

THE LEECHES OF THE LOBBY.

Several Schemes on Foot to Rob Nebraska's Treasury.

AGENTS WHO WORK ON A DIVY. They Are Willing to Press Questionable Claims Against the State For a 20 Per Cent Commission.

It Wouldn't Work.

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for sale. He believed it unwise to fritter away the school fund in insecure district bonds. Conell said the reason there was no money in the fund was because the state treasurer had gone east, bought up Nebraska bonds and allowed the eastern holders to slip off interest coupons to the amount of 1, 2 or 3 per cent, which is now going into their pockets without a dollar invested. Nesbitt explained that the framers of the constitution intended to limit the investment of the school fund to such securities as would be safe. He believed it a wise policy, and he protested against the attempt to break down the safeguards. These school district bonds are being hawked about for purchasers, and are being sold at 75 to 80 cents on the dollar. This measure seeks to hold up Nebraska by the throat and say it must take securities which Wall Street will not accept except at a heavy discount. Conner was a member of the constitutional convention and knew that only after a long struggle it made possible to invest the school fund in county bonds. He asked if the state had ever lost a dollar invested in county bonds. He asked if any gentleman had a dollar invested by an investor in registered school district bonds. He had been informed that the late state treasurer had refused to buy county bonds on the plea that he could not pay the premium asked. That treasurer, said the senator, had the money in bank paying him interest and was not out of office with \$100,000. What is the object of registering school district funds? It is to give authoritative evidence that they have been issued in compliance with all the legal requirements? The speaker defied the opposition to point to a dollar deposited in registered school district bonds if properly issued. He challenged any member to show that a lobbyist has any thing to say to the passage of this bill. On the other hand, lobbyists have been persistently making for the defeat of this bill. Wall Street prefers city bonds because they can be had in large blocks, but there is no class of registered district bonds of small denominations as these large district bonds. Conell denied that the school bonds of his district were being hawked about, and asked that the bill be held up until the Nesbitt amendment was adopted to substitute the bonds of metropolitan districts for those of rural districts. He asserted that an Omaha lobbyist had been urging the passage of this bill, while a syndicate of Lincoln men were endeavoring to keep the law as to change the law as to who shall issue school bonds. The bill under consideration is to unload upon the state the private investments of individuals. Nesbitt's amendment was lost by a tie vote, and an amendment by Conner was adopted. The bill was recommended for passage by a vote of 14 to 12.

APPROPRIATION SESSION. The senate passed the bill to let the state printing on contract in job lots and went into committee of the whole. The first thing reached was the appropriation for \$300,000 for land and new buildings for the Beatrice institution for feeble-minded children. Senator Keckley moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and asserted that the time had come to discriminate more carefully in making appropriations for state institutions. He would not favor a measure to cripple the institutions in their proper maintenance, but almost every institution comes to each successive legislature with a demand for new buildings, and it is time to call a halt. Here is a request for \$17,000 for a 170 acre farm. The children of Beatrice are not qualified to engage in farming, and it is better to lose the investment to buy high priced land to employ children. Senator Nesbitt took similar ground, saying that all these imbecile children needed was a place to make mud pies, and he further argued that when the parents of such children were able to provide for them they should not be made a burden upon the state. Senator Funk of Beatrice made a gallant fight for the bill, explaining the wishes of the Lincoln institution, and was supported by Senator Lindsay. Senator Wetbach, of Grand Island, tried to delay conclusions by moving that the bill be postponed until the committee on finance should report the aggregate of the appropriation bill as directed by yesterday's resolution. Senator Lindsay, who is chairman of that committee, promptly seconded the motion, but it was almost as promptly defeated. Senator Keckley moved an amendment to strike out the \$17,000 for land. Senator Tansom said he was not surprised at Keckley's course. He has not heard that time in the session when Lancaster has a hand in the basket and trying to pull out all she can. In addition to this \$300,000, the legislature asks for \$25,000 for maintenance. Here is an item of \$2,000 for furniture. Why, the way things have been done here, it might as well be \$25,000. The amendment was voted down and the bill was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 14 to 12.

RANSOM'S MOTION. Ransom then moved that the senate consider no more house bills until the appropriations bills are all in. The committee of the whole could not take this action, and the chair sustained the point. The motion was approved, and a noisy squabble ensued between Ransom, Lindsay and Raymond. The chair's decision was reported by Lindsay, and Ransom was rebuffed. Ransom then moved to order and cooled down. Ransom's motion was defeated and the committee resumed its work. The report of the committee of the whole on the Beatrice appropriation was adopted and the bill killed by the following vote: Ayes—Raymond, Conner, Caryl, Derr, Gallego, Hoover, Hurd, Hynes, Jewett, Keeley, Lann, Maher, Manning, Nesbitt, Paulson, Paxton, Poik, Pope, Hanson, Ransom, Slianner, Sutherland, Taggart, 24. Nays—Funk, Lindsay, Norval, Raymond, Roobe, Westerland, Woluck—3. How absent—A. A. Tansom.

As a clincher, a motion to reconsider the vote was tabled. Onsted's bill for the Australian election system was killed by a vote of 19 to 12, and the taking in its coffin were also clinched. Nesbitt's jury law for Omaha was favorably considered and is ready for passage. The senate passed the following house bills: Prohibiting official court reporters from practicing law; requiring the written consent of mortgagee to dispose of property under chattel mortgage; legalizing the State Teachers' association; and appropriating \$1,000 annually therefor.

HOUSE. LINCOLN, Neb., March 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The morning session was largely consumed in discussing senate file 10, a bill to abolish the live stock commission. Amendments intended to retain the veterinary surgeon, the clause relating to quarantine and live stock inspectors at stock yards, as now prescribed, were in the hands of the printers and the bill was made a special order for the afternoon. The following senate bills were passed without amendment: Empowering the railroad commission by a four-fifths vote to raise the established rate whenever it is proven that the existing rate is not remunerative to the roads, but authorizing a mere majority to reduce the rate when found to be excessive or exorbitant. The amendment was adopted and the bill reported back with the recommendation that it do pass. Senate file 10, the bill repealing the live stock commission, was passed by a four-fifths vote. An amendment by Corbin providing for retaining the state veterinary surgeon, the

quarantine feature and the clause in the present law providing for live stock inspectors at stock yards, was under consideration, and after being amended in a few particulars of no special importance, was adopted and the bill as amended was ordered to a third reading. The committee arose and reported the bill back and Rayner moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, claiming that the provision authorizing the state veterinary surgeon to go on the farm of a citizen and kill his stock without compensation, is clearly unconstitutional. Baker took the same view. Corbin said that it did not appear to him in that light. While the state could not take property for public use without compensation, there was no constitutional objection to the state vesting property that is dangerous to the public welfare. Rayner's motion to postpone the bill was lost—11 to 8.

The report of the committee was adopted. The house again took up house rolls 433 and 434—the appropriation bills. Caldwell moved to insert the item of \$37,784 for interest on state warrants in the general appropriation bill in favor of Boss Stout, and a resolution in favor of registered school district bonds. Cady denounced the scheme as the essence of dishonesty, and declared that he would vote against the entire appropriation bill if this item was included, and was answered by "Here, too," from all over the house. Scoville made a powerful and convincing speech against the state notary law. Caldwell and Baker defended the claim. Gilbert charged Baker with always being on the side of the lobby, and an exciting colloquy ensued. The final vote resulted, yeas 43, nays 43, and the amendment carried. The opponents of the measure hope to be able to strike it out on a roll call to-morrow, and a stubborn fight is sure to follow. The issue is uncertain, but bound to be close. Making for the defeat of this bill, the expenses of the live stock agents was stricken out and \$10,000 for expenses of the state veterinarian substituted. Hall moved to add \$50,000 for insurance of state buildings, which was lost, and \$320 for cancel existing policies inserted. Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP. LINCOLN, Neb., March 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Hall's maximum tariff bill, as modified by the amendments, is the only bill of opposition except from Olmstead, who wanted the bill read. As the measure covered about one hundred pages and was little more than a classification of articles of commerce, the request was not granted. Baker tried to get in Tom Konrath's claim for \$11,000 for alleged services rendered the state in collecting certain sums from the general government years ago. Cady, as usual, was ready with a little substitute, which included other claims, and the Konrath claim was lost in the deal. The senate killed the Corbin bill to punish assessors for underpaying taxes, and the companion bill limiting the basis of taxation to one-half the prevailing rates. By striking out the provision that the houses read the state a round \$90,000 besides the innumerable "claims" that would spring up to vex the future legislators.

THE ROYAL JAPS. They Attract Considerable Attention and Seem to Like It. The announcement by the morning papers yesterday that a party of Japs of royal blood would pass through Omaha in the afternoon, en route from San Francisco to Washington and New York, led many people to stroll down to the Burlington depot at the hour for the arrival of the train. They were not disappointed, for a party of from the land of the mikado were on board, and during the few minutes the train stopped in Omaha strolled about the depot and placards, giving the Japanese an ample opportunity to satisfy their curiosity. In dress the men were very English, being clad principally in two-piece suits and frock coats. They smoked cigarettes incessantly, and so far from being displeased with the gaze of the "vulgar herd," look it good-naturedly, and with a certain pride. The four ladies of the party were dressed according to Redfern, although an Omaha girl who stood by declared that the dress of the princess was an atrocious one. "They dressed their hair a la Payche and looked entirely American except as to their faces. The party consisted of the only member of Countess Sowa, the Marquis and Marchioness Maeda, Mr. Saitan, master of ceremonies to his royal highness and his wife, the mikado, Lieutenant Yoshie, commander of the navy, and his wife, Mr. Kato, of the royal household. Dr. Mastra, physician to the mikado, accompanied the party, and was the only member of the embassy who can speak English intelligibly, but he speaks the language fluently, and took great pleasure in answering the questions put to him by our continuous stream of the newspaper reporters. The party, he said, sailed from Japan on the 10th of February and arrived in San Francisco on the 11th. A few days' rest and a visit in the city of the Golden Gate they came on east. The party is traveling principally for pleasure, and will visit the cities of the different countries they visit. From Omaha they will go to Washington, and from there to New York, where they will board ship to return to their native land. Lieutenant Yoshie has visited America on several occasions, but the other members of the party breathe the ozone of Uncle Sam's domain for the first time. They are delighted with what they have seen and greatly surprised to find that "the people of these United States have reached such a high degree of civilization." On the 11th of last month the mikado, by royal decree, gave to Japan its first constitution, which entirely changes the form of government, making it similar to that of England. The men of the party are all in stature and very ordinary-looking people, indeed.

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A Break for Liberty. LOUISVILLE, March 20.—The prisoners in the jail at Jefferson made a wholesale attempt to escape last evening. Ed Powell, the river pirate, was the only one to get away, the others being captured by the sheriff and it is thought his wound is fatal.

Stock Brokers Assign. NEW YORK, March 20.—Demott & Durant, a prominent firm of stock brokers, assigned to-day. A large number of contracts were closed out for their account at the stock exchange.

Protection Against Hoodlums. LINCOLN, Neb., March 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Members of the senate are taking heroic measures to protect themselves from being bored and tormented under foot by the hungry hoodlums. One of them has warned the doorkeeper not to admit ex-Governor Butler to the floor without permission of the president, on pain of losing his place. The rule will be enforced as to other hungry vandals.

The Hastings Appropriation. LINCOLN, Neb., March 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The bill appropriating \$31,400 for new buildings for the Hastings hospital for insane, was reported favorably by the senate standing committee of courtesy to Senator Hoover, but members of the committee reserved the right to oppose the bill on the floor. Senate. LINCOLN, Neb., March 20.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The first effect of the senatorial caucus in the interest of a revision of the law to allow the claim of Paxson county tax governing counties under township organization were passed and approved by the committee of the whole to consider the proposed constitutional amendment permitting the investment of the state permanent school fund in registered school district bonds. Conell championed the measure and stated that within two years there would be one on school lands not payable to the fund about \$2,000,000. The state has found difficulty in placing these funds profitably in the past, and the proposition now is to open a new avenue of investment. Nesbitt would like to know how many district school funds the gentleman from Perry is interested in. Conell is not interested in one lot, directly or indirectly, but I am interested in the welfare of the 300,000 school children of Nebraska. Norval said there was no money in the fund, and there would soon be county bonds

"GENTLEMEN, BE SEATED." Mayor Broatch is Ready to Welcome the Saloonkeepers. A reporter of THE BEE called on the members of the committee appointed at the meeting of the saloonkeepers Tuesday night to confer with Mayor Broatch with reference to a revocation or modification of the late Sunday closing order, and was informed that they would wait upon his honor this afternoon. They have some matters relative to the statement, which is to be made in writing, yet to consummate before calling upon the mayor. The mayor was also seen and asked what he thought of the present situation, and he replied that he saw no change, everything was gliding along as placidly and smoothly as a summer wood stream, and he apprehended no change or trouble. When asked whether he would meet the saloonkeepers half way, or accept of any degree to their requests or demands, he said, and he threw much significant vigor into his words: "I will speak of that in advance. Let them come, that's all, and it might be a good idea for you to be present at the meeting. Do you know when they intend to call?" "Thursday afternoon." "I would have rather seen them to-day, as I did intend to go to Lincoln Thursday. However, I can arrange to wait another day. Do you know where they intend to see me?" "Right here at your store, I presume." "No they don't. I wouldn't receive them here. If they want to see me they'll have to come to my office in my building, for I don't go there here."

"And you decline to give me an idea of the course you will pursue?" "I will come along and see and hear for yourself," and the mayor spoke in a peculiarly impressive way that presages a very bleak eye for the saloonkeepers when they meet him.

Druggists as Whisky Sellers. Mayor Broatch has issued the following which is addressed to Licenses Inspector Turabill, and which is calculated to cover the liberal sale of whisky by druggists: "I am in receipt of complaints from saloonkeepers that some druggists are selling liquor by the drink, and are not complying with the law. You will please advise them that they were not licensed as saloonkeepers, and that they will be required to comply with the provisions of the law, commencing with the first day of April, 1889."

Soe, 23, Chapter 50 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska: Any druggist to whom a permit to sell whisky is granted as provided in sections 34 and 35 of this act, shall keep a book, provided by him for that purpose, a register of all liquors sold or given away, which shall show the date, quantity, for what purpose and to whom such liquor was sold or given away, such book shall be at all times open to the inspection of the public; all druggists to whom such permit may be granted, shall on the first Monday of each year file in the office of the clerk of the authorities granting such permits, a report of all the entries made in said book during the year, and this section shall be read and sworn to as correct by said druggist, and that he has not sold or given away any liquor other than that stated in said report. Any druggist failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, for each and every offence shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty dollars (\$20) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50), and be imprisoned in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than thirty days in the discretion of the court."

Popular Education. We sympathize with the feeling which often leads citizens to boast that no children born in this country need grow up in ignorance, and yet it is a fact that many people who have learned to read and write have never taught themselves to think. A man who suffered from catarrh, consumption, bronchitis, scrophulous "liver complaint," might read all his eyes dropped out, how these and many other diseases have been cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, but if he did not take the lesson to himself and test the virtues of this great medicine, his time would be thrown away.

Major Dennis' Horse Blanket. Bailiff Newburg, of Judge Hopewell's court, seated at the court yesterday morning and rather in a way with the old gentleman. The affair broke out in open session and proved to be quite an amusing episode. It seems that the door obstinately refused to stay closed, and every time it swung open the major could feel a draught coming in with his neck ruffled. He would motion the bailiff to protect him by keeping the portculcins shut tight. Four or five times the operation was repeated. "Finally," Newburg became weary of walking back and forth just to please the major and humorously remarked with a Swedish twinkle in his eye that he would get him a horse blanket to put on. Suddenly Dennis jumped to his feet and addressing the court said: "Your honor, I have been insulted by this bailiff."

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Major Broatch is Ready to Welcome the Saloonkeepers. A reporter of THE BEE called on the members of the committee appointed at the meeting of the saloonkeepers Tuesday night to confer with Mayor Broatch with reference to a revocation or modification of the late Sunday closing order, and was informed that they would wait upon his honor this afternoon. They have some matters relative to the statement, which is to be made in writing, yet to consummate before calling upon the mayor. The mayor was also seen and asked what he thought of the present situation, and he replied that he saw no change, everything was gliding along as placidly and smoothly as a summer wood stream, and he apprehended no change or trouble. When asked whether he would meet the saloonkeepers half way, or accept of any degree to their requests or demands, he said, and he threw much significant vigor into his words: "I will speak of that in advance. Let them come, that's all, and it might be a good idea for you to be present at the meeting. Do you know when they intend to call?" "Thursday afternoon."

Druggists as Whisky Sellers. Mayor Broatch has issued the following which is addressed to Licenses Inspector Turabill, and which is calculated to cover the liberal sale of whisky by druggists: "I am in receipt of complaints from saloonkeepers that some druggists are selling liquor by the drink, and are not complying with the law. You will please advise them that they were not licensed as saloonkeepers, and that they will be required to comply with the provisions of the law, commencing with the first day of April, 1889."

Soe, 23, Chapter 50 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska: Any druggist to whom a permit to sell whisky is granted as provided in sections 34 and 35 of this act, shall keep a book, provided by him for that purpose, a register of all liquors sold or given away, which shall show the date, quantity, for what purpose and to whom such liquor was sold or given away, such book shall be at all times open to the inspection of the public; all druggists to whom such permit may be granted, shall on the first Monday of each year file in the office of the clerk of the authorities granting such permits, a report of all the entries made in said book during the year, and this section shall be read and sworn to as correct by said druggist, and that he has not sold or given away any liquor other than that stated in said report. Any druggist failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, for each and every offence shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty dollars (\$20) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50), and be imprisoned in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than thirty days in the discretion of the court."

Popular Education. We sympathize with the feeling which often leads citizens to boast that no children born in this country need grow up in ignorance, and yet it is a fact that many people who have learned to read and write have never taught themselves to think. A man who suffered from catarrh, consumption, bronchitis, scrophulous "liver complaint," might read all his eyes dropped out, how these and many other diseases have been cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, but if he did not take the lesson to himself and test the virtues of this great medicine, his time would be thrown away.

Major Dennis' Horse Blanket. Bailiff Newburg, of Judge Hopewell's court, seated at the court yesterday morning and rather in a way with the old gentleman. The affair broke out in open session and proved to be quite an amusing episode. It seems that the door obstinately refused to stay closed, and every time it swung open the major could feel a draught coming in with his neck ruffled. He would motion the bailiff to protect him by keeping the portculcins shut tight. Four or five times the operation was repeated. "Finally," Newburg became weary of walking back and forth just to please the major and humorously remarked with a Swedish twinkle in his eye that he would get him a horse blanket to put on. Suddenly Dennis jumped to his feet and addressing the court said: "Your honor, I have been insulted by this bailiff."

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