

WANT TO RECOUNT THE VOTE.

Another Scheme to Be Sprung on the Legislature by Prohibitionists.

THE STATE FLOODED WITH PETITIONS.

Views of Prominent Farmers in the House on Railroad Regulation—Switzer's Aggressive Tactics—Legislative Notes.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—It has just been learned that the prohibitionists have sent out over the state a flood of petitions asking the legislature for a record of the ballots of the November elections. Politicians regard this move as a covert scheme of the independents to get possession of the ballots of Douglas county, as the prohibitionists can have no possible hope of reversing the defeat of the amendment. It is expected that the legislature will be showered with these petitions in the next two weeks and preparations are being made quietly to meet the attack. Four years ago a special act of the legislature was required to secure a record of ballots, and in the present case Governor Boyd's veto may stand in the way of partisan juggling.

THE SENATE.

It Approves the Concurrent Resolution Relative to the Contest.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Little business of importance was transacted in the senate this morning.

The committee on engrossed bills was authorized to employ additional help as needed, and the chairman and secretary were given the regulation allowance of newspapers and stamps.

The matter resolution requiring the contestants for state offices to furnish each legislator a printed copy of their evidence without cost to the state was requested by Senator Moore as a "request," when it received twenty-four yeas and no nays.

Senator Shea introduced a bill giving the Douglas county (Third) district electors, and the senatorial electors, the bill providing for thirteen judicial districts.

Senator Dysart offered a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment for an elective railroad commission.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The senate went into committee of the whole for the first time and approved the concurrent resolution fixing next Tuesday as the time for beginning the hearing of the contest. When the contest accepted the report of the committee of the whole most of the senators thought the resolution had been passed, and the contest accepted. It had not, though it will undoubtedly go through on its third reading in the morning.

THE HOUSE.

Another Wrangle Over the Question of Correcting the Journal.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special to THE BEE.]—The speaker appointed the following committee on the application of \$15,000 for an experiment station: Messrs. Severin of Lancaster, Faxon, Rohan, Waldron and Wilson.

On motion of White, the journal of the second day's proceedings of the joint convention were taken up for correction.

While demanding the reading of the journal of the first day's proceedings for correction, the journal showed the hearing of the lieutenant governor presided, to which a majority of the governor protested. White insisted that the journal of the second day should be corrected to agree with the first.

The independent insisted that the lieutenant governor was only a usurper and should not be recognized as having occupied the chair, and demanding a roll call on the approval of the journal. Many members explained their votes.

Gale (ind) said that as this journal purports to be the record of the actual transactions of the house he must vote "no."

Shrader (ind) said he never recognized the lieutenant governor as the presiding officer and he must vote "no."

Cramb (rep) explained his vote by saying that every member of this house recognized McKelvey as the presiding officer and he must vote "no."

Stevens of Fillmore said he regarded McKelvey only as a usurper and he would vote "no."

Gale (ind), Heenan (ind), Henrich (ind) and Lomax (ind) voted against approving the journal and Gillilan (rep) voted with the independents.

The journal was approved by a vote of 51 to 49.

HOUSE ADJOURNED TILL 10 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

A petition was presented by Arnold from the citizens of Gage county asking for an appropriation of \$5,000 to aid in building a bridge across the Big Blue river.

Health presented a petition from fifty or more citizens of Mirabeau precinct, Sheridan county, asking for an appropriation to furnish them seed for the coming year.

Taylor of Johnson introduced a resolution ordering the printing of the journal of each day's proceedings for the use of members. Adopted.

Stensdorf introduced a resolution limiting the newspapers ordered by members at the expense of the state to Nebraska publications. Adopted.

A large number of bills were sent up and read the first time, among them the following:

By Stevens of Fillmore—Making eight hours a legal day's work for servants, mechanics and laborers.

By Smith—Repealing the "innocent purchaser" clause in notes.

By Krisk—To punish lumber and coal dealers for forming a trust to control the market.

By Taylor of Butler—Municipal suffrage for women.

By Moore—To compel railroads to name stations the same as the village or town.

By Moan—Providing that the governor and secretary of state shall be added to the board of transportation and the appointment of secretaries of the board by the governor.

By Bertrand—To require for the drawing of grand juries.

By Heath—To prohibit the issuing of warrant stock by railroad corporations.

By Gunnitt—To prohibit discrimination in life insurance and prohibit rebates.

By Hennick—To appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to defray the expenses for the prosecution and conviction of one Yocum of a state offense.

By Brennan—To protect labor unions and authorize them to adopt labels and trade marks.

By Stebbins—Appropriating \$10,000 to sink an artesian well on the grounds of the Industrial school at Kearney.

By Lomax—To provide for the election of presidential electors by congressional districts.

On motion by Gardner, a bill by Braderson of Polk, restricting the ownership of lands to 20 acres to each person was indefinitely postponed.

McKesson introduced a concurrent resolution condemning the Conger land bill now pending in congress and approving the Padock purchase bill, which was read the first time.

The committee on employes reported fifty new unemployed twenty-one more required. Adopted, and the extra number elected.

The house adjourned to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

SWITZER FORCES THE FIGHT.

He Tries to Make the Independents Recognize Boyd as Governor.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Deposited in the hands of the independent committee, cannot make the opposition here believe that they have not a secret understanding that Mr. Boyd shall not be recognized by the legislature as governor if it can be avoided.

As already explained in THE BEE, the tactics of the independents all tend color to that belief, and Senator Switzer is forcing the issue at every opportunity. He has had several chances in connection with the move-

ment to afford relief to the drought sufferers before passing an appropriation bill, which would have given the governor a slight reprieve, and this morning he made another stand, with partial success.

The clerk of the house brought over a concurrent resolution providing for the appointment of a relief committee, with two members from the house, one from the senate and one from the judiciary. The resolution has been read only once in the house, but the clerk read it to the senate in full.

Subsequently the following was offered: Resolution, That a committee of one be appointed to confer with a committee of one from hereafter appointed relative to relief matters.

The senator from Douglas made a fervid speech, in which he charged that this resolution was part of a scheme of the independents to get relief of the drought sufferers without recognizing James E. Boyd as governor. He said there was only one proper way to get relief from the legislature, and that was by recognizing the governor.

Such a bill has been introduced in the house, and by Tuesday can be made a law. A relief committee will be appointed by the legislature, and the senator said he had doubts about the constitutionality of such an appropriation, but this was an extraordinary emergency, and he would not discuss it for reasons to defeat such a measure. However, the bill may run up against that snag.

What a sorry sight! Great relief committees would be in it if the senate could should declare it unconstitutional after this relief committee had contracted a big debt and disposed of the property in its possession. The legislature read from the following circular letter just being sent out by independent members of the house:

No doubt you have read the reports of such papers as THE OMAHA DAILY BEE, World-Herald, and State Journal during the past few days, and have probably seen the various and disparaging accounts upon the independent members of the legislature. The papers may give the impression that the independent members are not to be read with a great many degrees of allowance, and much of it is wholly untrue.

The fact remains that in all essential and important matters your senators are harmonious and working as a unit, and nothing at present portends any serious divisions in the legislature.

While there is seemingly a victory for the independent members of the legislature in succeeding in having Boyd and the republican state officers declared elected upon the face of the record, it is a victory only in name, and the matter of contest will be thoroughly investigated, and your representatives will most certainly be made acquainted with the facts of the case.

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STATE NEWS.

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The cause of the fire at this writing is unknown, but it is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

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TELLING TALES OF THE WAR.

The Rear Guard of the Nebraska Indian Fighters at Home.

GREETINGS OF THEIR NATIVE TOWNS.

Crowds Meet Them at the Depots and Veterans and Bands of Music Escort Them to Their Armories.

NEBRASKA, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Company H, First regiment, Nebraska national guards, returned this evening from the front, and were met by a large crowd of their friends at the depot. The company marched to the main street, and forming a hollow square, a speech was given by Captain H. W. Short, which was responded to by cheers on all sides.

Troop A Banquetted. MILFORD, Neb., Jan. 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following message was received today by Captain Culver, commanding Tro