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IT LIVED IN VAIN

Late Nebraska Legislature Wasted Its Most Precious Opportunities.

ENERGY MISDIRECTED BY LOBBYISTS

Unscrupulous Leaders Controlled and Manipulated the Body to Private Ends.

PUBLIC INTERESTS OFTEN IGNORED

Business of the People Neglected for that of Scheming Individuals.

ITS GOOD WORK SUMMED UP

Meritorious Measures that Became Law Are Easily Enumerated, but the Other List Cannot Be Told in a Single Story.

LINCOLN, April 6.—(Special.)—The Twenty-fourth session of the Nebraska legislature today slowly and painfully died an ignominious death. Never in the history of Nebraska was a session inaugurated with so much promise to the republicans party, and never did a session end so ignominiously. The record of the session is one hardly creditable to the party in the ascendancy, and if it could be expunged from the annals of the state republicanism in Nebraska would have less to explain away in the future, less to apologize for, less to defend, less to blush for.

In a brief review of the work of this most discreditable of all recent sessions it must be said at the outset that the house has left behind it a cleaner record than the senate. Upon the whole, the republican majority in the house has been more independent of the corrupting influence of the lobby, more earnest in its efforts to accomplish legislation favorable to the interests of the people, and prompt in its efforts to accomplish the public business. It has been only within the past few days that the house has shown unmistakable symptoms of venality and jobbery.

On the other hand, the conduct of the senate has been of a diametrically opposite character. From the very beginning, convened on New Year's day, down to the moment of the final adjournment, the upper branch of the legislature was under the domination of the most unscrupulous combination that has ever misshaped legislation in Nebraska. The republican majority in the senate made but little pretense of considering bills on their merit. Private interests abounded public interests from the very start, and it was rarely that the public interest got the advantage.

ITS LENGTH AND BREADTH

The house was in session seventy-one days and the senate sixty-nine. By remaining in session sixty-one days the senate beat the record. In 1883 the senate remained in session sixty-eight days, and adjourned April 8. In 1891 the senate held but sixty-four days, and adjourned on April 8. In 1889 the senate lasted sixty-seven days, but adjourned as early as March 30.

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Judging from quantity of the legislation enacted, the present session has equalled, if it has not exceeded, the record of previous sessions. When the legislature adjourned sine die today fifty-seven senate files had passed both houses and were officially presented to the governor, while—house rolls had gone through the same process. The session of two years ago was more modest, for the records in the governor's office noting the receipt of twenty-six senate files and forty-four house rolls. In 1891 there were twenty-three senate files and fifty-four house rolls, and in 1889 forty-eight senate files and seventy house rolls.

In the line of importance to the people of Nebraska the proposed constitutional amendments recommended by the session which closed today will easily rank first. Twelve of these constitutional amendments will be submitted to the electors of Nebraska for their approval or rejection at the general election in 1896.

ENCOURAGING NEBRASKA INDUSTRIES

One of the most notable pieces of legislation enacted by the session just ended was the bill providing for the payment of a bounty to the manufacturers of sugar and chicory. The bill as it stands on the statute books will entitle the manufacturer of 1 cent per pound to the manufacturer of beet sugar and chicory, providing that the farmer receives \$5 per ton for sugar beets at the factory and \$10.50 per ton for chicory beets. Governor Holcomb, following the principles of the party to which he belongs, vetoed the bill, but the house promptly passed it over his veto. There is every reason to believe that the bounty will give a decided impetus to the sugar industry of Nebraska. The chicory industry, hitherto comparatively unknown to the state, but which has been brought into prominence by the debate on the bill, is almost certain to become one of the great industries of the state.

Next to the sugar bill the two irrigation bills prepared by Senator Akers of Sedgewick and introduced by him in the senate, and by Myers of Brown and Schickelzanz of Howard. The laws are very elaborate and were drawn by Senator Akers, who is an irrigation farmer in the state, and his experience, after several months' careful study of the irrigation laws of every state in the union. He claims for them that they embody the best features of the irrigation laws of California, Colorado and Wyoming. One of the bills, in a nutshell, provides for state appropriation and control of the water in all the running streams of the state, and the other for the organization of irrigation districts. The latter bill enables farmers in the irrigable portions of the state to form companies for the construction of irrigation systems, and authorizes them to issue bonds for such purposes. While it seems to be conceded that the new laws are evidenced by the fact that already more than thirty irrigation districts have been organized to operate under the law. The several relief bills enacted into laws

FROM MURKY DEPTHS

Abhorrent Rumors Rise to the Surface to Starle London People.

DISCLOSURES OF THE WILDE CASE

Depavity of a Clique of Artists, Actors and Writers Made Manifest.

OSCAR MAY BE SENT UP FOR LIFE

Demand of the Public for an Exemplary Sentence is Energetic.

SAD SIDE OF THE DISGUSTING AFFAIR

Life of the Practically Convicted Beast Unable to Secure a Divorce from Him Because of His Being Sent to Prison.

(Copyrighted, 1895, by Press Publishing Company.) LONDON, April 6.—(New York World Callgram.—Special Telegram.)—Oscar Wilde's real or assumed indifference during the frightful revelations of today was, if assumed, an excellent piece of acting, if real, it seems absolutely certain that he will be convicted and the minimum penalty is ten years' imprisonment, with a maximum of penal servitude for life. Public opinion will certainly demand an exemplary sentence, for, as I called you some weeks ago, it is well known throughout society that quite a large section of certain literary, artistic and theatrical circles in London are equally guilty with Wilde. Public sentiment is aroused against this group to such a degree that other prosecutions may follow. The Chamberlain magazine, so often referred to, was horribly open in its practical defense of the crime.

Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Wilde, who is a very estimable lady, and for his two beautiful children. It is a curious feature of the English law that even if the husband is convicted and sent to penal servitude Mrs. Wilde cannot get a divorce on other ground.

DENIED BY DOUGLAS

Lord Archibald Douglas, speaking it is understood, for his sister-in-law, the divorced wife of the marquis of Queensberry and mother of Lord Douglas of Hawick, and Lord Alfred Douglas, and also for his sister, Lady Florence Dixie, vigorously denied to the statement of Lord Douglas that all the family repudiated the action of the marquis. Lord Archibald is a Catholic priest, perhaps, absent in Florence just now. There are curious stories afloat explaining the action of Lord Douglas in supporting his younger brother. The revelations this week also reveal certain whispered conjectures at the time of the death of Lord Drumlanrig, of which I called you a full account last September. It is now recalled that while the charge from Lord Drumlanrig's gun entered his mouth and blew the back of his head off his teeth were uninjured, while the charge from the revolver which he had in his hand struck his forehead and killed him. The revolver was fired from the testimony in the present trial it appears that his death corresponds with the period when his father first entered upon the pursuit of Oscar Wilde, and when it must have been known to Drumlanrig that a family scandal would shortly be exposed. He was about to be married and occupied an enviable position in political life.

ALL ARE IRISHMEN

It is a coincidence that Oscar Wilde, Mr. Carson and Mr. Gill, the leading counsel against him, as well as Judge Collins, who tried the case, are all Irishmen and all graduates of Trinity college.

Alfred Woods, who testified today as a common young chameleon, Wood, who was mixed up in the Belle Bilton case, or, in no way concerned in the present trial.

Luther Lincoln of New York still has hopes of inducing George Du Maurier to return with him by the majestic next Wednesday. His offer on behalf of the New York syndicate is so large that it is thought that Du Maurier may reconsider his previous refusal.

DUBLIN, April 6.—(New York World Callgram.—Special Telegram.)—Carson, who is Balfour's right hand man throughout his coercive regime in Ireland, was a contemporary of Wilde at the University, but whereas Oscar had a most distinguished career Carson did not gain a single prize.

WILDE ARRANGED IN POLICE COURT

Testimony Introduced Which Took Away the Breath of His Counsel.

LONDON, April 6.—Crowds of people besieged the vicinity of Bow Street early this morning and the police court was filled with interested spectators as soon as the doors were opened. Among those who succeeded in pressing through the crowd was one good-looking, middle-aged woman. All were anxious to see Oscar Wilde, whose arrest yesterday, following close upon the sensational termination of his suit for libel against the marquis of Queensberry, is discussed on all sides.

Mr. C. F. Gill, who was Mr. Edward Carson's junior counsel in the defense of the marquis of Queensberry, acted as prosecutor today for the Treasury department. Sir John Bridge, the presiding magistrate, took his seat on the bench at 11 o'clock. The doors leading to the cells were then opened and Wilde was seen approaching, carrying a sisk hat in his hand. When he reached the center of the prisoners' dock he deposited his hat on the seat, bowed to Sir John Bridge, folded his arms and leaned on the rail of the dock in the same insolent manner which he displayed while on the witness stand at the Old Bailey.

TERRIBLE CHARGES MADE

Mr. Gill said he appeared to prosecute the prisoner on a series of charges in inciting boys to terrible crimes and of actually committing acts of gross indecency. The prosecution then related how in 1893, when Wilde was staying at the Savoy hotel, Alfred Taylor (who was arrested today) acted as procurer for Wilde, who repeatedly visited Taylor's house. Continuing Mr. Gill said that the prosecution proposed to show how Taylor approached a young man named Parker, who was a valet out of a position, and his brother, a groom. Taylor, it was stated, had told them how money could be made by going with gentlemen and said that Wilde was a man who gave much money to youths and men. They finally consented and it was arranged that they should be introduced to Wilde at a dinner which he would give in a private room at Kitter's restaurant. After this dinner Wilde announced to Taylor, who was also present, that Charles Parker was

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At the dinner which their majesties gave at the castle on Monday last in honor of the birthday of Prince Bismarck, Prince Hohenlohe sat at the right hand of the emperor, who conversed cordially with him.

Many of the newspapers comment on the emperor's invitation to the president and members of the Reichstag to attend the banquet, and make malicious remarks about these officers. President Baron von Bunsen-Berger and Herr Spahn, the second vice president (Herr Schmidt, the first vice president, declined the invitation), who were elected by the recalcitrant majority, being obliged to "eat the leek." The emperor, however, received them graciously, though one remark of his majesty's was rather significant. He said: "I hope the Reichstag, under your presidency, will dispatch Bismarck more expeditiously than hitherto. There are a number of measures before you requiring passage, and among them is the Umsturz (anti-revolution bill)."

It was noticed on Prince Bismarck's birthday that Berlin displayed more flags and decorations than upon the occasion of the birthday of Emperor William. Nearly every American house in town flew the stars and stripes. The royalist district was almost bare of decorations. An especially pleasant side of the celebrations has been the institution of a number of benevolent Bismarck funds, several of them being started by large employers of labor for the benefit of their workmen. For instance, a wealthy manufacturer of Bonn started one, with 50,000 marks as his subscription.

QUEER PARLIAMENTARY TANGLE

How the Reichstag after Easter will manage to cohere sufficiently to discharge public business is a much discussed question. Such a queer situation is unparalleled in German parliamentary history. The conservatives are the centrist support the government on the anti-revolution bill, but are opposing it on other measures of importance, notably the proposed agrarian legislation. Then, again, while the radicals and socialists are with the government in opposing Count von Kautz's monopoly bill, they are against the anti-revolution bill. They also intend to oppose the emperor's request for a supplementary grant of 1,200,000 marks to defray expenses for the dedication ceremonies for the Baltic and North sea canal in June next. In commercial and financial circles the chief interest has been directed to the extraordinary assembly of the German commercial congress held on Tuesday. A speaker contended that the existing depression in husbandry must be ascribed to the reaction which naturally followed the exceptional rise in the value of agricultural property. It will also be maintained that commerce and industry had as much right as husbandry to speak on the question of currency, and an anti-bimetallite resolution was adopted. The bimetallicists in the meanwhile were not idle, and Count Burchard, supported by forty-three of his colleagues, introduced a motion in the upper house of the Prussian Diet urging the government to require the chancellor to lose no time in taking steps calculated to lead to an international regulation of the currency question, with the final object of securing international bimetallicism. The motion was referred to a committee.

BEGAN THE WORK EARLY

The arrest of a youth at Altona on April 2, as he was about to join the army, charged with being the author of the series of anonymous and compromising letters addressed to various members of the imperial family of Edward, Duke of Saxe-Coburg, secretary. Mr. Ehrler will probably prevent him taking part in the duties of his new office for a week or so. Until the minister recovers from his indisposition the location remains in charge of Edward, Duke of Saxe-Coburg, secretary. Mr. Ehrler will probably prevent him taking part in the duties of his new office for a week or so. Until the minister recovers from his indisposition the location remains in charge of Edward, Duke of Saxe-Coburg, secretary.

APPEALS FOR CATHOLIC UNITY

ROME, April 6.—The pope, in his Easter address, just issued, has made another appeal to the prelates and members of the Church of England. In this appeal he takes a still more decided stand in favor of Catholic unity.

SPAIN DISQUITED OVER CUBA

MADRID, April 6.—The news that bands of insurgents have appeared in the center of the island of Cuba is disquieting, as it was thought that the rebellion war was confined to the eastern coast.

THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska—Showers; Warmer; Variable Winds.

REVIEW OF THE LEGISLATURE'S WORK

White Scandal Startles London. Nebraska Stants the Strain. Lincoln Man Shoots His Wife. Blue and Gray Shake Hands at Shiloh. Arkansas Corruptionists Surprised. Reunions of International Arbitration. Minister to Samoa is Caustic. National Church in Paris. Editor of the Income Tax Decision. Last Week in Local Society. Preparing for the Thomas Concert. London Theaters and Social Gossip. Alleged Church in Paris Discharged. Council Bluffs Local Matters. Ad Bank Robber on Trial. Jenkins Blames the City. Talk of the Tennis Clubs. Secret Society News.

OMAHA ON WHEELS THIS SEASON

Weekly Grist of Sporting Gossip. Football and Comment. Training the Youngsters for a Lake. Emperors' Recollections of a Diplomat. Reopening Public School Buildings. Scott's Latest on the Grand Jury. Condition of Omaha's Jobbing Trade. Commercial and Financial News. Features of the Live Stock Markets. Predicament of a Peart Officer.

AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN CHINA

Kid McCoy's Exploit Near Dunslop. Discipino in the Standard Army. 18. Woman: Her Ways and Her World. 20. "The Men of the Moss-Hang"—I.

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OLD-FASHIONED SEED TIME SOAKING

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