

SENATE DOINGS.

Proposed Excursion to Topeka—Chaplain Alexander Resigns.

Kennard Gets That Indian Land Apportionment.

Senate Wants to Sit Till Sixteenth.

Bills, Passed and Signed.

Correspondence of The Box.

LINCOLN, February 6.

It is said that the A. & N. railroad has offered to place a special train at the disposal of the members of the Legislature to take an excursion to Topeka, Kansas. In conversation with a number of Senators I find them disposed to accept the offer.

Charlton Alexander resigned his position in the legislative some weeks since, and will sever his connection March 1st, so that the editor labors under a mistake in supposing that he is interested in the bill for increase of salary. The bill comes from Senator Blanchard, and disposes of the office of librarian, who now gets \$400 and his board, which, with the salary of the chaplain, \$300, makes \$700 and one man's board, with no regular teacher at present. The measure in question combines the three offices into one, with but small increase of expense.

Senator Kennard has been apprised of his appointment as one of the board of appraisers of Cherokee lands in Kansas, and will get \$5 per day and expenses. This is the office which has been made notorious by the testimony of Small, representative from Clay, before the E. & M. investigation committee, in which he stated that Hitchcock, first through ex-Gov. Butler, and afterward through Mr. Parker, and Hitchcock had received from the Secretary of the Interior a letter placing at his disposal an appointment as appraiser of certain lands, which I understand him to be Indian lands out in Kansas. * * * and he proposed to give me a sight at it." * * * It had been offered to two others, but Butler claimed that he had the exclusive control of that appointment, and that he had offered it to another, who was hesitating to accept it, and so he left it liberty to bestow it upon Small. This is the office which Kennard obtains for his estimable services in the late senatorial contest, and unlike the young men referred to Tom accepts anything.

THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE reported a goodly number of bills to pass and put an end to the existence of (1) bill relative to transfer of personal property; (2) for protection of innocent purchasers of mortgaged personal property. This committee has had more bills introduced than any other, and especially disposed of more than any other. One matter of importance which was referred to seems to be quietly somewhere, viz: the resolution referred to in a former letter as pertaining to that \$8,000 bill which James and Webster are said to have introduced.

The people demand some action upon this, and it is with pleasure I announce that the chairman says there is a special meeting to consider the subject to-night.

The same committee reported in favor of continuing this session

UNTIL THE SIXTEENTH,

which is forty days, exclusive of Sundays, from the date of beginning, which report was acceded in.

Senator Ambrose has had a severe contest in getting the measure reported from the committee on Finance, ways and means, known as

FUNDING BILL

passed. Three prior to this it was referred to the committee on enrolled and engrossed bills to save it from death. It got through with only Van Wyck, Garfield, North and Crawford voting no. Crawford was absent when it was before the senate for passage, and upon his return voted leave to record his vote, "No." The objections to the bill I give: (1) Some of the bonds issued were issued in excess of the law; (2) In his opinion some of the same warrants were given to State officers for obtaining contracts, and are hence void; (3) If the certificates of indebtedness issued by the inspectors of the penitentiary, etc., are valid against the State, then they should be presented to the Auditor who is directed to draw his warrant for the amount if found correct. The fact that the Auditor did not draw his warrant in payment thereof is evidence that they were not issued under the law. If there be any ground for the objection the bill had better die in the House, and it may be well for Senators to give the bill a thorough perusal, as the Senator from Cuming is usually clear in his opinions.

By the second act which was passed in this body, it is provided that the State may sue and be sued in the District Courts in the District Courts as indispensable parties.

Also Blanchard's bill defining the duties of the Secretary of State, and

CARN'S BILL

to prevent the fraudulent transfer of personal property, making it a penal offense punishable with fine not exceeding \$1,000, and imprisonment not exceeding five years for such fraudulent transfer to escape paying a just debt.

I almost forgot to mention the safe passage of the new township bill, with only Ferguson, Hayes, Van Wyck and Ambrose voting no.

FOUR BILLS WERE SIGNED

by the president and now await the governor's signature. S. F. 41, "B. & I. enacted, etc." That on the trial of any suit in which a municipal corporation is a party, the inhabitants and tax-payers of such municipal corporation shall be competent parties, if otherwise competent, and qualified according to law." Brown S. F. 75, "North's bill," legalizing the incorporation of the city of Calumet, 5 checks.

H. R. 14, "That section twenty-five of an act entitled, 'An act concerning the organization of a new state and a constitution for the same,' be, and the same, hereby repealed."

H. R. 15, Amending a section of the revenue act.

THE REVENUE ACT

With numerous amendments got entangled from the unscrupu-

lous of the committee of the whole to-day, and will be up for passage to-morrow.

The medical bill, or the bill providing for regular trials for which said bill was slightly ridiculed to-day, but we finally referred back to the general file, which allowed it one more opportunity to be chucked by the grapping hands of fourteen lawyers, and a free representation of several other professions, making an unequal scuffle with the two doctors. It is hardly possible for the measure to become a law with the appearance of a law with the appearance of a law.

SAMUEL F. CAREY.

His First Visit to Omaha.

Hon. Samuel F. Carey, of Cincinnati, who was a candidate for vice-president on the independent ticket, is staying at the Grand Central hotel. He lectured at Council Bluffs Wednesday and during the evening received a telegram from Mr. A. D. Jones, of this city, inviting him to behalf of the independents of Omaha to deliver a lecture here. Mr. Carey having no engagement for the evening accepted the invitation, and spoke at the Academy of Music on the financial issues of the day—a subject upon which he is well posted.

Although it was rather a short notice he was welcomed by quite a large audience, as he is an eloquent and interesting speaker, having a national reputation.

Mr. Carey is a gentleman of about five years of age, of commanding and dignified presence, and possessing a delivery which captivates and holds his hearers from first to last. Not well bound—but in easy and pleasant manner, often causing them to applaud a sentiment simply from the way he presents it, whether it has any intrinsic merit or not. He has the happy faculty of stating facts and comparing them so adroitly that his listeners are very liable not to be able to discern without considerable thought, but that their points of agreement are exactly as he states, when in truth and in fact their points of disagreement preponderate.

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