

## WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

House Fixes an Hour for Considering the Investigating Committee Reports.

## MANY BILLS REPORTED FOR FINAL ACTION

Governor Cronise Vetoed a Bill to Create a New Judge—May Fix a Time for Ad-journment—Routine Work in the Senate.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 13.—[Special to The Bee.]—There were just sixty-nine members of the house present when the chief clerk called the roll this afternoon. The reading of the journal was dispensed with.

Keeckley called the attention of the house to the fact that the consideration of the reports of the several investigating committees had been set for 2 o'clock this afternoon. There were a number of interested parties absent he said, and he moved that their consideration be made a special order for tomorrow afternoon.

Berry offered an amendment fixing the time at 7:30 tomorrow evening. Keeckley accented the amendment and the house adopted it, despite the opposition of Stevens, who was afraid there would be too much confusion at a night session.

The use of legislative hall was voted to John Currie on Wednesday evening in answer to a request from that gentleman who informed the house that he would like to deliver an address on the labor question.

Reports were then received from the standing committees on the following bills:

House roll No. 55, to assist the State Library and the State Historical society, was recommended as a substitute for house roll No. 156.

House roll No. 532, to amend the insurance laws, was placed on general file.

House roll No. 287, to make policies of life and endowment insurance nonforfeitable, was recommended to pass.

House roll No. 497, providing for a holiday to be known as "Benevolence day," was indefinitely postponed.

House roll No. 504, to amend the oil inspection laws, was indefinitely postponed.

## TO Pay for Investigations.

House roll No. 454, to provide for the investigation of expenses incurred in the accounts of preceding vouchers, expenses and all business connected with the insane hospital of Lincoln Insane asylum at Norfolk, State penitentiary at Lincoln, Reform school at Kearney, Home for the Friendless at Lincoln, Soldiers and Sailors home at Grand Island, and Hospital and Soldiers Institute for the Blind, Nebraska City; Deaf and Dumb institute, Omaha; Institute for the Feeble Minded, Beatrice; State university, Lincoln; Agricultural Experimental station, State Normal school, Peru; State Board of Education; State Board of Educational Lands and Funds; State Board of Public Lands and Buildings; Live Stock Sanitary commissioners, State Board of Purchases and Supplies; State Board of Equalization, State Board of Pharmacy, State Board of Agriculture, State Board of Health, State Bureau, Oil Inspection, State Board of Agriculture, State Horticultural society, and to select a suitable attorney and such clerks to aid him in such work and an appropriation of \$3,000 to defray expenses of said committee, attorney and accountants, was reported for passage.

House roll No. 510, to make an appropriation for the use and benefit of the Nebraska Home for the Aged, was indefinitely postponed.

House roll No. 404, a bill for an act granting a bounty of \$100 to each officer and member who enlisted and served in the First and Second regiments of Nebraska volunteers and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, and in case of death of such persons, to their widows and orphans, and providing for payment of same out of the state treasury, and prohibiting the payment or exaction of attorney's fees for the prosecution of such claims, and providing a punishment for the violation of this act, was indefinitely postponed.

House roll No. 510, to amend the act to incorporate cities of the first class and to provide for the construction of viaducts, was recommended for passage.

Concurrent resolution No. 2, requesting Nebraska's representatives in congress to take a bill for the collection of the Union Pacific indebtedness to the United States, was placed on general file.

House roll No. 511, to prescribe the qualification of justices of the peace in all cities having more than 8,000 population, was indefinitely postponed.

## Retained the Veto Power.

The committee on constitutional amendments presented two reports of the bill to retain that section of the Nebraska constitution conferring the veto power on the governor. The majority report recommended the passage of the bill and was signed by Nelson, Gerdes, Soderman, Schell, Fulton, Stevens and Olson. The minority report recommended that the bill be indefinitely postponed. The minority report cited the fact that "retention of the veto power" of the governor would take away one of the greatest safeguards against unwise and hasty legislation.

McKenna moved that the minority report be accepted. Sheridan moved as a substitute the adoption of the majority report. Sheridan's motion was lost, and upon the adoption of the minority report the year and nays were demanded. The minority report was adopted by a vote of 47 to 36.

At the vote, the unanimous decision of the governor's private secretary arrived with a message. It was left on the clerk's desk without action until the completion of the regular order.

## Sustained the Veto.

When the veto had been read by the speaker came upon the passage of the bill over the governor's veto. The question was lost by a vote of 43 and 34. The veto message was as follows:

I herewith return without my approval hereto No. 172, a bill for an act to amend section 22 of the constitution of the state of Nebraska by providing for an additional judge in the Twelfth judicial district.

In my judgment the additional judge for which this bill seeks to provide is unnecessary. Already a number of judges has far outrun the time when the constitution was adopted, nine years prior to 1876, when the constitution went into effect, and until our population exceeded 2,000,000 we had no additional judges appointed by the people. The districts were large and the means of getting about difficult, so that it was necessary to multiply the number of judges, which has since increased.

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Sixty-two of the twenty workers employed in Lasch Bros.' candy manufacture struck this morning for higher wages. The men had been working there for years, and took advantage of the recent ticket as a dark horse. R. E. Morris having declined and L. M. Raymond being an impossibility because of the multiplicity of candidates from his ward for other offices.

The women are up in arms at the action of the various non-unionists of the other evening in refusing to accept the ticket of one of their candidates, and have called a mass meeting for tomorrow afternoon to take up retaliatory action, probably to put up a ticket of their own.

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G. L. Morrison and M. G. Edwards, two young men, escaped from the Princeton Mo. jail, were shot and killed by a sheriff's posse from Missouri at Davies, Ia.

W. H. Taylor, a negro barber of St. Louis, Mo., and killer of Mrs. Valda Taylor, a Chicago, Illinois, woman, because of her intimacy with Taylor's wife, Taylor is in jail now.

Bethel Marks, aged 13 years, committed suicide last night, by taking poison. She had stopped some money in her purse and spent it for which her parents threatened to send her to the reform school.

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