

NEW BILLS IN IOWA

Introduction of Legislation Begins Promptly After Vote for Senators.

LOWER COAL RATE FOR MANUFACTURERS

Measure Intended to Legalize Primary Elections in the Assembly.

STANDING COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

Warrett Makes Important Statement Regarding Taxation.

PLANS REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT METHODS

Strict Party Vote for Senatorial Candidates, and After Second Days' Formal Vote Election Will Be Declared.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—In the Legislature this afternoon both houses voted on candidates for senators, and tomorrow both houses will vote again and the election of Allison and Dolliver will be declared by the president of the senate.

The vote in the senate was without incident. The republicans voted solidly for the present senators and the democrats for their caucus nominees, Judge E. H. Thayer of Clinton and John J. Seelye of Burlington. In the house the name of Allison was presented by Representative Thayer, and the name of Dolliver by Temple and Kerr. The name of Judge Thayer was presented by Langan and Dodds, and the name of Seelye by Joeger and Dodds. The vote was 83 for the republican candidates, 16 for the democrats, with one absence. In the senate the vote for Allison and Dolliver was 19 for Thayer and Seelye.

Immediately after the convention the two houses met separately and the committees were announced. In the senate the presiding officer, John Herriott, made a brief explanation of his committee arrangements, and generally suggested a re-classification of committees as to their relative importance. Continuing, he said:

Advances Agriculture.

"In harmony with the recommendation just made the committees on agriculture have been enlarged and advanced. The predominant interest of our citizens and taxpayers is in our dairy and garden and industries subsidiary thereto, and the advancement of the welfare of those devoted to them is the chief concern of this body. The great wealth which they represent, the high distinction Iowa has attained in the raising of cereals and stock, both on this continent and abroad, the large number of state and local institutions and societies supported or assisted by the state for the promotion of agriculture, make appropriate the action here taken.

"In the last few years there has developed a marked popular interest in our public libraries. The number and influence of these educational institutions have greatly increased. The desirability of promoting them, the importance of extending the usefulness of our traveling libraries and the work of the library commission, and the need of our state and historical libraries at the capital have led me to enlarge the committee on libraries. In a rearrangement I urged this committee should be advanced to the group comprising the state institutions.

"The committee on railroads has been increased from five to nine in number; the committee on fish and game from three to five.

"A new committee has been created to consider matters connected with telegraph and telephone lines, and the use of telephones in our towns and cities and of late among our farmers has produced a host of problems. The granting of franchises, the rights of such companies in our streets and highways, the location of poles and wires and the general regulation of such service are matters which require particular legislative consideration.

Reform of Revenue Laws.

"Mindful of the fact that you come to this chamber as representatives of the people who support our state government by contribution of taxes levied on their property, the majority of the members of the two ranking committees in particular have been selected with a view to re-formative changes in our revenue laws which the people have indicated they desire. For several years there has been an increasing popular demand for reform in our method of assessing corporate property for taxation, especially the property of railroads. In the recent convention of the party whose adherents prevail in this assembly, the contests were squarely made on this issue. Numerous resolutions were adopted calling for such modification of our laws as would insure not only the equitable taxation of railroads, but the full and accurate valuation of their property, and the nomination for state officers was generally made in harmony with such sentiments variously expressed by the rank and file of the party. The committee on revenue laws, and the "judiciary" that have most to do with the consideration of revenue measures have, therefore, been composed for the most part of those favorable to legislation that will prescribe definite and uniform procedure which shall guide and assist our administrative officers in assessing railroads and therefore reduce to the lowest degree practicable the intrusion of personal preferences or prejudices in this important work of government or the perversion of assessorial powers. All views have been considered and some who may oppose material modification of the existing statute have been included in the make-up of the committees.

"Aside from selecting favorable majorities of each committee, it will be concerned with such reform measures I have not presumed to indicate, let alone dictate what precise form or what the character of the needed legislation should be. This, as I conceive my duties, would be to go beyond my review as your presiding officer. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to say that I shall be in full sympathy with any well ordered measure having such needed reforms in view that may be agreed upon, but not a little practical experience in the administration of the present law warrants me in urging the desirability of substantial modifications in the direction indicated."

Senate's Standing Committees.

The following were read as the committees:

Ways and Means—Junkin, Healey, Lewis, Hayward, Giamon, Griswold, Lister, Bright, Crossley, Trewin, Arthur, Harshbarger, Foster, Lambert, Lambert.

Judiciary—Hooley, Blanchard, Trewin, Herbert, Hallowell, Hubbard, Lister, Powell, Mott, Crawford, Courtwright, Whipple.

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REBELS DECEIVE THE ENEMY

Insurgents Disguise Their War Vessels, Thus Accomplishing the Death of Alban.

LODGE OPENS THE CONTEST

Precipitates a Vigorous Debate on Philippine Tariff Bill.

RAWLINS CHAMPIONS MINORITY SIDE

For Three Hours Senate Hears Arguments on Both Sides of the Bill to Provide a Temporary Tariff Schedule.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

PANAMA, Jan. 21.—All is quiet here today. General Herrera, the revolutionary leader, informed Captain Meade of the United States cruiser Philadelphia that he came here to prevent the Colombian government using the steamer Lautaro against the liberals. He had accomplished this and, therefore, retired.

The revolutionists had seventeen wounded in yesterday's engagement. The number killed cannot be precisely ascertained. Of the government forces five men were killed and four wounded.

The exchange of prisoners was responsible for yesterday's disaster to the government. From the former the revolutionists got the plans of the government. Lautaro's circulating pump was out of order and had no steam up when it was attacked by Padilla. Padilla, who was recently painted white so as to deceive the government officers as to its identity, advanced unrecognized to a spot about 200 metres from Lautaro. It then began firing. The position of the steamer was such that it was firing at two big guns mounted forward, but it returned Padilla's fire with its small after gun. Its gunner, however, was the first man killed. The foreign crew of Lautaro refused to obey orders. General Alban, who displayed great courage, was killed when the steamer was captured.

General Garcia, a veteran officer, has been appointed military commander of the district in succession to General Alban. Senator Arjona is the civil governor. It is believed that the revolutionary warships were damaged by the capture of Panama by the revolutionists is considered impossible, owing to the number of government troops there.

Invokes Mercy of England

House Member Introduces Resolution in Behalf of Boer Prisoners.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—In the absence of other pressing business the house managers are allowing the widest latitude in the debate on the urgent deficiency bill now before the house. The irrigation of arid lands in the west and the advisability of retaining control of the Philippines were the main topics under discussion today.

Mr. Sibley of Pennsylvania opposed the government's continuing its time on a scheme for the irrigation of the arid lands in the west. He believed the whole question was for another generation.

Mr. Newland of Nevada, an earnest advocate of the irrigation of arid lands, replied to Mr. Sibley. He explained the provisions of the bill which it was proposed to present to the house, to show that it would not create a charge on the public treasury.

Mr. Mondell of Wyoming also defended the recently formulated irrigation bill.

Mr. Robinson of Indiana submitted some remarks in advocacy of the abolition of the thirty-day sick leave granted to clerks in the executive departments in Washington.

At 5:10 p. m. the house adjourned until tomorrow.

LEASES OF INDIAN LANDS

Subject is Presented to Senate in Resolution by Secretary of Interior.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—In compliance with a resolution of the senate recently adopted, the secretary of the interior today sent to the senate a statement giving the status of leases of Indian lands. He said that his department has in contemplation a lease covering 400 acres on the Utah reservation in Utah, and the following grazing leases: For 1,259,280 acres in the western portion of the Standing Rock agency, for 1,200,000 acres in the Cheyenne reservation, for 1,000,000 acres of grazing lands in the Kaw, Osage, Otoe and Missouri reservations, and for 480,000 acres of the reserved lands in the Klona, Comanche and Apache reservations.

TO CONTINUE INSPECTIONS

Secretary Wilson Takes Steps to Prevent Interruption of Meat Exports.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Owing to the threatened interruption of American meat exports to Europe, because of a failure of government inspection, the secretary of agriculture today sent to the house of representatives a request for an emergency appropriation of \$40,000 to carry forward the inspections conducted by the bureau of animal industry.

The committee on the election of president and vice president of the house today made a favorable report on the bill for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

TAFT CONTINUES HOPEFUL

Speaks Highly of Work of Native Police Force Offered by Americans.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

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ELECT NEBRASKAN AND IOWAN

General B. H. Barry and Milton H. Byers Made Officers of Militia Association.

SEVENTH CIRCUIT IN OMAHA

Redistricting Plan.

NEBRASKAN VIEWS OF IRRIGATION BILL

Senator Millard Secures Passage of Measure to Enlarge Terminal Bridge-Soldiers' Home at Hot Springs Unopposed.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—District Attorney Summers today had an interview with Senator Teller in regard to his bill for the redistricting of the judicial districts of the United States. Summers was accompanied by Senator Millard, who participated in the conference with the Colorado senator. Mr. Summers, on behalf of the Nebraska delegation, asked that South Dakota be included in the Seventh circuit, which would place Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri in that circuit and make Omaha the principal seat in which to hold court. The Eighth circuit would then be composed of Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Montana, fixing the principal court at Denver. Under the present arrangement of Senator Teller's bill the principal courts in the Seventh and Eighth circuits would be held at Kansas City and Denver, but with the addition of South Dakota to the Seventh circuit, Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota would control and the principal court would be held at Omaha, which has exceptional facilities for taking care of the circuit court of the United States. Senator Teller said he was not opposed to the idea of attaching South Dakota to the Seventh circuit, but would take some time to think over the proposition. The senator expects to address the judiciary committee soon in behalf of his measure.

NEBRASKANS AND IRRIGATION BILL

Opinion is divided among the Nebraska delegation over the merits of the irrigation bill introduced today by Senator Hanscom.

Congressman Stark insists that as Nebraska is a riparian state the decision in the case of Crawford, now pending in the supreme court, will largely influence the effectiveness of the bill. Burkett and Mercer will support the bill, as will as the whole Nebraska delegation, for that matter, when it comes to a final vote, but some of the members will endeavor to secure amendments that will benefit their particular sections.

Congressman Shallenbarger is receiving a number of protests from merchants in his district asking him to vote against the parcels post bill on the ground that the catalogue houses of Chicago and St. Louis would more seriously than ever interfere with their local trade.

SENATOR MILLARD'S FIRST BILL

Senator Millard passed his first bill today. "And I wasn't a bit nervous," he said, when he came out of the senate chamber. The bill was the one authorizing the Omaha Bridge and Terminal company to change its present structure across the Missouri river to provide for the passage of railway trains and to substitute iron for its present wooden portion, to meet the present demands of the company. Amendments to the bill as reported by the committee were agreed upon, one of which provides that the drawspan shall be provided with an efficient mechanical motor for the rapid operation of the bridge for the passage of boats or rafts upon reasonable signals.

Senator Gambie's bill for establishing a soldiers' home at Hot Springs, S. D., passed the senate today without opposition.

NATIONAL GUARDIANS IN SESSION

Adjutant General L. W. Colby, Brigadier General P. H. Barry, Colonel C. J. Bills of Fairbury, W. H. Hayward of Nebraska City and Colonel Archer of Beatrice, all of the National Guard of Nebraska, are in Washington in attendance upon the annual meeting of the militia organization.

The senate committee on public lands reported favorably on the bill providing relief for bona fide settlers within the forest reserves.

Representative Martin has recommended the appointment of Julius F. Girard for postmaster at Beaver, Miner county, and Wilson B. Kennon at Bradley, Clark county, S. D.

DEPARTMENT NOTES

The application of James F. Toy, A. Bolasa, William H. Hoopers, P. D. Vanover, Arthur H. Kuyper and others to organize the First National Bank of Orange City, Ia., with \$25,000 capital, has been approved by the comptroller of the currency.

The opening of bids at the Treasury department today for the installation of a conduit and electric wiring system for the Blair, Neb., public building. The lowest bid was that of Cuthbert & Black, Chicago, at \$359.

The Indian office today opened bids for the rental of land in the Cheyenne river reservation. These bids were received: C. L. Mallet, Fort Pierre, S. D., for district three, term of five years, 40 to 60 cents per acre; John F. Whittier, Gettysburg, S. D., for lot two, period of five years from June 1, annual rental of 4 to 8 cents per acre; S. O. Overby, Cheyenne agency, S. D., for district four, 3 to 8 cents per acre; Michael Mullen, Elm, Minn., for district nine, term of five years, 40 to 60 cents per acre; 51 to 110 mills per acre for lands in Cheyenne river reservation.

The Iowa National bank of Des Moines, Ia., was today approved as a reserve agent for the First National of Farmington, Ia.

S. B. Leonard is appointed carpenter in the public building at Omaha.

The name of the postoffice at Collins, Scotts Bluff county, Neb., is changed to Morrill, and James Againes is commissioned postmaster.

DRAFT OF APPEAL IS READY

Admiral Schley to Meet Counsel and Finally Pass Upon the Document.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Rear Admiral and Mrs. Schley arrived in Washington after ten days' visit to Savannah. The date of filing of the admiral's appeal from the recent decision of the court of inquiry, which the president has consented to center, has not been determined upon.

Messrs. Isadore Rayner and M. A. Teague, counsel for Rear Admiral Schley, reached Washington this forenoon with the text of the admiral's appeal to the president, which they had prepared in Baltimore, and which they proceeded to submit to the admiral. Mr. Teague stated that every effort would be made to place the document in President Roosevelt's hands this afternoon. The appeal is a long one, covering about 120 typewritten pages. Admiral Schley expects to leave Washington for Chicago Thursday.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN VESSELS, JAN. 21

At New York—Arrived—Anchorage, from Genoa; Left—Anchorage, for New York; At Rotterdam—Arrived—Ryndam, from New York; Left—Ryndam, for New York; At London—Arrived—Empress of India, from Vancouver; B. C. via Yokohama, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

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ELKHORN GAINS IN LINCOLN

Rushes Work on Extension Into Business Heart of City, Under a New Ordinance.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Mayor Winnett this afternoon signed the ordinance authorizing the Elkhorn railroad to extend its tracks from the depot at Ninth and S streets up Ninth to P street. The measure was introduced in the council just before adjourning last night and under suspension of the rules was read the third time and passed by unanimous vote. In the early hours of the morning a big gang of men was put to work in the street and by daybreak the extension was completed clear to the P street crossing.

This will allow the railroad company to run its cars to Ninth and P streets, which intersection is at the corner of Postoffice street in front of the Lincoln hotel, almost in the heart of the business district. None of the property owners along the line was consulted, nor had any notice been given to anyone.

It is said by the local agents of the road that the track is for freight business only.

MABEL SCHOFIELD A SUIC