LEGISLATORS IN NO HURRY

Remaining at Home During the Recess and Capitol is Deserted.

SPEAKER MOCKETT ALSO IS LYING LOW

Keya Paha County Man Surrenders to Warden of Penitentiary, but is Denied Admission Without Papers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Very few of the legislators who went to their homes after adjournment Thursday have returned to Lincoln, though many of them are expected in tonight. Speaker Mockett announced today that he would be ready to name the committees of the house Wednesday. He has been conspicuously absent from the haunts of the legislators since his elevation to the speakership chair. Saturday night he ventured out and was so besieged that he immediately made his escape home.

In the meantime there is considerable talk of proposed legislation going the rounds. The labor people, it is said, desire some amendments to the child labor law. One change that will be insisted on, it is said, is an amendment that will compel children under 14 years of age to remain in school during the entire school year, as prescribed by the various school districts. Another is to bring the compulsory school law into harmony with the child labor law. The latter law, as it now stands, requires the attendance of the child for at least twenty weeks in the year, while the compulsory school law requires attendance two-thirds of the year.

Secretary Davis of the Board of Charity and Correction said that board would want several bills introduced. One of these will be to create a state parental school at Lincoln, the object of which is to enlarge the work of the Home for the Friendless. This board also wants a bill providing penalties for wife desertion. An act to prevent a county judge from giving marriage licenses to imbeciles, epileptics and insane persons; another bill to provide matrons for the penitentiary and county jails where women are confined.

What G. A. R. Wants.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic were scouting around today to find some member of that organization in either house who would father a bill to prevent the desecration of the flag. Should this bill be introduced and passed it would mean that no business firm could use the flag to wrap up goods.

Three members of the Grand Army of the Republic, all past commanders, met yesterday to confer upon the appointment of a member of that body as a member of the committee on soldiers' homes. The man these will select will be recommended to Speaker Mockett. Captain Culver of Milford, Captain Adams of Superior and Captain Reese of Broken Bow made up the caucus.

Governor Consider Appointments.

Governor Mickey is still busy looking over the field of appointments and made no announcement today. Pending the announcement of the adjutant general, General Colby will hold over. The governor expects to make the appointment to this place either this week or the first of next. There are six candidates for the place, Captain Holderman of York and Captain Phelps of Holdrege being the last announced. The Kearney Industrial school superintendency still remains in doubt. Deputy Food Commissioner Bassett has consented to remain in office until May in order that the legislature may have the benefit of his experience.

The State Printing Board expects to meet Wednesday and name its secretary. This place is held by L. A. Williams of Blair, but there are a half dozen who would like the place. It pays $1,000 a year and a man can grow fat on the work.

Discover More School Land.

Land Commissioner Follmer has unearthed two pieces of land belonging to the state that had been lost sight of. These pieces comprise 160 acres. The books in the office of the commissioner have been carefully checked up recently and the mistaken entries discovered.

Breaking Into Penitentiary.

Another man has attempted to break into the penitentiary. This time it is Joseph Bouchet from Keya Paha county, under indictment for murder. He came to Lincoln this morning with a letter supposed to be from the sheriff of his county, recommending him to the warden of the penitentiary. He at once went to the prison and gave himself up to the warden and desired to be locked up. Bouchet was sentenced to serve seven years, but pending an appeal to the supreme court was out under bond. After the transcript had been made his attorney advised him to drop the proceedings and begin his sentence. As he was not armed with the necessary commitment papers, Bouchet will be held as a guest at the prison until these arrive.

Because the state's attorney failed to show the value of a horse which Joseph Keller of Cheyenne county was convicted of stealing, Keller's attorneys applied to Judge Holmes this morning to release Keller on a writ of habeas corpus.

Attorney for Keller, Mr. Berge, urged that the supreme court had held that such an omission is fatal when coupled with the fact that the information did not fix the value either. The case was one brought under a general statute making horse stealing a felony. The state insisted that habeas corpus was not the proper remedy, and that the defendant having failed to appeal to the supreme court was bound, the court having once secured jurisdiction over him. Mr. Berge contends that the information and verdict being irregular, the court never had jurisdiction and that his conviction and sentence therefore were void.

Judge Holmes took the matter under advisement.

Omaha Convict Dies.

Frank Clark sent to the penitentiary from Douglas county for burglary, died at the prison this morning of consumption, and the authorities are unable to locate his relatives and do not know what to do with the body. Clark was sentenced for five years and his time would have expired next September. He was 36 years of age.

Historical Society Meeting.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Nebraska Historical society will be held at memorial chapel of the State university January 13 and 14. The following program will be carried out:

Tuesday, 8 p. m.—Papers and addresses: Tributes to J. Sterling Morton, President Robert W. Furnas, Brownville, and Hon. George L. Miller, Omaha; "Railroads in Nebraska Politics," Hon. Edward Rosewater, Omaha; "The Campaign Against Crazy Horse and the Mule Reserves," D. Y. Mears, Chadron. Steamboating and steamboat days on the Missouri: "Pioneering On the Missouri River, 1846-1890," Captain W. R. Massie, St. Louis; "The Rise and Fall of Steamboating On the Missouri River," Phil E. Chappell, Kansas City.

Wednesday, 6 p. m.—Supper for members of State Historical society, Territorial pioneers, State Horticultural society, Lancaster County Old Settlers' association and visiting friends; 8 p. m.—"The Passing of a Romantic Business," Captain H. M. Chittenden, United States engineer, Yellowstone park; "My Recollections of the Missouri, 1862-1902," Captain A. Overton, Council Bluffs; "The All-Water Route to the Rockies," Captain D. L. Keiser, Booneville, Mo.; "Running the Indian Blockade On the Missouri," Captain W. H. Gould, Yankton, S. D.; "Decatur, the Early Steamboat and Railroad Center of North Nebraska," Captain S. T. Leaming, Decatur; "Sailing the Old Missouri," Captain James Kennedy, Kansas City, Mo.; "Steamboating Now and Then," Captain W. A. Cade, Kansas City, Mo.; Early Railroading and Steamboating," Harry P. Deuel, Omaha; "Recollections of Steamboat Days at the Old Omaha Landing," William J. Kennedy, Omaha.

The Nebraska Territorial Pioneers' association will meet in Memorial chapel Wednesday, January 14, at 2 o'clock p. m. for social reminiscences and election of officers.

The Nebraska State Horticultural society will meet in morning and afternoon sessions January 13, 14 and 15, in Nebraska hall, university campus.

The Lancaster County Old Settlers' association will hold a session Thursday afternoon, January 15, at 2 p. m., in the old chapel of the State university, with the following program:

Music, Mr. Camp and others; "The Hog in Lancaster County," J. V. Wolfe; "Waverly and Its History," O. R. Bowman; "Early Law and Lawyers of Lancaster County," Judge S. B. Pound; Music, the G. A. R. quartet; "The Location of the Capital at Lincoln," Hon. T. P. Kennard.

Other papers and addresses or talks are expected from Colonel J. P. Bratt, Colonel Vifquain, Mrs. Dr. Demaree, Captain Baird, Mrs. A. Roberts, Rev. H. T. Davis, Charles Retzliff, Rev. John Chapman, Hon. C. H. Warner and others. Recitations will also be given. There will be a social and supper at 5 p. m. at the armory.

Gets Two Barrels of Quail.

From Plainview, Neb., Game Warden Simpkins today received two barrels of quails that had been left on the depot platform at that place for shipment. The agent notified Mr. Simpkins that the barrels were there, without addresses upon them and the latter had them sent here to be distributed among the state institutions. It is not known who left the game on the platform.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state today by the Ord Telephone company of Ord, Neb. The capital stock is $10,000 and the incorporators are: F. J. Bell, S. E. Bell, Horace Davis and J. D. Laverty.

The Shiverick Furniture company of Omaha has amended its articles of incorporation on file with the secretary of state to read the Baker Furniture company.

Supreme Court Call.

Following is a list of cases that will be called for hearing January 20, 1903:

Sturdevant against Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, Rushville, Douglas; Bank of Miller against Richmon, Buffalo; Knight against Denman, Butler; McNerny against Hubbard, Lancaster; Union Pacific Railroad Co. against Stanwood, Douglas; Inglehart against Lull, Douglas; State ex rel Young against Royse, Custer; National Aid Association against Brachter, Clay; First National Bank, Greenwood, against Wilbern, Cass; Western Travelers' Accident Association against Holbrook, Douglas; Harker against Burbank, Burt; Lehmer against Horton, Douglas; Western Union Telegraph Co. against Wakefield, Dixon; Mensinger against Steiner-Medinger Company, Douglas; Standley against Clay, Robinson & Co., Douglas; Standley against Clay, Robinson & Co., Douglas; Cady Lumber company against Greater America Exposition, Douglas; Omaha Oil and Paint Company against Greater America Exposition, Douglas; Cady Lumber Company against Greater America Exposition, Douglas; Zabriskie against Greater America Exposition, Douglas; Cady Lumber Company against Greater America Exposition, Douglas; Cady Lumber Company against Greater America Exposition Douglas; Cady Lumber Company against Greater America Exposition, Douglas; Cady Lumber Company against Greater America Exposition, Douglas; Chamberlain against Chamberlain Banking House, Johnson; Hajsek against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, Valley; Matoushek against Dutcher & Son, Boyd; Nebraska Loan and Trust Company against Corning, Sherman; Greck against McDaniel, Douglas; Cole against Boyd, Adams; Keplinger against Woolsey, Johnson; Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance Company against Collins, Boyd; Williams against Fuller, Franklin; Hagek against Prachell, Saline; Hackney against Raymond Bros. Clarke Company, Lancaster; Strong against Combs, Johnson; Metcalf against Jetter, Douglas; Omaha Street Railway Company against Boeson, Douglas; Fidelity Mutual Fire Insurance Company against Murphy, Greeley; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company against Lilley, Butler; Rawlings against Anheuser Busch Brewing Association, Gage; Bartling against State, Cheyenne; Guthrie against Guthrie, Lancaster; Block against Fuller, Pawnee; Parker against Wells, Lancaster; Sawyer against Bender, Saline; Smith against Clay County, Clay; Mitchell against Clay County, Clay; Allen against Cerny, Butler; Jones against Piggott, Thayer; State against Porter, Lancaster; National Wall Paper Company against Columbia National Bank, Lancaster; Adler & Sons Clothing Company against Hellman, Douglas; Adler & Sons Clothing Company against Hellman, Douglas; Keating against State, Webster; State against DeWolfe, Lancaster; Porter against Parker, Thurston; McCauley against Tyndall, Thurston.

Mutual Insurance Prospers.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The large supervisors' room in the county court house was filled to overflowing at yesterday's annual meeting of the members of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company of York county, who met for the purpose of the annual election of officers. The secretary reported money in the treasury, no losses during the past year and no assessments made, and over $500,000 of insurance in force. The following officers were elected: D. Zimmerman, president; Henry Scheele, vice president; W. L. Kirkpatrick, secretary. The three directors elected were: R. B. Price of Thayer, Commodore Beavor of Waco and W. S. Freeman of West Blue. But one assessment of 10 mills has been made in the past seven years.

Business Changes in Battle Creek.

BATTLE CREEK, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Business in Battle Creek is taking on quite a change. A. H. Gardels has started a new flour, feed and oil store. Fred Scheerger has bought out the pump, windmill and tank business of Zimmerman & Co. and will run it in connection with his implement business. A. M. Lovelace has sold his interest in his implement business to his partner, Charles Probst, and J. S. Braisher, one of Battle Creek's oldest harness dealers, has sold his entire stock, tools and building to Mark Sesler. The transfer will be made as soon as the papers can be finished.

CASTRO ABANDONS ALL HOPE

No Longer Looks for Aid from the United States.

HIS REPLY IS NOT TO THE POINT

However, it is Regarded Certain that He Has Clothed Minister Bowen with Sufficient Power to Make Settlement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Referring to the situation in Venezuela the London correspondent of the Tribune says the opinion expressed by the leading officials there is that the blockade has evidently oppressed Castro and that he has given up all hope of American intervention.

The American's La Guayra correspondent is authority for the statement that under the persuasion of President Castro the foreign merchants of Caracas have "contributed" $5,000 to the expense fund of Mr. Bowen on his trip to Washington.

May Raise Blockade.

ROME, Jan. 12.—Negotiations between the co-operating powers relative to raising the blockade of the Venezuelan coast are proceeding, the main point being the question of guaranties for the payment of claims should the warships be withdrawn.

The Italian Foreign office recognizes the correctness of the contention in Secretary Hay's last note that a continuance of the blockade will only further impoverish Venezuela and make the settlement of the claims more difficult and is desirous of meeting the suggestion of the United States.

At the same time it cannot act without an agreement with Germany and Great Britain. As a solution of the question the suggestion is again mooted whether the United States must be asked to guarantee the payment of the sums awarded, now that the situation has so completely changed.

Castro Puzzles Germany.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The Foreign office here is somewhat puzzled by President Castro's last note. He avoids specific acceptance of the powers' stipulations and seemingly leaves the basis for a settlement as indefinite as in his preceding dispatch, agreeing generally to arbitration.

The president's reply has really not advanced the matter at all, but it is confidently supposed he has given Mr. Bowen full power of attorney.

The State department at Washington has advised the Foreign office that Mr. Bowen has sailed from La Guayra. Nothing more will be done from this side until Mr. Bowen arrives in Washington.

Bowen is on His Way.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Mr. Bowen before leaving La Guayra yesterday on Dolphin, dispatched a short telegram to the State department announcing his departure, but not stating what port he expects to make in the United States. The Navy department was informed that the boat would stop first at Kingston for coal.

Inquiries at the State department as to whether or not answers had been received from the European capitals to President Castro's last communication developed that the department now has nothing to do, directly or indirectly, with the exchanges which may pass between the powers and Venezuela. The functions of the department are said to have ceased when it brought the parties together and they must hereafter communicate directly. Presumably Mr. Bowen will be addressed as the representative of Venezuela, and as he cannot be reached on shipboard, there probably will be a halt to the exchanges.

Advices received here indicate that while Mr. Bowen comes as Venezuela's commissioner President Castro has made it a condition that the blockade shall be raised before he proceeds with the preparation of the protocol for the peaceful adjustment of the claims. Moreover, it now develops that in this request Venezuela is likely to have the support of Italy. The United States, though not a party to the negotiations, of course will throw the weight of its moral influence on the same side. The Italian government is influenced in its course by purely economic considerations. It does not desire to crush Venezuela simply to procure payment of claims. The continuance of the blockade by sapping the very life of the country threatens to make it impossible for Venezuela to pay these claims within any reasonable period, so that any judgment rendered against it by private arrangement or by The Hague tribunal would be hollow and almost without results.

HOLDS BANQUET AT BEATRICE

Dempster Manufacturing Company Gives Annual Function in Honor of Stockholders.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The fourth annual banquet of the Dempster Mill Manufacturing company was held in Nichols' hall last night and was attended by nearly 200 stockholders and traveling men of the company, besides a number of invited guests.

The culinary department was presided over by the women of the First Presbyterian church, and of the menu too much praise cannot be given. The tables were as handsome creations as ever graced the dining halls of any event held in the city, and nothing was left undone to make it the best and most elaborate banquet yet held by the company.

J. W. Burgess, treasurer of the company, acted as toastmaster, and the following sentiments were responded to: "Our Maids," Fred Owen; "Our Bachelors," Miss Ethel Pyle; "The Ladies," Miss May Leary; "Alfalfa," R. A. Yale; "Oil," W. Z. Warner; "The Past and the Future," C. M. Hemler; "Our Wives," D. W. Carre; "Wants," Homer Metzger; "Knights of the Grip," Frank Owen; "The Press," B. E. Manville for the company and M. A. Metzger for the press; "The Church and the Laboring Man," Rev. W. H. Kearns; "The Legal Department," R. S. Bibb and Hon. Samuel Rinaker; "The Stockholders," M. T. Cummings; "An Outsider," M. V. Nichols; "Our Guests," President C. B. Dempster; "The Memphis Plant," A. B. Smith. These were followed by a poem by J. W. Burgess.

A handsome leather chair was then presented to Mr. Hemler by Mr. Dempster. The toasts were followed by a program of music and recitations. Jenkins' orchestra added spice with a musical program throughout the banquet.

The banquet was also the celebration of Mr. Dempster's fiftieth birthday and when the fact became known he was showered with congratulations. As the hour of midnight was reached the evening's festivities closed with a selection by the orchestra.

Social Event at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Yesterday was the 59th anniversary of the birth of Judge H. A. Turton of this city, and his friends of the Woman's Relief corps and Grand Army of the Republic took advantage of the occasion to spring a surprise upon him. He was busily engaged in his official capacity when a detail of comrades presented itself in his office and requested his presence at Grand Army of the Republic hall to assist in getting up a program for joint installation. He excused himself on the ground that he was officially engaged, but was told he would only be kept ten minutes, so he accompanied the detail. On arriving at the hall he was ordered by the post commander to present himself at the altar. The room was filled to its utmost capacity with women and old soldiers. Comrade Mullin then, in a neat address in behalf of those present, presented him with an elegant rocker; and Mrs. Kohler, in behalf of the women, pinned a large bouquet upon the lapel of his coat. The judge was taken completely off his guard and the surprise was so complete that it took several moments for him to respond to the presentation, but he finally pulled himself together sufficiently to express his appreciation of the remembrance so kindly tendered him. A collation was then served and all present wished the judge many returns of his natal day.

Keep Up Search for Body.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Unceasing efforts have been and are being made to recover the body of George Ruehl, who was drawn under the ice at the dam nearly a week ago, but without success. A mass meeting of citizens was called and a committee appointed to supervise the work of the volunteer searchers. Nearly the entire membership of the local lodge of the Wodmen of the World, of which deceased was treasurer, have turned out and are cutting the ice away and searching the bottom of the dam. The weather being so cold and the water being fifteen feet deep renders the work very difficult. The search will not be abandoned until the body is found. His wife is prostrated with grief.

Held for Assaulting Girl.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—George W. Bohner, for the past twenty years a resident of Bradshaw, and who during that time has run a drug store, was bound over to the district court charged with assault on little Wilhelma Reachuel, a 6-year-old girl living south of Bradshaw, who with her brother, 8 years old, was in Bohner's drug store, in which place it was claimed the assault was made. Witnesses testified to the good character and standing of Bohner during his twenty years' residence in Bradshaw. The trial occupied two days before the county court and was bitterly contested.

Dies from Burns.

WYMORE, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. W. Roberts, the wife of a prominent farmer living south of town, died this morning, from the effects of a burn. Mrs. Roberts had been washing a waist in gasolene Saturday evening and had gone near the stove with it. The article took fire and before she could help herself the flames had enveloped her. She threw a piece of carpet over her head and ran out of doors, where she fell in an unconscious condition and was in that state when the family returned from town late in the evening.

Relief Corps Installs Officers.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—A very largely attended and enjoyable meeting of Rawlins' post No. 35, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief corps was held in the post hall last night at which time officers were installed for the ensuing year. Following installation refreshments were served, after which a musical program was rendered and a very pleasant evening passed by the large number present.

Plenty of Coal at Leigh.

LEIGH, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The coldest wave of the winter struck here Saturday evening and kept steadily increasing until this morning, while the street thermometers registered all the way from 10 to 16 degrees below zero. People as a general rule are well prepared and there is plenty of coal at the local yards to supply the present demand, although it has been very scarce at times during the early fall and winter.

Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of Nemaha Valley lodge No. 36, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the following officers were installed for the coming year: Dr. Fast, noble grand; Frank Schaible, vice grand; J. C. Yutzey, treasurer; A. E. Gantt, secretary.

Fill Vacancy in Coroner's Office.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The Board of Supervisors of Cuming county has appointed Dr. H. S. Wells of this city as coroner in place of Dr. S. A. Sammons, who has removed from the country. Dr. Wells is a son-in-law of Judge Readinger and a graduate of Creighton university.

Coldest Day of Winter.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The weather has been intensely cold for the last two days, with a strong north wind blowing steadily. The thermometer shows the lowest temperature of the season so far, 14 degrees below.

New Board is Republican.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The new Board of Supervisors will organize Tuesday. It will be republican, standing four republicans and three democrats. The first thing the new board will do is to let the contract for supplies.

TO TEST PECULIAR WILL

Document is Missing and Widow Relies for Her Rights Upon Stenographic Notes.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—A peculiar contest began here in the probate court today, when the widow of the late millionaire, John McCormick Gibson of this city, who died at Asheville, N. C., a few months ago, presented for probate a copy of his will, made from stenographic notes alleged to have been preserved by Attorney Wells of Asheville.

The original will, it is asserted, has never been found since the death of Mr. Gibson. It bequeaths his entire estate to his widow, to whom he was married a few hours before his death.

His legal heirs, his mother and a brother, contest the probating of the will, and a legal argument is in progress on the question whether a will of this description is valid or not.

Mrs. Gibson, the widow, was Miss Cecilia Wolff of Providence. She was called by a telegram to Asheville when Mr. Gibson was critically ill and was married on her arrival. Mr. Gibson's first wife was one of the victims of the Windsor hotel fire in New York.

ROYAL ROMANCE IS OVER

Count Lonyay Leaves His Prince s When Poverty Becomes Oppressive.

DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS MAY FOLLOW

Couple Strive to Keep Up Position on Small Income and Failing Agree to Part Once for All.

VIENNA, Jan. 12.—Serious differences, according to Die Zeit, have arisen between the Countess and Count de Lonyay, formerly the Crown Princess Stephanie, during their stay in the south of France. The count is reported to have suddenly left his wife and to have since given no intimation as to his whereabouts. The nature of the alleged differences has not developed.

The count left his wife at Mentone on January 7 and his present whereabouts is not known. His friends assert that in addition to financial difficulties the count has found his position in society as the husband of the former crown princess of Austria-Hungary exceedingly uncomfortable and unpleasant and will seek a divorce. The disagreement between the couple has long been evident and it is believed that pecuniary troubles underlie the affair.

As a widow the former crown princess enjoyed an income of $125,000 and had free residence at the imperial palace and the use of carriages and servants. It is reported that the couple married in the belief that Emperor Francis Joseph and King Leopold would contribute to their maintenance. In this, however, they were disappointed. The emperor gave the countess $25,000 a year, while King Leopold stopped her former allowance of $10,000 altogether. The countess consequently tried to meet all the expenses of maintaining her household with one-fifth of her former income and found the task impossible.

She used the influence of her daughter, Archduchess Elizabeth Marie, who is a favorite with the Austrian emperor, to secure additional money and to obtain permission to reside in one of the imperial palaces, where she was out of reach of her creditors. She was granted the use of the palace at Hetezendorff, near Vienna, but this privilege expired upon the marriage of her daughter to Prince von Windischgraetz on January 3, 1902.

The Crown Princess Stephanie of Austro-Hungary, widow of the Archduke Rudolph and a daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, was married March 22, 1900, to Count de Lonyay, a popular diplomat of high standing in court circles. The marriage of the princess to Count de Lonyay was bitterly opposed by King Leopold.

LEGISLATURE RUSHING WORK

South Dakota Lawmakers Lose No Time in Transacting Business of Session.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—The senate today passed a bill ceding land at Hot Springs to the United States for the purpose of a national sanitarium.

Among the principal bills introduced in the senate were one by Dillon appropriating $5,000 to the payment of the expenses of the state fair, and one relating to the establishment and vacation of highways, while several bills were introduced relating to legal practice.

A message from the governor was read including a letter from the management of the St. Louis exposition, asking the legislature to take action as to the desired design of a statue to be erected at the exposition to typify the state.

The first bill to pass both houses went through the house today as senate bill No. 2, which provides for the holding of terms of court at other than county seat towns.

The first house bill to go through was also passed today, it being to fix the terms of court in the Fourth circuit.

Bills introduced in the house were: By Nelson, to amend the law relating to the collection of delinquent personal property taxes by the sheriff; by Hutchinson of Beadle, to appropriate $50,000 to erect an armory and arsenal on the state militia grounds at Huron, and by Koening, prohibiting the killing of quails in the state for five years.

The senate capital removal bill went to first reading in the house under suspension of the rules, being taken up out of order by a vote of 71 to 11.

In joint session Hon. Bartlett Tripp of the code commission took up an hour explaining to the two houses the changes made in the laws by the commission, which are mostly changes in phraseology, making more clear the evident intent of laws in existence. He perpetrated what might be called a joke in stating that the commission found that under existing laws one of the circuit judges of the state was receiving a less salary than the other judges, which was undoubtedly a discrepancy which had crept into the laws and which the commission took the liberty to correct. Another change which was made provided for the qualification of county auditors at the same time with other county officers, January 1.

At the close of the session the speaker announced the placing of Representative Welch on the committees of live stock, appropriations and insurance, he having just taken his seat after a successful contest before the house.

South Dakota Divorce Legislation.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The agitation for an amendment to the divorce laws, increasing the period of time necessary for residents of other states to establish a residence in South Dakota, reducing the number of causes for which divorces may be granted and otherwise making it more difficult for eastern people to secure divorces in South Dakota, is not taken seriously here. The agitation is confined solely to those who are envious of Sioux Falls because this city, without any effort on the part of its citizens, has become the divorce center of the state. While the divorce business is a source of revenue to some attorneys and to some of the local hotels, it does not financially benefit the people of the city generally, the vast majority of whom do not care in the least whether the legislature amends the divorce laws or not. However, it is a safe prediction that the legislature, which is now in session, will absolutely refuse to tamper with the present divorce laws, which are as stringent as those of many other states.

Wheatland Feeding Center.

WHEATLAND, Wyo., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Wheatland is becoming a feeding center of considerable importance. This winter several thousand sheep and cattle are being fed by the farmers, while large numbers of hogs are being fattened for market. Among the larger feeders are: E. T. David, 800 cattle, 1,200 sheep; E. M. Gibson, 6,000 sheep; M. R. Johnston, 4,000 sheep; Trenholm Brothers, 100 cattle, 50 calves.

Big Strike on Duck Creek.

WHEATLAND, Wyo., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—What promises to be an important mining strike was made one day last week on Duck creek, about thirty miles from Wheatland. On a claim owned by L. I. Laughlin, W. E. Seaman and others an immense ore body rich in copper and gold was discovered. Expert mining men who have visited the property say it will compare favorably with any property in the state. A tunnel has been run in from the base of a cliff, which years ago was struck by lightning and exposed the copper-bearing rock and now that the richness of the mine has been established the property will be worked systematically and regular shipments made.

Colored Man Badly Frozen.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Charlie Stokes, a negro, was found Saturday in a claim shanty on the range so badly frozen that both his feet had to be amputated. He was coming in from a ranch where he was at work and broke into the shanty where he was found and built a fire, but went to sleep and was frozen.

Business Man Declared Insane.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 12.—(Special Telegram.)—J. T. Lang, who came here from Sioux Falls last fall and started a secondhand store, has been declared insane and will be taken to Yankton. An attack of typhoid fever is accountable for his condition.

LIVING RELATIVES OWN DEAD

Court Holds Corpses to Be Property of Those Who Remain Behind.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—The circuit court today decided that the living relatives have the right to select the burying place of a member of the family and change it at will, and that a cemetery board has no interest in a dead body except that of holding the body in trust.

ARE YOUR KIDNEYS WEAK?

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

To Prove What the Great Kidney Remedy, Swamp-Root, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of The Daily Bee May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Absolutely Free by Mail.

It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

The kidneys filter and purify the blood—that is their work.

Therefore when your kidneys are weak or out of order you can understand how quickly your entire body is affected and how every organ seems to fail to do its duty.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

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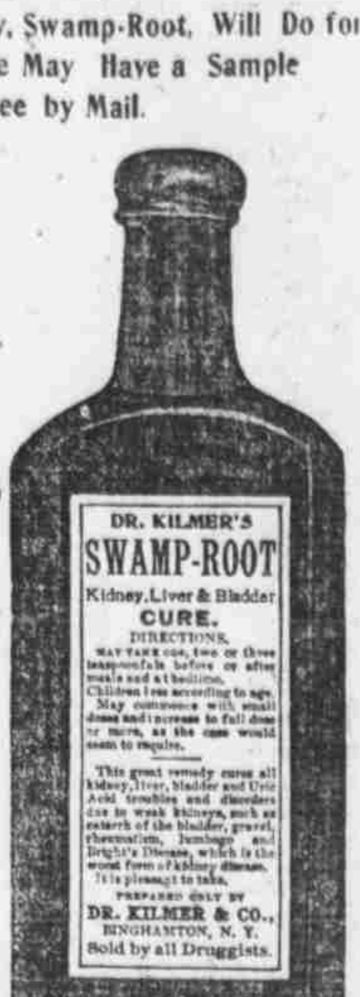

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