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ONLY A FEW DAYS OF THE SESSION LEFT

House Has Eleven Working Days and the Senate Ten in Which to Complete Its Task at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, March 11.—(Special)—If the legislature adjourns at the end of the sixty days' session very hard work will have to be done, as the house will have only eleven days more and the senate ten. While the committees of both houses have been very busy all through the session and both branches have spent much time in committee of the whole the general files are loaded down with bills, with no hope that all of them can be reached. This fact will bring to the front early in the week the usual propositions for the appointment of a sitting committee, and the usual objections from members whose pet bills are setting near the head of the general files.

The fifty-third day of the session was reached Thursday, when the adjournment till Tuesday was taken. During that time 212 bills were introduced in the senate and fifty-nine were introduced in the house. The bills introduced in the senate were referred to the committee of the whole and the usual objections from members whose pet bills are setting near the head of the general files.

Of the 212 bills introduced by members of the senate, ninety-eight have passed that body, seventy-eight are still on general file, ninety-seven have not been reported upon by the committee to whom they were referred and fifty-nine are being engrossed for third reading and passage.

The fifty-nine house bills that reached the senate have passed as follows: Passed, 11; indefinitely postponed, 10; on general file, 24; still in committee's hands, 14. Altogether the senate has passed 109 bills, killed eighty-five and have 102 on general file yet to be considered in committee of the whole. Among important measures yet to be considered by the senate during the remaining days of the session are the general appropriation bills that have not left the house at this time, the revenue bill that proposes radical changes in our system of raising revenue, the insurance bill that removes the insurance department from the auditor's hands and places it under the governor and the Zellers bill amending the ballot laws so as to abolish the blanket ballot now in use. These measures alone are enough to take the remaining ten days of the senate's time, to say nothing of the 202 bills that have received no consideration whatever.

Bills in the Senate.

The more important bills passed by the house that are now pending in the various committees' hands in the senate are the following: H. R. 59.—To amend section 11, article VIII of chapter XXII of the Statutes of 1887, relating to secretary of the State Board of Transportation.

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H. R. 7.—To amend section 17, chapter XXII of the Statutes of 1887, relating to the State Board of Transportation.

H. R. 27.—To establish a state barbers' examining board and to regulate the practice of barbering in the state.

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PREMONT, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—Quite a few improvements are being made at Ames. The office of the Standard Cattle company is being enlarged to nearly double its present size and a large number of small houses for the men are being built. In employing men the companies give preference to those with families whose children are old enough to work in the best fields.

The survey of the railroad from the Union Pacific and Elkhorn tracks at the site of the new yard has been completed and work will commence upon it as soon as the weather will permit. Some lumber and material are on the track at Ames for the factory.

BLAIR, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—District court has been in session all this week, it being the second week. The Sam Bridger land case occupied the larger part of the week in which the estate of his parents claimed an interest in the new made land on the Missouri river bottom which he had occupied lately and improved as his own. The estate was the plaintiff and was being defended by Mrs. Jasper Byers.

The Quenser divorce suit from Arlington was most interesting. The wife sued for divorce and alimony. She received a divorce and \$1,000 alimony.

WOMEN'S WHIST CLUB FORMED. WYMORE, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—A number of prominent society women of this city met at the home of Mrs. Lake Bradford last week and organized the Saturday Afternoon Whist club. The officers selected were: Mrs. Lake Bradford, president; Mrs. A. B. Pirie, treasurer, and Miss Elinor Rogers, secretary. The club is composed entirely of women and will meet on Saturday afternoon at the home of one of the members. The first meeting will be held next Saturday, when the club will be entertained by Mrs. Jasper Byers.

CUMING COUNTY MORTGAGE RECORD. WEST POINT, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—The mortgage record of Cuming county for February shows: Twenty-three farm mortgages filed, aggregating \$28,750; fifteen mortgages filed, amounting to \$5,307; six released, amounting to \$1,270; fifty-four chattel mortgages filed, amounting to \$27,025. It will thus be seen that the total indebtedness decreased \$22,621 and the dated indebtedness decreased \$8,728, while the city indebtedness increased \$4,027.

HASTINGS PROPERTY CHANGING HANDS. HASTINGS, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—On account of congress voting \$10,000 for a public building site at Hastings, real estate has been quiet here for the last week. There is considerable speculation as to the location, but many are of the opinion that one of the best places for the site is one block or two blocks west of the court house. The guessing in regard to the location is the cause of considerable property changing hands.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CALLING TOUR. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—A legislative delegation, composed of Senators Schell, Owens, Allen, Spohn, Knepper, Arends and Newell, accompanied by two clerks, arrived here yesterday and last night. They are here to call on the various departments of the institution were inspected and its needs for the coming year discussed. The committee left this morning for Peru.

CHARGED WITH HORSE STEALING. HEBRON, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—Len Landis was placed in the county jail yesterday and a charge of horse stealing was returned against him. He was arrested in the middle of January, near Gilead. John Seibohst, the owner of the horse and buggy, obtained a warrant and was deputized to serve it. He finally located his man at Seneca, Kan., where he arrested him and brought him back.

THIEVES RAID DRY GOODS STORE. NEBASKA CITY, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—At about 10 o'clock last night a party of three men entered the store of Bolon & Goff while Miss Bolon was alone, and one of them detaching her behind the counter the others helped themselves to several bolts of dress goods, after which they hurriedly left. Afterward two men were arrested and treated, but so far the goods have not been recovered. Their value is considerable.

FARM LAND IN GOOD CONDITION. GRAFTON, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—Farms in this vicinity were never in greater demand than now. Winter wheat appears to have suffered no harm. The ground will undoubtedly be in splendid condition for crops when the frost goes out.

WOODMEN OF WORLD ENTERTAIN. WYOMING, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—The Woodmen of the World gave a reception and banquet at its hall Thursday evening. A literary and musical program was rendered and a banquet was served followed by dancing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION CLOSES. OSMOND, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—Last night closed a very successful Sunday school convention of the Nebraska presbytery. About ten ministers from surrounding towns were present.

ONE THOUSAND A MINUTE. Closing of County Bank at San Luis Obispo Precipitates a Run on Commercial.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., March 11.—The closing of the County bank was followed today by the suspension of the Commercial bank of this place. The Commercial bank of this place had \$100,000 in assets and \$100,000 in liabilities. The Commercial bank paid out \$100,000 in less than ten minutes after opening today, and these certain indications of a run on the concern caused it to close its doors. The Commercial bank was well connected with other banking concerns and it is presumed that its suspension will only be of a temporary nature.

LEGAL BATTLES WILL RESULT. Senator-Elect Clark's Contemplated Purchase of Gold Mine Properties Stir Up Strife.

ST. LOUIS, March 11.—No end of litigation, it is reported, is likely to be developed by the contemplated purchase of Senator-elect W. M. Clark of the gold properties on an island off the coast of lower California. A large number of claims that have lain dormant for a long time awaiting their opportunity for this year will be revived by the Senator Clark's intended purchase and numerous legal battles are expected to result.

BIDS FOR TRANSPORTING TROOPS. NEW YORK, March 11.—Bids were today opened in the quartermaster's department in this city for the transportation of troops from their stations to San Francisco, where they will go to Manila. The troops are four companies of the Thirtieth Infantry—about 600 men—and two batteries of the Sixty-first Artillery—about 200 men—now at New York. The West Shore, Lehigh Valley, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, New York, Ontario & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio, Baltimore & Annapolis, Delaware & Hudson, New York Central and Norfolk & Western railroads are invited to bid. The bids will be forwarded to Washington.

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VOICE OF A MISSING MAN

Louis Bor, Long Ago Given Up as Dead, Telegraphs to His Wife.

NO REASON GIVEN FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE. Station Agent at Ithaca Drops Out of Sight Nearly Two Years Ago and No Trace of Him is Found Until Present Time.

Ithaca, Neb., March 11.—(Special Telegram).—On March 10 Louis Bor telegraphed from Chicago to his wife at Farrago, Ia., as follows: "My actions at Ithaca were not premeditated. Can I right the wrong done you, just discharged from the army. It will be remembered that on August 17, 1887, L. L. Roy, station agent at Ithaca, for the B. & M., mysteriously disappeared at 11 p. m., the time the freight train was due to leave. Though every effort possible was made by means of bloodhounds and searching parties, no trace of his method of leaving was ever ascertained. This is the first news of the missing agent ever received.

The fact that his accounts were correct to a cent with the company deepened the mystery. Foul play was suspected and the whole country was thoroughly searched, even to the dredging of the Platte river, twelve miles east of here. The brief message, therefore, seems like a voice from the dead. A medium positively located the missing man beneath three feet of sand in the Platte river, but this, like the other theories, was exploded.

LOSS OF WYOMING LIVE STOCK. SHEEP MEN IN THE BIG HORN BASIN Suffer Far More Than Hogs.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 11.—(Special).—Observer Palmer of the weather bureau is receiving reports from all parts of the state of serious conditions which prevailed during last month and the effect upon stock. In the Big Horn basin, comprising one-tenth of the area of the entire state, twenty-three inches of snow fell during the month, accompanied by intensely cold weather, the thermometer ranging from 2 degrees above zero to 51 degrees below. Losses of stock were heavy, especially among trail herds of sheep. These herds sent in for the winter by outside owners. They were unprepared to feed on shelter and lost heavily. Local stockmen suffered less as they were supplied with hay. Herders in charge of sheep suffered severely. Many of them were out thirty-six hours in one of the severest storms of the month without food or shelter, but none deserted his sheep. The prospects are discouraging, even to stockmen who have as yet suffered little loss. Hay is exhausted and stockmen are paying \$10 a ton for straw. A report from northern Albany county states that the average snow fall in the snow range for the month was ninety-five inches. The region forms the district where a large number of streams have their source and the unprecedented fall of snow means that the water supply for this year will be unusually large. In central Wyoming February was a bad month, with constant storms. Losses of stock were light as ranchmen had large quantities of hay. Encouraging reports come from Sweetwater county. The Britter Creek and Red Desert districts, which are the great winter feeding grounds for sheep, have had but little snow and the ranges have been unharmed and feed plentiful. The snow fall during February was but nine inches for the month. In northern Wyoming there was considerable snow and low temperature. The snow fall at Sheridan was fifteen inches. In the northeastern part of the state the snow fall averaged nine inches. Stock losses were light, the ranchmen being well prepared with feed for their stock.

While a definite statement of the stock losses for the state cannot be made at this time it is believed that they will fall below 10 per cent of the total number of cattle and sheep in the state and may possibly not exceed 5 per cent. While losses in some districts have been heavy in other large districts they have as yet been nominal.

SETTLERS FLOCK TO DAKOTA. ABERDEEN, S. D., March 11.—(Special).—New settlers are coming in quite rapidly of late. A party of forty-two people from the vicinity of Greenville, Mich., arrived on the week and most of them will settle on lands in this county. Improved as well as

unimproved farming lands are changing hands at an ever greater rate for years. Prices have also advanced materially.

HOUSE BURNED AND OWNER GONE. Fears that Lonely Ranchman May Have Been Foully Dealt With.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., March 11.—(Special Telegram).—It has been discovered that the house of Patrick Ferguson, who lived alone on his ranch several miles south of this town, was burned a few days ago. The house stood some distance back from the road and its absence was noticed by some cattleman riding the range.

Nothing has been seen of Ferguson since and it is feared he perished in the flames and there is some suspicion of foul play as it was supposed that he had quite an amount of money. The coroner will make an investigation.

BURIAL OF OLD SOLDIER. ABERDEEN, S. D., March 11.—(Special).—The funeral of C. J. Eschbach, an old soldier, was held at the Methodist church Thursday. Mr. Eschbach was an early settler in this county and a highly esteemed citizen.

FIRE RECORD. Eight Business Blocks Burned. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 11.—A special to the Star from Mountain Grove, Mo., says: The most disastrous fire in the history of the city occurred today. Eight brick business buildings with contents were entirely destroyed, and it was only by the most heroic efforts that the remainder of the business portion of the city was saved. Walter H. Loomis, editor of the Advertiser, fell from the roof of his two-story building, sustaining injuries which may prove fatal. Loss to stocks of goods will aggregate \$100,000.

GRAVEYARD GENERAL MERCHANDISE. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 11.—A special to the Star from El Reno, Okla., says: A strip of country three miles wide and four miles long, just north of the Darlington Indian agency, has been devastated by a prairie fire. It took twelve hours' work on the part of a section gang and all the efforts of the agency reservation to subdue the fire, which was driven by a fierce gale. Twenty-five head of cattle belonging to the Indian farmers were burned so badly that they had to be shot and much damage to property was done. The buildings at the cemetery, situated at El Reno, were saved with difficulty. It is reported that a squaw and three Indian children were burned to death.

FOUR BUSINESS HOUSES AT WYOMING. WYOMING, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—Fire broke out in Borin's restaurant at 1:30 o'clock this morning and before it was under control it had destroyed the restaurant and three buildings adjoining, together with the contents. The buildings were insured by the business center of the city and all were owned by Frank Label, a hardware merchant of this city, whose loss is about \$5,000 with half that amount of insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started in the restaurant kitchen.

John Gwin. John Gwin, aged 60 years, died at his home, 1814 North Eighteenth street, at 8:30 o'clock last night. Mr. Gwin had been down town during the afternoon and walked home through the storm. He reached there at about 8 o'clock and took off his overcoat and sat down by the stove. A few moments later he complained of feeling sick and died almost instantly thereafter. His death was caused by heart failure.

Business Block at Craig. CRAIG, Neb., March 11.—(Special).—The business block occupied by Charles Buchanan as a general store caught fire at 4 o'clock this morning. The city being without fire-fighting facilities, the loss was soon complete. Mr. Buchanan's loss amounted to \$10,000. Other firms lost from \$500 to \$3,000, among which were: R. D. Payne, Clark Drug company, Mrs. Gates, L. E. Plumb, N. P. Nelson and John Donley.

Bicyclist Perishes in Fire. MAKYSVILLE, Cal., March 11.—The Marzaville woolen mill has been damaged \$150,000 by fire