

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

The House Passes the Resolution Congratulating Brazil.

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES.

Some Important Ones Reported and Adopted—Senate Includes No-Man's-Land in the Territory of Oklahoma.

House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—On motion of Mr. Hunt of Illinois the senate joint resolution was passed unanimously congratulating the people of the United States of Brazil on the adoption of a republican form of government.

Consideration of the code of rules was then proceeded with.

Mr. Cannon of Illinois, from the committee on rules, reported an amendment requiring that titles of committees reported be entered in the Journal and printed in the record.

Mr. Cannon also reported an amendment to rule 15 (relating to roll calls) to provide that after roll call the speaker shall not entertain a request to record a vote or announce a pair unless the member's name has been noted under clause 3, which was amended to provide that on motion of any member or suggestion by the speaker the names of members sufficient to make a quorum of the house be called by the speaker or his clerk and recorded in the Journal, etc. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Cannon also reported an amendment, providing that bills and communications and senate bills may be referred by the speaker to appropriate committees without being submitted to the house.

After a brief democratic protest the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Crisp offered an amendment to the rule, providing that any motion or suggestion entertained by the speaker, adding the words "Hot a demand for the yeas and nays shall not be considered dilatory."

Mr. Crisp offered an amendment, providing that the speaker shall not in any case refuse to entertain an appeal from his decision. The amendment was not adopted.

The house then took a recess until tomorrow.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Among the bills reported from committees and placed on the calendar were two for the establishment and maintenance of industrial schools in Michigan and North Dakota.

The bill appropriating \$500,000 for a public building in Portland, Ore., was passed.

The senate then resumed consideration of the bill to provide a temporary government for the territory of Oklahoma, the pending question being Mr. Plumb's amendment to comprise No Man's Land within the new territory.

Mr. Vest again spoke in favor of the amendment.

Messrs. Logan and Plumb also advocated the amendment, the latter saying that the condition in which No Man's Land was left to the Indians was a disgrace to the country. He expressed amazement that the committee on territories had set itself so strongly and so totally without reason against his proposition.

Finally a vote was taken, resulting—Yeas, 27; nays, 16.—Thus including No Man's Land within the territory of Oklahoma.

Mr. Plumb also offered an amendment to attach the Cherokee outlet to Oklahoma for public purposes. This was rejected after several days as to the reported threats of the commissioners negotiating with the Cherokees was gone over again.

Mr. Vest offered an amendment prohibiting the legislative assembly from authorizing the issue of any bonds, scrip or evidence of any kind, except certificates for services rendered.

After considerable debate Mr. Vest modified this by limiting the prohibition to bonds and railroad bonds and the amendment was adopted.

Some further formal amendments were agreed to and the bill passed.

After excellent session the senate adjourned.

HARD TO ENFORCE THE LAW.

Condition of Affairs in the Northern Judicial District of Florida.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The attorney general's report on the resolution asking for information concerning the operations of the circuit court for the northern district of Florida was laid before the senate today. It consists mainly of letters from officials of the court, setting forth that it is impossible to enforce any process of the United States in connection with election cases.

Deposits are abused, prisoners released and witnesses terrorized. United States Attorney Stripping, in a letter, informs the attorney general that S. C. Sandler, supervisor of registration for Alachua county, pleaded guilty to two indictments for violations of the law were flagrant, but in view of his confession of guilt and promises of no repetition, the purpose of the law, Stripping says, impounded him not to press the judgment against Sandler until December 1st, in the meantime to be released on \$5,000.

The purpose of this, the district attorney says, is ultimately to have the judgment finally suspended. He recommends that the district attorney be informed by what he put it into what he was thrown out after they were cast, and that in a little upwards of 700 prisoners in this state at least, a large number of which were kept off the registration list, and thereby deprived of the right to vote.

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General Miller, on November 13, 1889, wrote "I do not concur with my views of the operations of law that one so evidently guilty of a crime should be excused from escape punishment. I have submitted your letter to the president, who concurs in the views above expressed."

Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Among the nominations made by the president today were the following postmasters: Illinois—George J. Castle, Carlinville; William M. Lewis, Lena; James A. Willoughby, Belleville; Wisconsin—Hiram J. Smith, Racine; James Driver, Darlington; Nebraska—Joseph W. Johnson, Sutton; Minnesota—Nathan C. Lane, North St. Paul; William H. Hill, Fairmont; Iowa—Halsey H. Saunders, Waterloo; Lewis H. Thornburg, Huxley; Kansas—J. S. Spurr, Hays; William H. Striver, Winlerse.

Confirmations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The senate in executive session today confirmed the following: Daniel Horchester, superintendent of Indian schools; George N. Wisniet, United States marshal for the district of Wisconsin.

Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Penitentiaries.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Penitentiaries have been granted to Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota. Increase—William H. Austin, Clark; Enoch Martin, Cheyenne; Alex. K. Foster, Omaha; William K. Carlton, Chester; Jacob S. Dew, Tecumseh; John R. Woods, Gretna; Robert McElwain, Superior; Henry C. Maxon, Westville; Willis Davis, Geneva; Jacob Rush, Lincoln.

Iowa—Increase—Robert C. Cowell, Hayward; Snowden Gov. Burbank; Jacob A. Miller, Galva; Daniel C. Sutherland, Anamosa; William G. Roberts, Cedar Rapids; Melville A. Moore, Des Moines; Charles Lewis, Iowa City; George W. Hill, Lewisburg; Henry W. Schmidt, Davenport; John H. Hickey, Waverly; William H. Hickey, Waverly; James M. Smith, Burlington; Robert L. Ware, Ames; Francis M. Gott, Woodward;

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VOTED THE RAILROAD BONDS.

Kearney Endorses the Black Hills Proposition.

CORN BLOCKADE AT ELMWOOD.

A Rewarder Sends His Address to Nebraska City's Chief of Police—Reservation Boomers—Masons at Norfolk.

ELMWOOD, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The bond election here today was the most exciting ever held in this city. Early this morning the workers for and against were at the polls and worked with untiring zeal. A light vote was polled, amounting only to 1,452. The Black Hills proposition carried by a majority of 94.

The Black Hills supporters anticipated victory, but not until the balloting had been in progress a couple of hours did they expect so terrific a landslide. With the victory of today the Kearney, Hutchinson & Gulf road is practically assured, with an extension of the Missouri Pacific from Prosser. The talk is strong that the H. & M. will build from Holdrege by way to Mason City. A grand ratification meeting was held at the Midway last evening, where praise was heaped upon John J. Hampton, president of the Black Hills company, for his untiring energy in bringing about the first railroad for Kearney in seventeen years. Work will begin on the Wood river grade at once, and the road will be completed to Galva.

Corn Blockade at Elmwood.

ELMWOOD, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—This place is having one of the greatest corn blockades it has ever experienced. Notwithstanding the fact that forty-eight cars were shipped from here last week at present the elevators, having a capacity of some 100,000 bushels, are standing near the depot and 2,000 bushels are piled in bins and upon the ground. Thousands of bushels are being shipped by the Farmers' alliance.

An Accommodating Swindler.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A swindler, who had wanted in this city and numerous other places for swindling farmers, had the nerve to send his address to the chief of police, being in Seattle at present. A large reward is offered for him.

Outfitting for the Reservation.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The reservation boomers who reached here last evening have been in town all day outfitting, and a large number crossed the bridge here tonight ready to start up the Niobrara in the morning. They are generally industrious looking people, and have not been seen since they left five years ago.

Masons at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The grand custodians' lodge opened in Masonic hall in this city today with work in the first degree. The attendance from other towns is quite large.

Enterprise at Weeping Water.

WEeping WATER, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The board of trade is holding weekly meetings, and is looking after the interests of the city in a vigilant manner. At the meeting last night the following officers were elected: President, E. L. Reed; vice president, J. Chase; secretary, S. D. Fitch; treasurer, S. H. Sarna; executive committee, T. S. Shultz, chairman; J. C. Johnson, secretary. Nine new members were received, and considerable important business was placed in the hands of committee.

Munchrauth Denied a Hearing.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The supreme court today denied a hearing in the Munchrauth case. It is not thought that the case will be heard here.

Arrested for Assault.

PLATTSBOROUGH, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A Bohemian by the name of Sodomka today instituted proceedings against the contractor, Andy Karns, who he claims assaulted him last Sunday with intent to kill. Karns was drunk and attempted to empty the contents of a revolver into Sodomka's person. The latter wrenched the revolver out of his hands. Karns then produced a knife and struck Sodomka in the side with it. The force of the blow was arrested by a large leather pocket book which he carried in his pocket.

Freemont's New City Hall.

FREEMONT, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Freemont's new city hall has been erected by the city and is now ready for occupancy. It is a handsome building, and formally accepted by the council. The structure is a handsome one, costing \$17,000. It contains a council chamber, offices for all of the city officers, a city jail and ample headquarters for the fire department. The sun clock on the roof is a beautiful ornament for the purpose of fixing up a regular meeting, library and reading room for the citizens, which will be formally dedicated by the department.

Charged With Horse Stealing.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Judge Vineyard this morning issued a warrant for the arrest of Charles Brown on a charge of horse stealing. Brown was arrested by the police and is now in jail. He is charged with the theft of a horse from the farm of T. L. McKay, a livery stable proprietor here. Brown two weeks ago hired a team of McKay to sell fruit trees in the county, promising to return Saturday. Failing to show up as yet the charge was preferred, resulting in Brown's arrest this afternoon at Aurora, by the Clay county authorities. He was turned over to the authorities here.

A Religious Revival.

FREEMONT, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A series of union revival meetings was begun at the Presbyterian church. The meetings are to be conducted under the auspices of the Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian and Baptist churches and will probably continue a month. The pastor of the four churches, Rev. J. W. Robinson, L. F. Berry, N. H. C. C. C. and E. R. Curry, will conduct the services.

Gave Himself Up.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Dan Lawrence, who jumped his bail and is charged with several successful swindling schemes and for whose arrest a big reward was offered, gave himself up to Leavenworth, Kas., officers and was brought here today.

Uniforms for the Knights.

SHELTON, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The uniformed regalia Knights of Pythias will soon have their division uniforms, having just received a shipment of 200,000 and one of the best outfits in the state. The lady relatives of the members are also going to present them with a division flag.

A Twin Factory.

FREEMONT, Neb., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The Fremont hemp and twine company, at its annual meeting last night, decided to increase its capital stock to \$25,000 and to erect a twine factory this season to be run in connection with its twine mill.

Texas Covered With Snow.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 13.—Dispatches from different parts of Texas state that an unprecedented snow storm has prevailed over the entire state and that the snow has decided to increase its depth to 25,000 and to erect a twine factory this season to be run in connection with its twine mill.

The Panama Commissioners.

PANAMA, Feb. 13.—The work of the commission is now rapidly approaching completion and it will immediately leave for New Orleans. From there it will proceed to New York, where it returns home to present its report.

Dr. Kniffin Released.

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 13.—The grand jury, considering the mysterious Kniffin murder, Friday last, adjourned at 10 o'clock. Dr. Kniffin of Miss Pierce, had been released.

IOWA NEWS.

The Pharmacological Convention.

A Case of Strange Disappearance Reported From Seymour Park.

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POINTS ON EUGLETS.

Gossip Concerning the Stagers New Contest in the Coast.

Say Francisco, Cal., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Patsy Fallon, an Omaha come here to lax a rest sum on Light weight Jimmy Griffin against Billy Madison, the coast champion, in their battle next Monday night at the Occidental club auditorium. The Omaha man will also second Griffin.

Jack McAuliffe, who is matched to battle with Jimmy Carroll for the world's light weight championship, has gone into training at Joe Davis's resort back of Oakland, where Jack always trains. He weighs 120 pounds and will have to do some hard training to get to 137 or below by March 27, the date set for the contest. Billy Madison is McAuliffe's trainer, and Carroll trains at Harbor View park, with Patsy Smith looking after him.

Although Peter Jackson has telegraphed his consent to meet Frank Smith in a battle for a \$5,000 purse offered by the California club, there is little likelihood that Smith will come down from his \$10,000 purse. Smith's manager, the man Slavovantago, tactics most, Jackson taught Slavov, and prior to Jackson's leaving Australia for this country, the dark-skinned champion chased Slavov all over the antipodes hoping for a match for anything from a smothering to a \$10,000 stake. This is a new record for the world's light weight. Slavov recently gave all the facts in the case.

Jim Fell has been offered a purse to meet Arthur Holroyd in a battle for a \$5,000 purse. If he can get to Smith's weight, 132 pounds, Fell has some doubts about his ability to fight against this weight, but will see what he can do.

Joe McAuliffe, despairing of another meeting with Jackson, will go east soon under Billy Madison's wing, and will be joined by John L. Sullivan of Jake Kilrain's corner. His easy defeat of Laes and Pat Killen makes him a formidable man for any pugilist in the world's light weight class. He is six feet four and one-half inches in height, has a remarkable reach, his like a pugilist can stand a wonderful amount of punishment.

Science Knocks Out Pluck.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A remarkable prize fight took place yesterday not far from the Atlantic Highlands between Jack Smith of Harlem and Billy Lynch of Staten Island for the heavyweight championship of New York state and a purse of \$100. It was a case of fairly science, hard hitting man against one who did not know how to put up his hands, but who possessed unusual pluck. The result was that Lynch, who fought like a bear, was knocked out by Smith in the first round, and a shocking one at the close. Smith had hardly a mark on him. Twenty-three rounds were fought.

Applon's Plan.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 13.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—Baseball players will be surprised to learn that the plan of the national league to cripple the brotherhood. The plan as outlined by Walter S. Applon, a director of the New York league club, is simply that the services of a sufficient number of the New York brotherhood must be secured, leaving those who refuse offers of \$5,000 and \$8,000 to the mercy of the brotherhood. Applon told the writer that he offered Richardson a guarantee of \$15,000 for three years to be paid in three installments. The plan as outlined by Walter S. Applon, a director of the New York league club, is simply that the services of a sufficient number of the New York brotherhood must be secured, leaving those who refuse offers of \$5,000 and \$8,000 to the mercy of the brotherhood. Applon told the writer that he offered Richardson a guarantee of \$15,000 for three years to be paid in three installments. The plan as outlined by Walter S. Applon, a director of the New York league club, is simply that the services of a sufficient number of the New York brotherhood must be secured, leaving those who refuse offers of \$5,000 and \$8,000 to the mercy of the brotherhood. Applon told the writer that he offered Richardson a guarantee of \$15,000 for three years to be paid in three installments.

Methodist Book Concern Centennial.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The Metropolitan opera house was crowded tonight, the event being the centennial of the Methodist Book Concern and the anniversary of the publication of the first issue of the handsome new publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal church was also celebrated. The most prominent Methodist workers in the country were on the platform.

A New Committee Agreed Upon.

ALBANY, Feb. 13.—In the assembly this morning the report that the conference committee on the world's fair bill had failed to agree was presented and it was agreed to appoint a new committee. Another world's fair conference committee was appointed tonight, but adjourned until next Wednesday.

The Street Car Stood No Show.

NEWARK, O., Feb. 13.—A street car was struck by a Panhandle train tonight and three others badly hurt.

Secretary Tracy Prostrated.