

# THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

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Special Correspondence of THE BEE.

LINCOLN, May 11, 1882.—Both houses of the legislature met yesterday promptly at noon. Lieut.-Gov. Carns called the senate to order, and read the governor's proclamation. It was then discovered, upon calling the roll, that no quorum was present, and an adjournment was accordingly taken until three o'clock in the afternoon.

The house came to order on time at the rap of the speaker's gavel. A quorum was found to be present when the roll was called. Mr. Whigham, of Cass, offered a resolution perpetuating the organization of last session, which was adopted without dissent. On motion of Mr. Howe, the credentials of the new members were referred to the committee on privileges and elections. Speaker Shedd took the occasion afforded by the passage of the resolution continuing the organization to make a very pretty little speech, in which he offered some timely advice to the members, and paid a finely worded tribute to the members who have been removed from legislative care, during the recess. Mr. Shedd, owner of public speaking is rather crude, but his ideas are excellent, the general verdict upon his little effort to-day was that it did him credit. After he concluded, Mr. Howe offered a resolution that out of respect to the memory of Messrs. Kaley and Schick the house adjourned until nine o'clock to-day. This was unanimously adopted, and the body stood adjourned.

The senate met promptly in the afternoon, and upon the call of the roll Senators Evans, Graham, Morse, Perkins, Walker and Wells were found to be absent. The customary prayer by the chaplain followed, and then the new members, Messrs. Castle, Campbell and Walker, handed in their credentials. On motion of Mr. Taft, the senate took a recess of five minutes, during which the committee on credentials examined the documents. The credentials were found to be correct, and Senators Dimmire and Doane were sent out as a special envoy to lasso the chief justice, and have the oath administered. As that dignified functionary could not be found about the building, the secretary of state was brought in as a substitute and swore the new comers to fealty. The chair was authorized to appoint a postmaster to fill the vacancy, and named Mr. C. N. McGraw to that responsible and lucrative office. The senate then proceeded to the election of a sergeant and assistant sergeant-at-arms, and voted the perquisites of those offices to Messrs. J. W. Ryan and W. P. Squire respectively. Alex. Laverty, of Cass, was then made assistant door keeper. Mr. Teft read a resolution dispensing with the clerks on all standing committees. This was agreed to by a vote of twenty-one to three, thus at one fell swoop destroying the hopes of half a score of impudent young Micawbers who stood around waiting for some fat pickings to turn up. Senator Morse of Merrick county, who is out of the state, was indefinitely excused from attendance. At this juncture, the house not being in session and the transaction of business being impossible, the senate adjourned until nine o'clock to-day.

The evening was spent in quiet lobbying over the subject of apportionment, the opposition to the Burns bill growing more and more decided. Mr. Whedon, of Lancaster, has a bill which seems to meet with considerable favor. It puts Sarpy county with the South Platte counties as far west as Saline and Gage into the first district; Douglas and enough of the North Platte to make a proper division, will constitute the second, and the balance of the state the third. The ministers remained in session almost all day long yesterday, and whereas and resolved to their hearts' content over the evils of tipping and the practical beauty of total abstinence. To make the situation still more binding, the woman suffragists met in the afternoon and made preparations to take sundry legalistic scalps.

My letter of day before yesterday gave THE BEE a wrong understanding in regard to the governor's intention to veto any extraneous legislation. He did not say, as I appear to have

made him, that he would veto any resolutions the body might pass (which would be sheer nonsense), but that he would exercise that power in regard to any legislation that might spring from the introduction of subjects outside the call.

Some startling revelations in the postoffice investigation are promised. According to the rumor, Hull is in deeper water than was ever imagined.

Nothing of any particular moment happened at the house this morning until the joint session occurred. An election was held for chaplain, resulting in the choice of Rev. George Scott. The house also discharged all committee clerks.

In the senate a considerable flurry was occasioned by the introduction of a resolution by Senator Meyers, to the following effect:

Joint resolution in reference to bribery and embezzlement of national monies, and corruption:

Whereas, certain newspaper called the Omaha Daily Herald, printed and published by George L. Miller and Lyman Richardson, proprietors, in the city of Omaha, State of Nebraska, on date May 10, 1882, contains several editorial articles and paragraphs alleging bribery, corruption and embezzlement on the part of certain well known members of the senate and house of representatives of the legislature of Nebraska, now in special session, and also in reference to Senator Van Wyck, one of the senators from this state, in the senate of the "United States, and

Whereas, Said editorial articles and paragraphs are believed to be of the most scandalous and infamous character, seriously affecting the honor and integrity of the present legislature, occurring during the election of Senator Van Wyck, and also to certain of its members, in connection with the embezzlement of certain monies, the property of the United States, and using it in connection with the senatorial election referred to for corrupt and unlawful purposes said money, as alleged, having been fraudulently taken from the land office at Plattsmouth, Neb.; therefore,

Resolved, That a special committee of three senators jointly with four members of the house of representatives, shall be appointed by their presiding officers, which committee shall proceed at once to investigate into the truth of the allegations following, to wit: (being editorial articles taken from yesterday's Herald). "The committee will have power and authority to send for persons and papers, issue writs, "dicit tecum," if thought necessary, and with leave to sit during the session of their respective houses."

The resolution lays over for one day. At 11 o'clock the house and senate met in joint session to listen to THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE, a copy of which is appended:

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with the constitutional provision which authorizes the governor to convene the legislature on extraordinary occasions, you are advised for the purpose of taking action upon the subjects exclusively which I have brought to your attention by proclamation.

In convening the legislature I have not been unmindful of the fact that you are charged with the consideration of questions which demand judicious and impartial legislation. Believing, however, that by your past legislative experience you are especially qualified for the duties of this session, I confidently trust that the results of your labors will be in harmony with the best interests of the state.

For your convenience I submit the following recapitulation of the subjects upon which legislation is considered desirable:

First. To apportion the state into three congressional districts and to provide for the election of representatives therein.

Second. To amend an act approved March 28, 1882, which failed to incorporate cities of the first class and regulation of their duties, powers and government" by conferring additional power upon cities of the first class for the purpose of paving or macadamizing streets and alleys and also providing for the creation and appointment of a board of public works.

Third. To assign the county of Custer to some judicial district in the state.

Fourth. To amend section 69, chapter 14, of the compiled statutes of Nebraska entitled "Cities of the second class and villages."

Fifth. To provide for the expenses incurred in suppressing the recent riots at Omaha and protecting citizens of the state from domestic violence.

Sixth. To give the assent of state to the provisions of an act of congress relating to the northern boundary of the state of Nebraska.

Seventh. To provide for the payment of the ordinary and contingent expenses of the legislature incurred during the special session hereby convened.

The act of congress approved February 25th, 1882, authorizing the election of two additional representatives from Nebraska confers a political right to which the state becomes entitled under the census of 1880. I congratulate you, as representatives of the people, in view of this substantial evidence of growth and prosperity. Before passing to other subjects I have only to add that the immediate apportionment of the state into congressional districts on the basis fixed by law is demanded and I trust that this duty will receive your first attention.

## CARNES' CORRUPTION.

THURSTON AND OTHERS INVOLVED.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 11.—Startling revelations may be looked for involving Lieutenant Governor Carns, several prominent members of the legislature and Union Pacific Attorney Thurston in connection with a corruption fund used last winter to prevent railroad legislation. S. S. Reynolds, of David City, formerly business partner of Carns at Seward, published an open letter to Carns in the Seward Reporter some weeks ago charging Carnes with acting as

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for the railroad companies while holding the position of president of the senate. He charged that Carns had attempted to bribe legislators with railroad money, and asserted that he is in possession of affidavits to sustain the charge. Reynolds is here now with the documents, which will be presented to the legislature. The confidential relations he sustained to

Carns have enabled him to procure the most damaging evidence of corruption and robbery against Carns and the railroad lobby.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced in the senate as follows:

By Burns.—To apportion the state into congressional districts.

By Ballantine.—Same.

By Irvin.—Same.

By Powers.—To attach Custer county to the Fifth judicial district.

By Taylor.—To ratify the extension of the northern state boundary.

By Doane.—Amending the charters of cities of the first class.

In the house the following bills were presented:

By Mackey.—Appropriating the sum of \$12,023.88 to pay the expenses incurred in the late riots.

By Slocomb.—To apportion the state into congressional districts.

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THE SHEPHERD COMMITTEE.

National Associated Press.

New York, May 11.—Before the house committee on foreign affairs, Bliss, of Morton, Bliss & Co., testified that his house was requested by Randal, counsel for the Industrial company, to become their agents at 5 per cent commission. The contract was made in May. Morton was appointed in March. No member of the firm had ever sought to influence the government in favor of the company.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

National Associated Press.

MATAMORA, Ind., May 10.—The mail train at Fort Wayne Junction, on the Cincinnati railroad was thrown from the track. The baggage, express and mail car and one passenger coach were thrown forty feet down a steep grade, both cars being badly damaged. It was caused by a broken tie.

Former Messenger Miller, of Cincinnati, was fatally hurt; P. E. Brittingham, route agent of Fort Wayne, was badly bruised; Chas. Gleason, baggage master, of Fort Wayne, was badly hurt in the breast and shoulders; T. B. Mason, news agent, of Cincinnati, was badly cut; Boone Cooly, Brookville, Ind., teeth knocked out and badly bruised; Alex. Lampson, Matamora, Ind., badly bruised; S. Kline, Cincinnati, spine injured; Andrew Copeland, Union county, Ind., cut about the head; James Copeland, injured in the back; Alfred Blackledge, Ind., badly bruised. Many others were slightly injured. All the sufferers are being cared for at the Martindale house.

CINCINNATI, May 11.—Jacob Miller, express messenger, injured in the accident at Matamora, Ind., died at 10 o'clock to-day.

RAILROAD MATTER.

National Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, May 11.—R. T. Wilson, of New York, says he completed arrangements yesterday to build the New Orleans & Mississippi Valley railroad from New Orleans via Baton Rouge to Vicksburg, on the east bank of the Mississippi. Work will begin as soon as the right of way is reached. Surveys commence in a few days. The line continues to Memphis through the Yazoo valley. It is composed of a syndicate of northern capitalists.

A FOOLISH MAN STOPPED.

National Associated Press.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Robert Donaldson, a Scotchman, was to have jumped from the Brooklyn bridge into the East river at noon to-day for a wager of \$1,000. An immense crowd gathered. Donaldson appeared on the bridge, stripped and prepared to jump, when his backers prevented him. The wind was blowing a gale, which would have turned him over and over.

HANGED BY VIGILANTES.

National Associated Press.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 11.—An Indian Territory dispatch says vigilantes captured Mac Coats and Jas. Parbo, horse thieves, on the Grand river. A justice tried and discharged them, but the vigilantes pursued, re-caught and hanged both to a tree.

DROWNED.

National Associated Press.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 11.—Two daughters, aged 11 and 13, of John Lark, of Halford, were drowned by the capsizing of a boat while crossing the Rock river, returning. The parents were also in the boat and narrowly escaped. The bodies are not yet recovered. Rain has swelled the river from a small stream to a large rushing torrent.

SHREVEPORT AGENT.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Joseph Melanchthon's three little sons were playing on a bayou in Assumption Parish yesterday. One fell in; the others attempted a rescue, and all were drowned.

PLUNDER IN THE PULPIT.

National Associated Press.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 11.—Workmen, while repairing the Methodist church at Jefferson, found a large quantity of stolen merchandise from neighboring stores concealed in the pulpit. Newspapers publishing the

## THE BUTCHERS ABROAD,

With Very Little Prospect as Yet of Their Early Capture.

ALL CLASSES CONTINUE COLORING THE CRIME BY THE GLASS IN THEIR GOGGLES.

EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES OF REPRESSION OUTLINED IN PARLIAMENT.

THE BODY OF LORD CAVENDISH LAID IN ITS FINAL RESTING PLACE.

THE ROAD TO THE GRAVE THRONED WITH MOURNING PEOPLE.

DAVITT AND PARNELL FEAR THE VENGEANCE OF THE LANDLORDS.

THE STANDARD.

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