

TWO REPORTS ON THE BILL

Military Affairs Committee of the Senate Divides on the Fort Omaha Matter.

MAJORITY FAVORS GIVING IT TO NEBRASKA

Walthall, Bate and Cockrell Keep Up a Tentative Opposition to Granting the Reservation to the State.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The bill introduced in the house by Congressman Mercer to turn over the Fort Omaha reservation with its grounds, buildings, etc., to the state of Nebraska...

The senate committee on military affairs earlier in the session decided to report adversely on the bill. At a meeting this morning, however, the committee voted to reconsider its former action and then ordered a favorable report.

Senator Proctor amended the bill somewhat, so as to provide for the leasing of the old fort to the state at a nominal rent. In offering this amendment Senator Proctor stated that it would in no wise affect the purpose of the state of Nebraska, as the rental could be fixed at \$1 per annum.

Senators Walthall, Bate and Cockrell are still opposed to the bill, Walthall giving notice that he would bring in a minority report. Senator Thurston and Senator Warren are working earnestly, with the three senators named, in an effort to prevent a minority report, and are meeting with some success. They do not fear a minority report, but wish to avoid the delay which such a report will occasion.

The majority report, which will favor the passage of the bill, will be of such a character as to meet the objections raised by Senator Walthall, Senator Thurston, although not a member of the committee on military affairs, has been requested to prepare the report, and he will do so at once.

Senator Warren, who is working hard for the success of the bill, says this afternoon that he is confident that there are votes enough to pass it. While Senator Walthall gave notice of a minority report, it is confidently thought that he will not do so, as the matter as reported is to be very conservative in character, reciting conditions which would obtain in Omaha in contrast with the days of 1888 when Fort Crook was created, thereby allowing the senator from Mississippi a loophole in which to defend his action.

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There is absolutely nothing new as to the Omaha exposition situation. The speaker has not as yet indicated the time when he will present the bill to pass before the close of the session.

PRIVATE PENSION BILLS.

The senate today passed bills pensioning Mrs. Mary F. Hawley of Omaha at \$30, and Hiram H. Palmer at \$20 per annum. The bill today to pension Mary L. Arnold of Unadilla, Neb., carrying \$25. Senator Allen secured the passage of a bill for the pension of John Brelling of Fremont, carrying \$750 as a war claim for handling army supplies in 1862. Senator Allen also moved an amendment in the general appropriation bill to pay T. C. Clarke \$500 for the use of the Bellevue rifle range.

Secretary Smith today rendered a decision in the following South Dakota land cases: S. Lizzie Guernsey against United States, Pierre district, decision affirmed; commissioner ordered to accept affidavits in proof. Absalom Anderson against Charles N. Taylor, Mitchell district, decision affirmed. Anderson's contest dismissed. Miner Hawdon against John Hill, Aberdeen district, decision affirmed. Hill's entry null and void for cancellation. William J. Fiegel against Allister E. Barker, Aberdeen district, decision affirmed. Barker's entry null and void. William P. Combsly against G. Williams, Huron district, plaintiff's motion for review and hearing denied. William J. Hill against John Hill, Aberdeen district, decision affirmed. Plaintiff's contest is stand.

FOR FREE HOMES IN OKLAHOMA.

Leave for one month additional is granted Captain Charles E. Norstrom, Tenth cavalry; leave for three months to Major Harry G. Perley, surgeon; leave for two months to Second Lieutenant Meriwether L. Walker, Corps of Engineers; leave for four months to Captain Frederick Fogar, Fourth artillery.

FIFTY-EIGHT MORE PENSION BILLS.

House Rushes Through Another Batch at Rate of One Every Five Minutes.

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HARVEYZIZED PLATE IS TESTED.

Armor for a Russian Vessel Given a Trial at Indian Head.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—An eight-inch Harveyzized nickel steel armored plate was tested at the Indian Head proving grounds. The plate represents a lot of 600 tons of armor constructed by the Carnegies for the Russian government and the test was entirely satisfactory. The armor is intended for the first class vessel Russia, built at St. Petersburg, and successfully launched yesterday. The dimensions for the plate were 75x12 feet and nine shots in all were fired at it, the points of impact being not less than three feet from each other and at least two feet from the edge. Six shots were fired from a six-inch gun at a striking velocity ranging from 1,825 to 2,100 feet per second. The plate was struck with a velocity of 1,950 feet, Halser and Carpenter projectiles being used. None of the projectiles struck through the plate and so far as could be ascertained the greatest penetration was about five inches. Every shot embedded itself, while the butts were more or less exposed. The plate developed no material cracks and on the showing made the whole lot will be accepted by the Russian government.

DEALS WITH ROCKY SUBJECTS.

Last Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The fifteenth annual report of the United States geological survey has been issued. It is a large volume profusely illustrated and embodies a number of special features. Among them are: "Preliminary Report on the Geology of the Common Roads of the United States," by Prof. N. S. Shaler of Harvard; "The Potomac Formation," by Prof. L. F. Ward of Washington; "Sketch of the Geology of the San Francisco Peninsula," by William Lawson; "Preliminary Report on the Marquette Iron Bearing District of Michigan," by Prof. R. Van Dine; "W. S. Bayley and H. L. Smyth," "The Origin and Relation of Central Maryland Granites," by G. R. Keyes, with an "Introduction on the General Relations of the Origin and Relation of the Middle Atlantic Piedmont Plateau," by the late Prof. G. H. Williams.

This is the last report made by Major General Powell of the geology of the survey, who until recently has had charge of the work, under different organizations, for twenty-five years, but is now the sole head of the bureau of geology.

FAVORS INTERNATIONAL COINS.

House Committee Authorizes the President to Call a Conference.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The house committee on coinage today decided by a unanimous vote to authorize a favorable report on a resolution introduced by Representative C. W. Stone of Pennsylvania, authorizing preliminary proceedings looking to the adoption of international coins. The resolution provides that the president be authorized and requested to invite an expression of opinion from the other principal commercial nations of the world as to the desirability of the adoption of international coins, to current in all the countries adopting them at a uniform value and be especially adapted for invoice purposes. If the expressions from the other nations are such as in the judgment of the president to render a conference desirable he is authorized to invite it at a date and place to be designated by him, to consider and report for the plan of the adoption of such coins in gold, silver, or both. The president is authorized to appoint three commissioners, subject to confirmation by the senate.

WILL KILL TWICE AS MANY SEALS.

Secretary Cretzschmar Gives the Commission Charge Over More Latitude.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The secretary of the treasury has instructed Mr. J. B. Crowley, agent for the Seal Islands, that he may permit the North American Commercial company to take male seal skins during the coming season to the number of 30,000, if in his judgment this number may be taken and still leave a sufficient number to fertilize the females which may come to the rookeries. Last year the company was allowed to take only 15,000 skins, but the secretary has come to the conclusion that as the seals after leaving the rookeries are slaughtered in great numbers by poachers and hunters outside the sixty-mile zone the government might as well realize the profit on skins as private parties, especially foreign ones, and hence he has doubled the number. Such may be the case, Mr. Crowley will leave for the Seal Islands as soon as these instructions reach him at San Francisco.

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Agrees to the House Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The senate committee on Indian affairs today considered the house bill providing for free homesteads on public lands in Oklahoma for actual settlers, and after amending it so as to make it apply to all the states and territories, agreed to report it with a favorable recommendation. As amended, the bill applies the homestead laws in all the public land states, and is of very general importance. The bill also carries a provision suspending the land laws in the territory hitherto known as Greer county, Texas. The committee also agreed to a favorable report on the senate bill defining the rights of mixed blood Indians. The bill declares all persons who have Indian blood and who have maintained tribal relations with any tribe of Indians to be Indians and entitled to all the rights and privileges of full blood Indians.

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GIBSON DENOUNCES A. P. A.

Maryland Senator Raises His Voice Against the Immigration Bill.

COMPARES THE ORDER TO THE ANARCHISTS

Declares There is No Branch of Honest Politics Which a Secret Outlaw Organization Can Serve.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The Dupont case, involving the right of Henry A. Dupont to a seat in the senate from the state of Delaware, was taken up in the senate today, with a view to concluding the debate and taking a final vote at 5 p. m. tomorrow. A brief colloquy between Mr. Gorman and Mr. Mitchell developed that a difference of opinion existed as to the character of the vote tomorrow. When Mr. Gorman spoke of the unanimous agreement to vote tomorrow, Mr. Mitchell admitted the correctness of the statement, but added significantly that the character of the vote will be determined when the vote was reached, which was open to the meaning that the case would be postponed until next session. Mr. Platt, republican of Connecticut, spoke in support of Mr. Dupont's claim. Two speeches against the bill proposing additional restrictions on immigration, by Mr. Gibson, democrat of Maryland, and Mr. Nelson, republican of Minnesota, were made early in the day. Mr. Gibson severely arraigned the A. P. A., declaring that it inspired this bill, and that the organization was seeking to invade politics. Mr. Nelson said that the A. P. A. had had no part in inspiring the bill. Mr. Carey, democrat of Louisiana, spoke briefly on the need of action to offset the proposed legislation by the German Reichstag on similar matters.

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OREGON BEATS WORLD'S RECORDS.

Average Speed of Over Sixteen and Three-Quarter Knots an Hour.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., May 14.—In her official trial run today the battleship Oregon covered sixty-two knots in the official government course, in three hours, forty minutes and forty-eight seconds, making the magnificent average speed for 796 time over the course of 16.78 knots, or 19.46 miles an hour. This speed places her in the very front rank of ships of her class in the navies of the world, beating the Massachusetts, which had a record of 16.15 knots, and the Indiana, with a record of 15.91 knots. By her great performance today the Oregon has earned for her builders, the Union Iron works, a premium of \$175,000. The first ship started over the line at 8:11 a. m., and reached Point Concepcion at 10:45 a. m., making an average speed of 17.99 knots. Fifteen minutes and fourteen seconds were consumed in turning and making a 180 degree bend, and in making the return run. She crossed the finish line at 11:54. The average run both ways was 16.78 knots, with a maximum for six miles of 19.46 knots. The Oregon left immediately for the return run. The engines making 128 to 130 revolutions with much less than the allowed air pressure. After the trial the Oregon, through maneuvers for three hours, all of which time she behaved beautifully. Soon after her return to San Francisco, when completed, she will be presented with a \$10,000 silver dinner set by the state of Oregon in honor and appreciation of her performance today. She will immediately start for San Francisco after sending telegrams ashore.

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ORGANIZING THE RETAIL GROCERS.

Propose to Remedy Some of the Evils Which Beset the Trade.

William Fleming called to order a meeting of the retail grocers of the Commercial club rooms last evening, there being forty to fifty gentlemen present. Eric Johnson acted as secretary. Mr. Fleming stated the object of the meeting was to form a grocers' association and called upon C. R. Courtney, chairman of the committee on organization, for a report.

The gentlemen responded by reading articles which were taken up and adopted one by one. In the preamble it was stated the retail grocery business of Omaha has been in an unsatisfactory condition, owing to various causes. The trade has been encroached upon by the jobbers and commission men, who have been selling their goods at less retailing. The facilities afforded peddlers is another subject of complaint and owing to the lack of an understanding between the grocers and jobbers, the trade is flourishing by changing from one grocer to another.

The articles of organization as adopted provide for the election of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, with duties as are customary in similar associations, and for a board of thirteen directors. The organization will be known as the Omaha Retail Grocers' association. The dues will be \$1 per month, payable in advance, and regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. The election of officers being taken up, C. R. Courtney was elected president and secretary to the club by Mr. Fleming. The election of other officers followed rapidly, H. J. Hughes being chosen vice president, Eric Johnson secretary and O. J. Wolff treasurer. The following were chosen as directors: President, by virtue of his office, being the thirteenth member: William Fleming, A. Peterson, A. Gladstone, W. J. Hunter, Fred Branning, William Gendron, J. M. Johnson, B. D. Evans, Charles Hanley, R. A. Lendhart, F. A. Jones and George Munro.

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