

USELESS EMPLOYEES MUST GO.

The House Concludes to Discharge Forty Clerks.

A LIVELY CIRCUS OF THE WHOLE.

The Senate Indefinitely Postpones Taggart's Bill to Prohibit the Voting of Bonds to Aid Railroad Construction.

The House Employees Squabble.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 1.—[Special to The Bee.]—A lively squabble took place to-day over the report of the Hampton committee to the effect that the house was employing forty persons who were rendering no adequate service to the state, and recommending that the above named number be discharged. Among the number to be discharged were seven engineering clerks, all to be selected by lot from the Lancaster county contingent.

Majors moved that the report of the committee be adopted, and after several filibustering motions had been voted down, the report was adopted.

Majors asked if the adoption of the report discharged the employees. The speaker said it would not.

Truesdell then moved that the committee be directed to discharge the employees.

Hall moved that Baker and Majors be appointed to discharge the superservicable help.

Baker declined in a sarcastic speech, in which he could easily be seen that he was thinking of him.

Olmstead raised point after point of order, and then moved to instruct the committee to discharge all relatives of members.

The question was finally reached on the Truesdell motion, and as soon as when Caldwell, H. McBrade and Soverin, from Lancaster, demanded a call of the house.

A large number of members were found to be absent and they were sent for. The house now degenerated into a good natured mob. No second or third motion was made, and both parties became deadlocked. Motion after motion to dispense with further proceedings under the call were made and voted upon. At 12:30 the pages and ladies were excused. Members slipped out and went up into the galleries, and in a length of time, after instructing the sergeant-at-arms to clear the gallery was carried, and Cady, Westover and Winters were brought down to answer for absence.

Cady said he had only gone up there to get away from the mob, and he was set free with his hands.

The Douglas county delegation went off by themselves in a corner, and Caldwell called the attention of the chair to the fact that from appearances they were about to commence a game of "penny ante," and the crowd rapidly dispersed.

At length the blockade was broken and Flegelgoe was observed eating pie, which was the signal for a rush to the lunch counter.

Pies, cake and sandwiches soon became plentiful, and each motion to adjourn was voted down with a thundering cheer.

Olmstead discovered that the pending matter would come up again when the house adjourned, and so adjourned. The motion was lost, and the fun continued.

The speaker announced that all the members were present except Mr. Rayner, and at 2:15 Mr. Caldwell moved that further proceedings under the call be dispensed with, and that motion carried.

Towle now moved that the whole matter be laid on the table, which the speaker declared carried by a vote of 43 to 33.

Majors disputed the count and a roll call was finally reached, which resulted as follows:

Yeas—Baker, Ballard, Beckman, Berlin, Bohack, Brink, Caldwell, Christy of Clay, Christy of Dodge, Coleman of Antelope, Coleman of Polk, Cruzon, Dempster, Dickinson, Elmer, Evans, Farnsworth, Felt, Fife, Hall, Horne, Lee, Ley, McBride, McNickle, Meeker, O'Brien, Olmstead, O'Sullivan, Satchwell, Scoville, Severin, Thomsen, Shaver, Snyder, Winter, Mr. Speckman.

Nay—Bartlett, Baile, Barry, Bessie, Bortz, Brauch, Cady, Cameron, Corbin, Cushing, Delaney, Denman, Dunn, Elliott, Everett, Farley, Fenton, Fuller, Gardner, Gates, Gilbert, Hampton, Hanna, Hamm, Harding, Hill of Butler, Hill of Gage, Horne, Johnson, Jones, Kamm, Larson, Lash, Ley, Majors, Mattes, McMillan, Neve, Potter, Rhodes, Robb, Seed, Shepard, Stiles, Swarts, Tolle, Whitehead, Whetstone, Williams, Wilson.

Nay—Baker, Brink, Christy of Dodge, Christy of Clay, Farnsworth, Hanna, Hall, Horne, McBride, O'Brien, O'Sullivan, Scoville, Towle, McNickle, Meeker, Westover and Mr. Speaker.

Hannan and Hanna voted "no" because the members of the committee on whom the disagreeable report of discharging the employees would devolve. And thus the long fight ended by the triumph of the element pledged to economy and reform.

Hampton's Report.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 1.—[Special to The Bee.]—The report of the committee to whom was referred the matter of determining the number of employees necessary for the proper transaction of business in the house, after examining the employees in each department, resulted as follows:

"Your committee, from investigation of the subject, have concluded that the force of employees can be safely reduced at least forty in number, which would still leave 144 on the pay roll of the house, and from the fact that forty-eight of these employees are to be from Lancaster county, we recommend that the discharged employees be made principally from Lancaster county."

"Your committee do further recommend that the following reductions in offices and positions be made:

"Clerks of committees, 11; engrossing clerks, 7; janitors, 6; custodians, 7; bell clerks, 2; clerk of secretary of state, 1; proof reader, 1; copy holder, 1; watchman, 1; teller, 1; bookkeeper, 1; messenger to governor, 1; total, 41."

"Your committee has refrained from making any further specific dismissals until receiving further orders from the house, for the reasons above assigned."

"On the final vote of the committee of the session of 1887 we find that during the sixty-two days' session, commencing with January 4, and ending March 31, some committee clerks received pay for as high as 150 and 151 days. This is like a recurrence of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the chief clerk is hereby requested to furnish this house with a copy of the pay roll of the employees of this house for the past session of the legislature of days paid, amount and to whom same were paid, and that the chief clerk is hereby instructed after this date, before completing each pay roll for the clerks and employees, to submit to this house a statement of all extra time any employee may have worked under the resolution of January 10, and such extra time shall not be credited on the pay roll unless approved and ordered by this house."

Got It On the List.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 1.—[Special to The Bee.]—The senate has put on its little list the bill of Senator Paulsen to legalize a dog that has gone unquestioned ten years and is properly made and recorded, except for the absence of the attesting witness or the seal of the acknowledging officer. Two similar bills have already been smothered in the senate. Like measures have been introduced in former legislatures, but so far none of them have escaped their enemies.

This proposition is the outgrowth of the

notes. Gaslin-O'Brien suit, which has had an appeal to the state supreme court, in which the title to sixty two acres of land between Hanscom park in Omaha and the country poor farm, said to be worth over \$50,000. The defendant in the case is George M. O'Brien Jr., now a member of the bar, who succeeded in winning the two years ago. Judge Gaslin, now of the southwestern part of the state, has a claim to a part of the land, but it is imperfect. It rests on a deed made many years ago in Ohio that lacks the signatures of witnesses and the name of the person before whom the paper was acknowledged.

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An amendment excepting savings banks from the clause, and grading capital stock according to population, was defeated and the bill approved.

The following bills were recommended for passage:

The authorizing the governor on July 4 of each year to pardon two long term convicts recommended by certain officers. Making it unlawful to contract in notes, bills of exchange, bank notes, bills of lading, bills of attorney's fees, and declaring such contract null and void. Providing that action to recover on an insurance policy may begin at any time within five years after loss. Providing for the incorporation of towns lying in timber lands, giving power to the town dogs or defacing marks of identification. Prohibiting the supreme court from commuting death sentences.

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Senate.

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