last winter.

—Portland correspondence Hartford Courant.

Long Years a Teacher.

Mrs. A. Caroline Knight, who has resigned as preceptress of the U. S. Grant university at Athens, Tenn., closed by so doing a teaching life of sixty-three years. Except for two years, when she was studying in an academy, she has taught every year since 1842, at the average of between four and five hours a day.

Population of Great Britain.

The present population of Great Britain and Ireland is about 42,750,000.

Good Graces.

Freddy—"Say, old chap, how do you manage to kiss a girl when the chaplain is by?"

Teddy—"Why, by kissing the chaplain first."

New Italian Stamps.

The King of Italy has ordered the issue of new postal stamps for the kingdom. The new stamps will show views of the principal Italian cities, famous monuments, churches and other objects of general interest.

Many People seem to think that the chief advantage of friendship is that it authorizes them to say disagreeable things to their intimates.

Have things as good as new as you wish. But give me the things as good as old.