

SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE

Transactions of a Day by the Assembled Solons at Pierre.

FELLOW SERVANT BILL KILLED IN SENATE

Hot Debate in the House Over a Resolution Declaring the Members Opposed to Extravagant Appropriations.

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The first two hours of the senate session today were taken up with a fight over the committee report on the fellow servant bill...

By Ways and Means Committee—General revenue bill; special bill for levy on collection of taxes; joint resolution for amendment to the constitution...

By Pease—To appropriate \$48,700 for reform school buildings; to amend the law relating to the election of judges...

By Schamber—Petition to ask for the attachment of McPherson county to the Brown county circuit.

The committee to select public lands under the resolution of King was named—Johnson, Toy, Snow, Overst, Jackson, King, Tyler, Gundersen, Vance.

Senate will providing for township fire guards and fire marshals was passed...

In the house the committee reported favorably on the bill providing that the penitentiary shall furnish stone and labor for the erection of a children's home at Sioux Falls.

The house bill for the creation of the Ninth judicial circuit, composed of the counties of Hand, Beadle, Spink and Kingsbury, was lost for lack of a two-thirds vote...

Mr. Purdin introduced a resolution declaring the members opposed to granting any land appropriation to new institutions which would call for further appropriations in the future...

Mr. Wilmarth asked for the appointment of a committee to investigate the bills for printing reports and journals...

Providing for incorporation of cities and counties by ordinance was passed...

By Mackay—Mode of making levy and collection of taxes.

By Thayer—Requiring lessees of lands in organized townships to be classed with the town clerk.

By Glass—Appropriating for the expenses of E. E. Henneman as public examiner.

By Wilmarth—General revenue bill. Bills passed were:

To provide for care of abandoned children relative to drawing justly in counties organized into townships...

A bill introduced today, which will create a great deal of discussion and attract the attention of members before it is disposed of...

It requires all state funds to be deposited in banks, preferably banks of the state...

A bill has been introduced to prevent appeals to the supreme court in cases where the amount sued for does not exceed the sum of \$15.

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BITTER COLD IN BLACK HILLS.

Thermometer Registers 31 Below Zero, but Bitter in Less Severe.

ARMOUR, S. D., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)

The thermometer in Deadwood registers 31 below zero. The blizzard of last week has partly abated, however, and traffic on the railroad is being resumed.

The low temperature extends over the entire hills.

Scarlet fever and diphtheria have been more or less prevalent here for some time. Two little children of James Hasket died suddenly of the former disease and the wife of a teacher of the latter.

The books of the agent of the Milwaukee company show that in 1888 there were shipped out of Armour 692 cars of grain, 194 cars of cattle and 282 cars of hogs, making a total of 1,066 cars.

Christensen Strays from Path. A Sioux man named Christensen, who was reported to have mysteriously disappeared while going overland from Miller, S. D., to the vicinity of Gann Valley, Buffalo county, to attend the funeral of his brother who was slain by a party of soldiers, is alive and well.

He had reached Huron, where he was informed that he was on the wrong road and instead of ascertaining the correct route to Buffalo county at once he returned to his home and wrote friends to be sure of his way.

He has finally reached Buffalo county and, having been appointed administrator of his brother's estate, is settling it up.

Cattle in Need of Water. BELLE FOURCHE, S. D., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Discouraging reports are coming in from the cattle ranges because of a lack of water for stock.

There has been more than three inches of snow on the ground and all the water holes, which have rarely before been dry, are now empty.

In several localities cattle are actually starving for want of water. On the Butte range wolves have become very bold and numerous bodies of cattle which they have killed lie about promiscuously.

These conditions, taken in connection with the present drought, make the outlook rather serious for the ranchers.

South Dakota Laws Completed. DEADWOOD, S. D., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The publication of the Compiled Laws of South Dakota, upon which E. L. Grantham has been working for the last two years, will be completed in Chicago in a few days.

The work embraces the Compiled Laws of 1887 with about 1,400 new laws and amendments of 1888, 1889, 1893, 1895 and 1897.

When a section has been changed or repealed it is omitted and the new law inserted in its place with a note indicating when changed.

South Dakota Editors. PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The Editorial Association of the morning session with a literary program and this afternoon discussed a bill to regulate rates on publication of certificates of nominating conventions, making a flat rate for publishing general election certificates and \$7.50 for judicial elections.

This evening the delegates are being entertained with a ball and spread at the Locke hotel. They leave for home in the morning.

Snow at Huron. HURON, S. D., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Three inches of snow fell here Tuesday night, being the heaviest snow since October. The winter has been marked for the absence of snow and unusually warm temperature.

The last week was the coldest of the winter, the mercury ranging from 4 to 10 below zero. The snow has been running on the open prairies, picking its own living and is fat and smooth. It will come out in the spring in excellent condition.

CONSOLIDATIONS THE ORDER. All Branches of the Iron and Steel Industry Afflicted with the Fever.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Iron Age in its weekly review says: Reports relative to pools and consolidations continue to be numerous. The feeling is gaining ground that the American Tin Plate company is on the eve of consummating the control of the tin bar supply through the purchase of the plants of the Shenango Valley Steel company, the Ohio Steel company, the Buhl Steel company, King, Gilbert & Warner and the Wheeling Steel and Iron company.

having also made long time contracts with two other plants making tin plate bars in the Pittsburg and Wheeling districts.

The sheet mills are working on a consolidation similar in its lines to that of the tin plate company. The leading mills have done very well financially in recent years.

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HOG FANCIERS IN SESSION

National Association Holds Annual Meeting in Maryville, Mo.

NEBRASKAN READS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Association Has Membership of Nearly Five Hundred, Embracing Seventeen States—Banquet Concludes the Session.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Standard Poland China Record association, which has been holding its annual meeting here two days, adjourned today.

A banquet was given last night at the Hotel Ream by the Nodaway county members of the association. Judge Ira K. Alderman of Maryville, who was the first secretary of the association when it was organized in 1883, acted as toastmaster.

Judge E. A. Vinsenthal of Maryville delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by President Samuel McKelvie of Fairfield, Mo.

The annual meeting and election of officers took place at the Nodaway county court house this afternoon. The report of the secretary showed that the association now has a membership of 475.

Members of the association were: H. H. Wing, chairman; J. D. Brown, secretary; J. H. Wing, treasurer; J. H. Wing, secretary; J. H. Wing, secretary.

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THANKS FOR A CANAL PROMOTOR.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 2.—The house of the Texas legislature today adopted a resolution thanking Senator John T. Morgan of Alabama for his untiring efforts in promoting the Nicaragua canal industry and setting forth that by such efforts he had enhanced the interests of the south an hundred fold.

FIVE FIREMEN ARE INJURED

None of Them Likely to Die—Woman Run Over by a Railway Fire Truck.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 2.—A few engines were still pumping water this morning on the ruins of last night's conflagration, and although everything seems settled with respect to the fire, the firemen were still busy with the work of the fire.

The number of injured has diminished since first reports, especially the number seriously hurt. All the missing persons have been accounted for.

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OBSTACLE TO LAYING CABLE

English Companies Hold Exclusive Rights on Asiatic Coast.

HEAVY COMPENSATION MUST BE PAID

Twenty Million Dollars Thought to Be Inadequate to Cover Cost of Construction—Notable Arrivals from Manila Land.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The steamer Copitic arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama, via Honolulu, today, bringing a large number of the army and navy officers from the Philippines.

Among the passengers were John A. Strymer, president of the Pacific Cable company. In an interview he expressed himself as being encouraged to hope that the cable would be maintained and operated by the United States government.

Mr. Strymer was of the opinion that no American cable can land in the Philippines or on the Asiatic coast without the consent of English companies, which have controlling contracts with the different governments, some of which run until 1940.

These are vested rights, Mr. Strymer thought, and the United States government cannot abrogate the contracts without paying heavy compensation therefor, and that the only way for the American cable to gain access to Asiatic territory would be through the liberal backing of the United States government.

Mr. Strymer said that the United States government should have exclusive control and be entirely independent of foreign companies. The Japanese government, Mr. Strymer says, is willing to go into the proposition under certain conditions.

Regarding the cost of such a cable, Mr. Strymer said that \$20,000,000 would cover the cost for the reason that a duplicate cable must be laid; that should one cable be laid it would surely go wrong at some period and the duplicate cable would then come in for use.

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