

FREE COAL IS GIVEN

Bill Granting Relief of Duty Passes the House in Short Order.

ANTHRACITE TARIFF PERMANENTLY OFF

Senate Sends Measure Back with Single Amendment, Which is Adopted.

ONLY FIVE MEMBERS OPPOSE PROPOSAL

Dushman, Jones, Gaines, Mondell and Patterson Vote Against.

FEAR CHEAP CHINESE COMPETITION

West Virginia Representative Denies Operators, Claiming They Have Right to Rate Prices and Make Much Money.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The bills reported from the ways and means committee yesterday providing a rebate on coal for...

Democrats Would Extend Scope

The democrats, although they all supported the bill, took the view that it did not go far enough, saying coal should go on the free list, and when the bill came back from the senate with a provision...

State to Seize Mines

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AGAINST THE STANDARD OIL

German Relieving Passes Resolution Aimed at the Great American Monopoly.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The Reichstag adopted today by a vote of 143 to 70, the tariff committee's resolution asking the government to consider whether it is not in the interests of the nation to place a different duty on refined petroleum, against crude, in order to establish a national refining industry. The resolution is aimed against the Standard Oil company.

Herr Wurm, socialist, said the price of petroleum for "the benefit of the bankrupt fuel and oil industry." If a natural refining industry was established by state protection it would be dependent on foreign raw material.

Herr Hehl Zu Horigem said: "The Standard Oil company sells oil cheaply only long enough to ruin competition, and then sharply advances price. It signifies nothing that a domestic industry is dependent upon foreign raw material. Our textile manufacturers are in precisely the same plight."

Foreign Under Secretary Fischer said he hoped the House would not bother the government with such a proposition. The levying of a duty on refined oil would be exceedingly difficult owing to the uncertain definition of "crude" and "refined" petroleum.

Herr Freese, moderate radical, of Bremen, defended the Standard Oil company. He said petroleum had become cheaper since its organization than ever. This was not an account of philanthropy, but was due to a desire to avoid competition and adverse legislation.

Dr. Pausche, national liberal, said he thought this was the time to get rid of the Standard Oil company's monopoly, which had already cost Germany 15,000,000 marks because of its discrimination against Germany compared with other countries.

Herr Gothein, radical liberal, said that if the government attempted to do what it was asked to do it would be futile. France had tried to extinguish the Standard Oil company's monopoly, but of twenty-four French refineries all were now controlled by the company. Eakou and Galleani oils were inferior to the American product, and American refineries would be dependent upon America for their raw material.

CASTRO RAISES FORCED LOAN

Seeks Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars, but Finds Money a Scarce Article.

WILLEMSTADT, Island of Curacao, Jan. 14.—It has been learned here that the Venezuelan government has ordered a forced loan of \$92,400, being one-quarter of the total loan contemplated. The loan is obligated to all Venezuelan merchants, traders and bankers.

Foreigners are exempt, but they are courteously asked to contribute. The government proposes to repay this loan when the country is at peace by permitting the subscribers to retain 10 per cent of the imports levied at the La Guayra customs house upon goods they import until reimbursed.

Owing to the scarcity of money in Venezuela it is not believed here that this loan can be subscribed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Notification of the arrival at Kingston, Jamaica, of Dolphin, with the United States minister to Venezuela and Mrs. Bowen on board, reached the State and Navy departments today.

HEBE, Jan. 14.—It is officially denied here that President Castro has informed the powers that he is disposed to pay the expenses of maintaining the blockading squadron in Venezuelan waters on condition that the blockade be raised immediately, and that he absolutely denied that Italy would be inclined to accept this proposal, even if it were made. It was said today that while Italy was willing to do everything to reach a solution of the difficulty, it considers Great Britain and Germany, having superior claims, to be entitled to take the lead in all matters.

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He opposed the view that American commercial combines sought to crush British competition or to secure an international monopoly. What they wanted, he said, was high prices under protection in the American market. Dr. Smart said the United States had set the pace in large production and that if Great Britain desired to retain its place among the exporting nations many of its industries must be built up on the large scale similar to that in the United States. Sir Robert Giffen, who presided, did not see any particular harm and that there was no need of legislation in the matter.

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GOATS GROW IN NUMBERS

Many Interesting Papers Read at Cattle Men's Convention.

SOUTH WILL TAKE UP LIVE STOCK NOW

Cotton Fields Long Abandoned Can Be Purchased Cheaply and Provide Good Grazing for Eight Months in Year.

MEMPHIS CITY, Jan. 14.—But one section of the annual convention of the National Live Stock association was held today. After considering resolutions presented yesterday and listening to several speeches on various topics, the delegates spent the afternoon inspecting the stock yards and investigating the packing houses.

Tonight a grand ball and reception will be given in Convention hall, for which elaborate preparations have been made. Denver was added to the list of cities that desire to entertain the delegates next year. The biggest effort to secure the convention is being made by the Portland, Ore., delegation, which apparently is in the lead for the honor.

AGORA GOAT INDUSTRY. Dr. C. A. Bailey of California, who read a paper on "The Agora Goat Industry," said that the industry has been successfully growing in the United States for over forty years, and the flocks have grown from nothing to about 400,000 animals. Last year over 1,000,000 pounds of mohair were produced, which sold for from 20 to 45 cents a pound, and the American mills consumed about 5,000,000.

It would take some years to produce enough mohair for home consumption, but home consumption was increasing as rapidly as home production, and there was a demand for large, fine skins far in excess of the supply.

The agora goat is not a creation of the whim of speculation brought from distant Turkey to induce the American public to part with its hard-earned lucre, but he is a money-maker, and when the American live stock breeder prepares a proper place for the right kind of agora, he need feel no hesitancy in stocking with these silver-fleeced brush destroyers. They are an American institution and they have come to stay.

UNITED STATES SENATOR WILLIAM A. HARRIS of Kansas took Mr. Francis' place on the program. He told of the possibilities of the live stock exhibit at the exposition and urged the stockmen to use their influence toward making it one of the greatest of its kind ever displayed.

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Among the other speakers was Senator Harris (Kan.), who spoke on "Louisiana Purchase Exposition and What It Will Do for the Livestock Industry."

"Every citizen of the United States should take a peculiar interest in the Louisiana purchase," he said. "It is second in importance only to the Declaration of Independence to the people of this country."

Then followed a review of the history of the territory comprised in the purchase and an appeal to the stockmen to contribute to the success of the enterprise.

George Fayette Thompson of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, read a paper on "Our Markets for Livestock and Their Products," which was given the closest attention.

Mr. Thompson said that the livestock value in 1900, according to the census reports, was about \$3,000,000,000, exclusive of 6,000,000 animals in barns and inclosures and not on farms or ranges.

He produced statistics to show that every person engaged in agricultural pursuits consumed meat worth \$18.29 during the year 1899. At that rate of consumption the producers of livestock in the United States during that year should have received \$148,035,576 more than he actually did receive, which proved that the producer of meat was his own best consumer.

Markets abroad were growing from year to year and would continue to do so as long as they could at least produce the best meat in the world. America fell behind in its exports of cattle and hogs in 1901, but that was due to a shortage of supply at home rather than to a lack of demand abroad.

The United Kingdom, Germany and France were the best customers, but the United Kingdom was a far better one than the others, taking three-fifths of the livestock exports in 1902.

In Mexico and Argentina there are great possibilities for a large trade in breeding cattle and they were now sending cattle to those countries, though Great Britain supplied most of their wants in that direction.

W. L. Foster of Louisiana spoke on "The Livestock Possibilities of the South." He said the people of the south were now waking up and the thousands of acres of abandoned cotton fields were reclaimed as pasture lands for stock. Those fields could be utilized for pasturage eight months out of the year and purchased for from \$3 to \$10 per acre. He held out the possibilities of alfalfa as a forage crop and of other valuable grasses for pasturing purposes which grow so abundantly in the south.

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MAKES RADICAL SUGGESTIONS

Message of the Governor of West Virginia is Submitted to the Legislature.

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 14.—Governor White's message, considered by all the most radical in point of reform ever submitted by a governor of West Virginia, was delivered to both houses this afternoon. The cash balance in the state treasury was the largest in many years. Governor White attributed this to the "Dawson corporation law." The net receipts last year were about \$1,000,000 and expenditures \$1,200,000. It is recommended that the direct tax be abolished.

Special attention is called to the recommendations of the State Tax commission, especially one to levy excise taxes upon street railways, steam railways and other public corporations.

A tax of one-third of a cent per ton on the mining of coal is also recommended. To prevent depletion of the West Virginia gas fields the governor recommends that a high license tax be put on every pump used to pump natural gas out of the state.

A liberal appropriation is asked for a display at St. Louis. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 14.—Governor William D. Jelks today transmitted his message to the legislature.

The governor says the people of Alabama have arrived at the epoch of honest elections and must cleanse their garments. The Sayre election law should be repealed, he says, and provision made for representatives of the two or more political parties at the polls.

Lynchings are vigorously denounced. The state is congratulated, however, in the decrease in this form of lawlessness. The concealed weapon habit is condemned.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 14.—By a vote of 34 to 14 the lower house of the Illinois assembly today adopted a resolution to bind candidates for the United States senate to vote for a constitutional amendment for the election of senators by direct vote of the people. Consideration of a similar resolution in the senate was deferred.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 14.—Apostle Reed Smoot was nominated for United States senator by the republican caucus tonight.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 14.—J. H. Gallinger was tonight nominated by acclamation by the legislature to succeed himself as United States senator.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 14.—United States Senator John C. Spooner was the unanimous choice for re-election in the joint senatorial caucus tonight.

He will be voted for in each house on January 27, and on that day the senate will meet and ratify the selection.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 14.—Congressman A. J. Hopkins of Aurora was tonight nominated by the joint republican caucus of the Illinois legislature to succeed W. E. Mason in the United States senate. The only other name before the caucus was Luther Lavin Mills of Chicago.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 14.—Governor Bland today transmitted his message to the legislature. He announced that he would resign in two years this afternoon in the presence of the general assembly and a large gathering of other citizens of Arkansas. In his message the governor urged a rigid anti-trust law.

POWDER WORKS BLOWN UP

Ten Chinamen and Two Whites Lose Lives in British Columbia Disaster.

NANAIMO, B. C., Jan. 14.—A terrific explosion occurred at the Hamilton Powder company's works, Departure Bay, this morning. George Simonette, James Poliforo and ten Chinamen were killed. Only one body, that of a Chinaman, was recovered, the others being literally blown to fragments.

The explosion, which exploded first, the concussion exploding the gelatin in the drying house 400 feet away, where the greatest loss of life is supposed to have occurred. The ground was excavated to a depth of six feet where the building stood and the buildings themselves were blown into kindling wood and scattered with fragments of human flesh over several acres.

The tramway was torn up and a length of steel rail twisted spirally around a tree, like a whipstock. A man, who exploded a glycerine mine, had a miraculous escape and owes his life to his coolness.

He was running his machinery 4,000 feet from the explosion and was thrown down. The wall was blown in but he kept his head in the wall and the concussion, which almost stopped it, and never left his post, thus preventing a third explosion.

The works are three miles from Nanaimo, but broken windows here testify to the force of the explosion. The management states that it is utterly impossible to assign any cause, as no witnesses survive.

QUESTION FOR THE COURTS

Must Determine Rights to Property in Philippine Church Disputes.

MANILA, Jan. 14.—Governor Taft has sent a circular letter to the provincial governors enjoining them to maintain an impartial attitude in the religious disputes over church property.

He directs them to intervene when the peace is disturbed or forcible dispossession is attempted, but instructs the governors of provinces not to interfere where Roman Catholic priests, in possession of church property, peacefully surrender it to schismatics. The governor says the courts alone must determine the rights of the parties in any dispute over church property.

The provincial governors are directed to transmit the circular letter to the presidents of the churches.

It is anticipated that there may be attempts on the part of schismatics to seize additional churches and the letter was written in order to secure proper use of the executive power.

ADMITS CHINAMEN TO FAIR

Treasury Department Issues Special Regulation Regarding Celestials Bound for St. Louis.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—Orders which have been issued by the secretary of the treasury at Washington were received today at the Chinese bureau of special regulations for the admission of Chinamen during the St. Louis exposition.

According to the new regulations Chinamen having exhibits for the fair or bound on any other mission in connection with the exposition may be admitted on the payment of a cash bond of \$500, but must go direct to St. Louis and remain there during the exposition, entering no service except that specified upon their arrival.

Within thirty days after the close of the exposition they must return to their point of entry and leave by the first steamship.

CHANCE FOR ANOTHER JUDGE

Opinion Prevails that Bill Regarding Big 10 Circuit Will Be Passed.

CONGRESSMAN ROBINSON ON DUTY AGAIN

Yankton Sioux Want Money for Pipestone Quarry, but There is Considerable Doubt About Their Title.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The report on the bill providing for an additional circuit judge in the Eighth judicial district, made by Congressman Lot Thomas, chairman of the subcommittee of the house judiciary committee, gives a most interesting resume of the work done in the Eighth circuit. Attorney General Knox is quoted as saying that there is immediate necessity for an additional circuit judge for this circuit. From information furnished by the subcommittee by the attorney general it appears that there are twenty districts within the Eighth circuit and that there are a larger number of divisions from which appeals can be taken to the circuit court of appeals than in any other circuit. The Eighth circuit embraces eleven states, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, North and South Dakota and three territories, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, having a total population of 13,523,542. In view of the exhaustive nature of the report and the further fact that the judges of the Eighth circuit bench are a unit in urging upon congress the importance of adding an additional judge, it is believed that the bill stands a fair show of getting through the present congress.

Should the bill pass there is a rumor current that the president will appoint Willis Van Devanter of Wyoming, assistant attorney general in the interior department, to the new position.

Send Leasing Bill to Mickey

The following letter has been drawn up for transmission in a formal manner to Governor Mickey by representatives in congress from Nebraska regarding the pending bill to authorize the leasing of grazing lands in that state. Senator Millard is expected to return to Washington tomorrow and immediately upon his arrival his approval will be sought and his signature attached. Then the letter will be at once mailed to Governor Mickey for submission to the state legislature. The text of the letter follows:

The undersigned, members of the congressional delegation from the state of Nebraska, have the honor to herewith transmit to your excellency a copy of Senate bill No. 10,000, which authorizes the leasing of grazing lands in the state of Nebraska, respectively representing that at a meeting of the many of the delegation, it is appearing that there was a wide divergence of opinion as to the propriety of the leasing of public lands. It was agreed, as the proposed bill involved a question of revenues of the state and counties and a new departure touching public lands, that it would be sound public policy to obtain the views of the Nebraska legislature on the subject of leasing public lands. It is respectfully urged that you send a special message to the legislature, laying this matter before it and requesting the passage by them of a joint resolution and memorial on the proposed bill, and giving or withholding their assent thereto as you may determine.

We are very respectfully: C. H. Dietrich, senator, E. J. Burkett, member of congress, D. J. McGee, second district; William Neville, Sixth district; W. L. Stark, Fourth district; A. C. Shalton, Third district; J. S. Robinson, Third district.

Assay Office Waits on Gambie

Congressman Martin of South Dakota said today that he expected to dispose of the superintendency of the assay office at Deadwood in a few days, the delay being due to the absence of Senator Gambie, who returned to Washington late last night.

C. E. Llewellyn, one of the inspectors of rural fire delivery, connected with the western division, with headquarters in Omaha, is in Washington on matters connected with his office. Mr. Llewellyn is regarded as one of the most efficient inspectors ever sent over a route.

Congressman Robinson Returns

Congressman John S. Robinson of the Third Nebraska district and Mrs. Robinson returned to Washington today for the remainder of the session of congress. Judge Robinson, who has been very ill, says that he is better now than he has been for a number of years.

Lacey Will Not Oppose

Major Lacey, chairman of the house committee on public lands, stated today in regard to the Nebraska land leasing bill introduced in the senate by Senator Dietrich that if the measure he would not place any obstacles in the way of its passage, as he recognized how important it was to enact some law that would put an end to the friction between the government and cattle growers.

Confers on Pipestone Quarry

The following named Sioux Indians from the Yankton agency held a conference this afternoon with Commissioner Jones relative to a treaty entered into between their tribe and the government in 1852, to sell the pipestone quarries located in Pipestone county, Minnesota, to the government for \$100,000; Will Brander, sr., Felix Brunott, Elijah Dillan, David H. Ofte, Peter Gargum, Alfred Smith, David Seepher and Thomas Aungie.

It appears that there is some grave doubt as to the title of the Yankton Sioux to this quarry, and this doubt has held off ratification of the agreement entered into in 1852. The Siouxans claim a share in the Pipestone quarry. The senate committee on Indian affairs has signified the matter. It is probable that the entire question will eventually be thrown into the courts to determine who really does possess title.

Congressman Conner today called upon the supervising architect of the treasury regarding the Boone, Ia., public building. A report has been sent out that the new structure is to be built of brick, which is displeasing to Boone, which desires a federal building constructed of stone. Mr. Conner was today informed by the architect that in his intention to construct the new building at Boone of stone, and he could not conceive how any other report as to the material to be used had gone forth.

Department Routine

John P. Musser has been appointed postmaster at River Junction, Johnson county, Ia., vice H. B. McCullough, deceased. The postoffice at Westmark, Phelps county, Neb., has been discontinued, mails to be carried by express.

Charles E. Sturtevant of Tyndall, S. D., and W. L. Lamb of Anamosa and J. B. Palmer of Lodi, Ia., have been appointed railway mail clerks.

The civil service commission today announced dates for spring examinations for:

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Thursday and Friday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 6 a. m. 24 12 p. m. 34 9 a. m. 28 3 p. m. 37 7 a. m. 28 3 p. m. 38 8 a. m. 28 4 p. m. 38 9 a. m. 28 5 p. m. 37 10 a. m. 29 6 p. m. 34 11 a. m. 31 7 p. m. 35 12 m. 34 8 p. m. 33 9 p. m. 33

OLD FIREMEN CHOOSE HUNT

He is Elected President of the Veterans' Association at the Annual Meeting.

In setting from the presidency John Baumer thanked the members for their assistance and received a vote of thanks for his excellent work in the office. John H. Butler, a member of engine company No. 2, and J. H. Richards of the same company, applied for membership in the association, and were elected.

The annual statement of the secretary, F. H. Koesters, showed receipts of \$101.90 and expenditures \$118.40 for the year. Deaths of members during the year were: J. P. Hertzman, March 27; L. Krotsch, April 30, and H. Sander, September 13. There were added to the rolls of membership A. B. Frary, M. W. Bushley, W. H. Galligan, Ed Kuppi, William Edmondson, Chris Johnson and H. A. Nichols, making a total enrollment of sixty-four.

The report of Julius Treitschke, treasurer, showed a balance in the treasury of \$104.82.

J. L. BRANDEIS VERY ILL

Kidney Disease Forces Veteran Merchant to Battle for His Recovery.

In his home at 2326 Dodge street J. L. Brandeis lies dangerously ill. With two nurses over him an almost constant medical attendance, he has battled for six days with a complication of kidney troubles. No operation is demanded, yet the patient has been unconscious a large part of the time. At 12 o'clock last night he was thought by his physicians to be just a shade improved, and the chances for his recovery about even. His age—68 years—is against him. Rest and fortitude may carry him to recovery.

CHIEF WILL READ THE PAST

Police Department Requires the History of Those Who Read the Future for Money.

Omaha not longer will be a home for clairvoyants. Chief of Police Donahue has placed an embargo on them and unless they can hereafter produce letters from the chiefs of police from the last two cities in which they practiced they will have to leave Omaha. Tuesday afternoon J. C. Craven, who located at 321 North Eighteenth street, was arrested, charged with distributing misleading bills on the street advertising himself as a medium.

THOUSANDS PLAY AT EUCHRE

Largest Party Ever Gathered Assembles at Fourteenth Regiment Armory in Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The largest crowd of euchre players ever assembled at one sitting in the United States, was gathered last night in the Fourteenth regiment armory, Brooklyn, where 7,500 persons played the game. There were 1,875 tables. These were arranged in sections, so that there were forty players in each section. A hand of euchre was assigned to every twenty sections. A dozen hands played in union, under the direction of one leader. The party was given by the students of St. Francis college of Brooklyn. Ten thousand dollars, it is estimated, was realized.

ASKS COPY OF CATTLE ORDER

Board of Agriculture of Great Britain Seeks to Know Maine's Action.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 14.—Governor Hill has received a cable from the secretary of the Board of Agriculture, London, England, asking for the text of the order prohibiting the importation into Maine of cattle infected with the foot and mouth disease. The following answer was sent: Copy commissioner's order sent today. It closes all railroads, roads and bridges against traffic in