

SAYS LESSLER LIED

Doblin Retracts Bribery Story Told to the Committee on Saturday.

CLAIMS HE WAS ASKED TO PERJURE SELF

Complaining Representative Writes Out Tale and Gives it to Him.

COMPLETELY FREES QUIGG AND FRIENDS

Witness Now Swears No Money Was Offered for Boat Vote.

MEMBERS ARE ASTOUNDED AT NEW STORY

Closely Question Man on Stand and Get Detailed Account of Alleged Plot Framed by New York Representative.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Philip Doblin, who told the house committee on navy affairs on Saturday that Mr. Quigg had offered to bribe him and Mr. Lessler, today retracted.

The statement came without any previous warning and members of the committee looked at one another in amazement as Doblin went on with his statement.

Gustav Rogers, an attorney, after the first witness left the stand this morning, said he appeared for Mr. Doblin, who had made some statements on Saturday which were true and some which were false and that he held in his hand a statement to which Mr. Doblin had sworn.

The committee was unanimous in agreeing that Doblin appear in person. He was called and made specific denial of all his previous evidence, wherein he alleged attempts at bribery.

He was rigidly cross-examined by practically every member of the committee and pressed for an explanation of his action today, but persisted that he was telling the truth today and adhered to his denials.

When Doblin had left the stand the committee's program, which contemplated calling Dr. W. B. Kerr to the stand, was abandoned and it went into secret session.

Some of the members, in view of the remarkable developments, favored dropping the investigation, but others urged that it be continued.

It is understood that Mr. Lessler asked that he be permitted to make a statement and said he had another witness he would call, whereupon the committee decided to meet again tomorrow.

Mr. Lessler's word in which I said Mr. Quigg tendered me any bribe in any way. "Will you state to the committee in what respect your testimony is not true?" Doblin was asked.

"In relation to my being called to Washington and my conversation with Mr. Lessler at the Hotel Normandie at 8 o'clock or thereabouts.

"The fact is, the statements I made regarding Mr. Quigg are not true. I read the article as it was handed to me and I was told by Lessler, 'You have got to stand for this, and I will not retract.'"

"Well," he said, "then I am politically dead."

"Well," I said, "you carry me with you." He said, "You will be all right if you will just appear before this committee. I will go and see the speaker and I will fix it."

"I was out of the room, come back and he had seen the speaker, and said 'It will be all right. All you have got to do is to go before the committee and substantiate my story.'"

"When I was called to Washington I got this telegram: 'Take midnight train and come to me. Want to see you. Keep this confidential.'"

Mr. Roberts—Signed by whom? A—Signed by "Monte." Mr. Taylor—Who is "Monte"? Your associates—A—"Monte" is Congressman Lessler. I have had correspondence signed "Monte." Continuing, he said:

"While we were eating breakfast I was reading the article familiarizing myself as to the statement made, and when the upstairs he said: 'Do as you want about it.'"

REPORT ATLANTIC BOAT LOST

Anglesea Residents Spread Discredited Rumor of Liner Ashore on Welsh Coast.

HOLY HEAD, Wales, Jan. 27.—Rumors are current here that a big Atlantic liner is ashore at Aberffraw point, a rocky headland about the middle of the western coast of Anglesea. Details are, however, entirely lacking and the story is generally discredited.

According to one resident, a member of the crew had been seen on the remainder being deterred by the news. No reports mention any passengers, and the name of the vessel.

So far as can be ascertained no ship of any importance engaged in the Atlantic service can be in the neighborhood of the Anglesea coast. The story is rendered more unlikely by reason of the fact that the earliest rumors connected the wreck with the American line, whose passenger boats ply to Southampton, and which has no freight vessels in Welsh waters.

SCOFFER CONTRACTS PLAGUE

Mazatlan Editor Revives Sanitary Measures and Now Suffers from Dread Disease.

MAZATLAN, Mex., Jan. 26.—There were four deaths from plague today, and the situation is considered less favorable. The number of patients in the lazaretto is fifty. One new victim is Luis Cervantes, brother of the chief of police of Guadaluajara, who recently started a daily paper, in which he has attacked sanitary measures and physicians and advised the use of domestic remedies only.

The entire ward known as El Cuernito has been destroyed by fire to prevent its infecting other localities. The increase of the disease is due to the return of the poor people who had sought refuge outside the city, but are being driven back by hunger.

MAY SETTLE ACRE DISPUTE

Bolivian Minister to Brazil is Given Power to Negotiate Treaty.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Brazilian legation in London announces that the Bolivian minister at Rio Janeiro, has notified the Brazilian government that President Pando has given him power to enter a formal agreement with Brazil concerning the Acre dispute. These negotiations are expected to lead to a peaceful solution of the difficulty. The Brazilian government has ordered the naval and military forces to mobilize.

LAPAZ, Bolivia, Jan. 26.—The second contingent of the Bolivian expedition to Acre left Lapaz today under the command of President Pando. It will join the first contingent at Buenos Ayres on the Beni river.

PELEE AGAIN IN ACTION

Excursionists Who Land on the Island Are Badly Frightened by Volcano.

CASTRIES, Island of St. Lucia, B. W. I., Jan. 26.—The royal mail steamer Ek took over 400 excursionists to St. Pierre, Martinique, Saturday, and arrived here today. It reports that while at St. Pierre, at 6 o'clock in the evening, Mount Pelee erupted. At the time there were more than 200 persons ashore and great alarm was felt for their safety.

Volunteers from the passengers who had remained on board assisted the crew in hastening to the rescue. After forty minutes of excitement all the passengers were brought back safely.

Apparently about 600 feet of the cone of the volcano has been blown away.

CHINA HONORS A MURDERER

Appoints Hu Lien Sun to Important Post in Spite of Missionary Massacres.

PEKING, Jan. 26.—Hu Lien Sun, governor of Hunan, one of the officials blacklisted by the powers after the Boxer troubles on account of the massacre of missionaries, has been appointed governor of Shan Si. The ministers ignored the failure of the Chinese government to disown him from office, but now the American, French and British ambassadors are sending a note to the government, saying that, considering the missionary murders in the territory under his jurisdiction, it is not wise to send him to a province where missionary interests are exceedingly important.

GOVERNOR SUSPENDS MAYOR

Porto Rican Executive Does Not Wait for Courts When Fraud is Charged.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Jan. 26.—Governor Hunt, acting independently of any judicial proceedings, today suspended Manuel Egozcue, the mayor of this city, from office and ordered an independent investigation into alleged city fraud.

MACEDONIAN OUTLOOK GRAVE

Russian Minister Summons Sofia Minister to Hasty Conference at St. Petersburg.

VIENNA, Jan. 26.—G. Bakhmeteff, the Russian diplomatic agent at Sofia, Bulgaria, has been hurriedly summoned to St. Petersburg to consult with the foreign minister on the Macedonian situation.

M. Bakhmeteff expresses the gravest fear of the situation in Bulgaria, which he declares is infinitely more threatening than at any time in the last five years.

SWEDEN FEAR COPPER TRUST

Report Current in Scandinavia that American Combine is Buying Local Mines.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 26.—The Oester-sundsposten publishes a report to the effect that American mining speculators have made large purchases of iron and copper mines in Sweden and Norway and that the great Scandinavian companies are likely to be incorporated in the American copper trust.

IS LEASE BILL OR NOTHING

Chairman Lacey Says Time is Too Short to Push Through New Bill.

WINNEBAGO INDIAN AGENCY DROPPED

Strong Opposition Developing to House Bill Allowing Cattle to Remain on Board Cars Forty-Eight Hours.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Chairman Lacey of the public lands committee today, speaking of the special message which Governor Mickey sent to the legislature last week recommending the creation of a commission to examine into the grazing lands of the west and make reports upon illegal fencing of the public domain, said that a commission was wholly impracticable, and that it would be impossible to get a bill through congress at this session and appropriating the necessary amount to carry out the provisions of the bill.

He further said that insofar as he had talked with members of his committee that a practical bill will be the only kind of legislation that could be accomplished at this session, falling in which he saw no other course left to the secretary of the interior than to pull down the fences, as he has stated he will do in the event there is no legislation at this session.

Restores Indian Agencies.

After a heated colloquy, in which several members of the house participated, amendments were incorporated in the Indian appropriation bill today providing salaries for Indian agents at Crow, Creek, Sisseton, Lower Brule and Yankton, in South Dakota, and also at Fox, in Iowa. The bill as reported provided for discontinuance of these agencies, but on request of Representative Burke, who was absent from the city when the measure was framed an opportunity was given him to bring the matter to the floor.

The five places named will be continued. No effort was made, however, to provide for an agent on the Omaha and Winnebago reservation, the agent at that place having been discontinued by reason of failure to appropriate money for his salary for 1902. When Chairman Sherman was asked why no effort was made in behalf of the Omaha and Winnebago agent, he stated that not one of the Nebraska delegation had called his attention to the matter.

Senator Mitchell's address was called to this, and the senator responded, stating that he would look into the matter, but not knowing the status of the case he could give no opinion as to what he would do when the bill reached the senate.

South Dakota Pares Well.

At a meeting of the house committee today several amendments to the Indian bill, of interest in South Dakota, were reported favorably on motion by Senator Mitchell. One of them increases the appropriation for enlarging the Chamberlain school to \$13,000; also \$9,000 for additional buildings, and \$11,745 for the purchase of additional land at Rapid City, S. D. The appropriation for the Chamberlain school was increased to \$25,000, as provided in appropriations for 1902. Other items are as follows: Four thousand five hundred dollars for erecting an industrial school at Ft. Randall, \$5,000 for an additional building at Pierre and \$20,000 for surveys at Pine Ridge.

Shuts Out Home Companies.

Attorney General Knox, in an opinion today, sustained the action of the postmaster general in shutting from the mails certain co-operative home companies which have been doing a lottery business in violation of United States statutes. The attorney general in his opinion recites the case of the Nebraska Home company, whose charter was approved by state authorities and which finally reached the supreme court of the state, where a decision adverse to the Nebraska Home company was handed down.

The decision of the attorney general effects some forty companies throughout the west. Nebraska has one, and the case came to the attorney general, being taken up by the Co-operative Home company of Kansas City, and in which every contention of the postmaster general was sustained.

Congressman Martin of South Dakota, speaking of the bill conferring jurisdiction of the federal courts to pass upon crimes committed upon Indian reservations, stated today that it was a matter of great moment to the citizens of South Dakota. He said that when he first introduced the bill the judiciary department of the government opposed the measure, but finally he secured a rehearing upon the measure before Attorney General Knox, and the attorney general finally agreed to make a favorable report on the measure.

Senator Gamble had introduced a similar measure in the senate, but substituted Congressman Martin's bill for his own, in order that relief might be obtained.

Pressing Iowa's Claim.

Fifty clerks connected with the census bureau will leave about the middle of February on an official tour for the purpose of gathering information on debt and wealth, and those assigned to the semi-arid states will be especially charged to look up the subject of irrigation.

Adjutant General Byers of Iowa will have a hearing tomorrow morning before the house committee on military affairs on the claim of Iowa against the government covering equipment of troops by Iowa during the Spanish-American war and rent of barracks at Des Moines after troops were mustered into the service of the United States.

Senator Gamble today secured a favorable report from the commerce committee of the senate extending the limit for erecting a bridge over the Missouri at Yankton one year.

The diplomatic bill, which passed the senate today, carries an increase of \$500 for salary and \$900 for clerk hire for the consular general's office at Montevideo, where Philip C. Hanna of Kossuth county, Iowa, is consular general.

Objections All Around.

The bill recently passed by the house providing that live stock may be held in cars forty-eight hours, has brought forth protests from humane societies throughout the west, who contend that the cattle will suffer from lack of food and water. The owners of cattle have also objected to the bill, for the reason that it will result in the lading of the stock on the markets in an unfavorable condition.

The present law on the subject, which provides that live stock in cars shall be unloaded, fed and watered and allowed to rest every twenty-eight hours, has been on the statute books for twenty years.

In compliance with it, stock yards have been constructed and all arrangements

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CONCEDE TELLER'S ELECTION

Not Much Doubt as to the Regularity of the Joint Session.

DENVER, Jan. 26.—The regularity of the election of United States Senator Teller Saturday at a joint session of the democratic members of the two houses of the general assembly is practically conceded by the republican senators, who today abandoned the separate organization which they maintained last week and returned to the senate chamber, where the democratic majority has been in continuous session since last Monday.

Lieutenant Governor Haggart shook hands with the democratic president pro tempore Adams, who had presided during his absence last week, and resumed the chair. The senate then adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

The republican officers of the house of representatives today recognized the democratic senate as the regular organization by receiving from its secretary the emergency appropriation bill, which it passed last week.

A motion was made by Representative Frewen, a Wolcott member, to reconsider the adverse action on the part for the expulsion of Adams, who had presided during his absence last week, and resumed the chair. The senate then adjourned until tomorrow.

The subcommittee of the democratic state central committee has arranged for a banquet at the Brown Palace hotel on Wednesday night to be tendered to Senator Teller, the democratic members of the senate and house, and the democratic state central committee.

Preceding the banquet, the same evening, a public reception to Senator Teller will be held in the rotunda of the Brown Palace hotel.

The democratic and anti-Wolcott republican members of the house have agreed to maintain the present organization of the house intact.

In consideration of recognition of the democratic senate and an agreement to unseat no more democratic members, the democrats will vote with the anti-Wolcott republicans against any proposition that would be subjecting the democratic caucus to a reorganization of the house.

Thus the republicans opposed to Wolcott's senatorial candidacy, who refused to enter into a caucus, will be left in control of all the important house committees throughout the session.

Frank C. Goupy, one of the republican candidates for senator, tonight issued a statement declaring the election of Teller illegal. He defends the action of the anti-Wolcott members of the house in talking to near the republican contestants from Denver on the ground that such action would have caused the unseating of all republican senators and blocked necessary legislation. He says the campaign of 1902 was made upon the distinct understanding that Mr. Wolcott would not be a candidate for senator, and that "if he had not come into this fight there would have been no factionalism and in all probability Mr. Teller would not have been successful."

PRISONERS SAW WAY OUT

Death of the Sheriff Gives Men in Mitchell, South Dakota, Jail a Chance.

MITCHELL, S. D., Jan. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—A jail delivery took place in this city last night and a very important prisoner made his escape.

Jack Sully and Fred Baer, the two inmates, were released from the prison and no trace of them can be found. They were assisted by outside parties, who sawed the lock from an outside door that is rarely used, and then sawed their way into the jail.

At 4:30 in the afternoon the deputy sheriff saw Sully in the jail corridor, and when the deputy returned at 7 o'clock the jail was empty and an investigation revealed that the prisoners had gone. Telephone messages were sent in all directions to intercept the fugitives.

Sully is the noted cattle rustler who has operated on the Sioux reservation, west of Chamberlain, for a number of years and in that time has made way with hundreds of cattle. He has always been able to escape the officers, or has stood in with them to the extent of having escaped a arrest.

Last summer Sully was arrested at Verdugo, Neb., in a chad driven a large number of cattle and had sold them to Omaha dealers. He was brought back to Lyman county and later placed in the Mitchell jail for safe keeping.

It is believed that the plan for the delivery was sent here from Alexandria to serve a sentence for ninety days.

With only an hour's start of the officers, Jack Sully, the notorious cattle rustler who broke jail here last night, has so far eluded all efforts to locate him.

Not the fastest runner could be secured of him after he left the jail about 6:30 in the evening. It is believed that three parties were connected in the delivery, one of whom sawed the bars to the outer door and the other two who watched and spirited him out.

Today the deputy sheriff made another discovery in the condition of the jail. Sully had taken a bar from one of the cells and broke the plaster on the south-east corner of the cell, and had succeeded in getting enough for him to pass through. Evidently he was not aware of the help he was getting from the outside.

MEMBERS NOT JACK RABBITS

Utah Legislators Officially Censure Paper Which Criticizes Anti-Vaccination.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 26.—The lower house of the legislature today made formal objection to its members being compared to jack rabbits.

TAX LEVY FOR THE SCHOOLS

Board of Education Decides to Ask for Two and Three-Tenths Mills.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MAKES ESTIMATES

Figures that the Needs of the Various Departments of the Public School System Will Require Outlay of \$297,850.

Two and three-tenths mills is the levy that the Board of Education will ask the city council to make for school purposes for the coming year. In this action the board will follow the recommendation of its committee on finance.

Member W. R. Homan offered a substitute for the committee report a resolution to commit the board to ask for a levy of only two mills, but the motion to substitute was lost by a vote of 2 to 10. Mr. Mcintosh voting with Mr. Homan and Messrs. Andreesen, Levy and Maynard being absent. Then on the adoption of the original report, Mr. Mcintosh voted aye, leaving Mr. Homan alone in the negative.

The report of the finance committee was framed at a meeting held yesterday afternoon at which all members of the board were invited to attend, and most of them were present to at least a portion of the time. The committee presented an estimate of the needs of the various departments of the school system for the coming year as based upon the figures of the previous years and the needs of the coming year which are already apparent.

Estimate of Expenses.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Advertising, Architect's services, Books, Census enumerators, Drawing, kindergarten and music supplies, Fuel, Fuel and oil, Insurance premiums, Janitors, Light and fuel gas, Printing, School rent and tuning, Repairs, School supplies, Special taxes, Stationery and supplies, Teachers, Miscellaneous, and Insurance fund.

Estimate of Resources.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes State appropriation, Interest on funds, Police court fines, Miscellaneous sources, Nonresident tuition, Rebate on interest, and Total.

The committee estimate of the resources of the school department for the coming year is as follows:

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Whereas, For the school year ending June 30, 1903, the expenses, as shown in the annual report, were \$361,041.93 and the average daily attendance 12,672 and the average expense per pupil \$28.52;

Whereas, For the school year ending June 30, 1902, the average number of teachers employed was 322, with an average of forty pupils to the teacher, and for the year ending June 30, 1901, the average number of teachers was 318, with an average attendance of less than thirty-six pupils to the teacher; and

Whereas, If the attendance had been kept up to the average of forty pupils to the teacher the saving would be \$35,000 per year; therefore be it

Resolved, That the expenses of the schools may be reduced by methods of economy, and for the purpose of making a levy of but 2 mills for the coming year.

Homan Urges Economy.

Mr. Homan made a long argument in support of his substitute, quoting from the reports of past years to substantiate his statement that the expenses of the schools had been higher than need be. He thought that if the levy was small the tendency would naturally be toward economy, while the large levy would be conducive to extravagance.

Dr. Christie took issue with Mr. Homan and said that while that gentleman was very ready to come in at this time and charge the committee with having been extravagant in its estimate, he had not intended to say in the afternoon committee meeting as to how that estimate could be reduced. All of the members had been invited and requested to attend the meeting and make suggestions, and that was the proper time and place for Mr. Homan to say what he had to say on this subject and suggest how the levy could be reduced.

Dr. Christie said that although Mr. Homan was very severe in his arraignment of the former board for its expenditures, he was himself a member of the finance committee and presumably sanctioned the expenditures, and even now he did not suggest any definite means of cutting down the expenditures. He did not say which teachers might be discharged or which schools might be closed up, or in fact suggest any means of reducing expenses.

Superintendent Makes Statement.

Superintendent Pearce was called upon for a statement as to the average number of pupils per teacher and the average expense per pupil. In the course of his remarks he reminded Mr. Homan that he had in a conference of members of the board within the past week proposed a levy of 2 1/2 mills for school purposes. Mr. Pearce quoted statistics to show that the average number of pupils to the teacher in the Omaha schools is as large as in any of the other cities of its size and the cost per pupil as small. He said that the choice of 1897 as a year for comparison was not fair, from the fact that at that time the city was suffering most from the hard times, and the school board took unusual means of reducing expenses, such as holding only half-day sessions in the kindergarten and lower grades.

In correction of some of the other facts (Continued on Second Page.)

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair in East, Snow in West Portion Tuesday; Colder Wednesday, with Snow.

Table with 4 columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Hour, Degree, and Barometer. Includes data for 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., and 11 p.m.

RELIEF FOR FAMINE VICTIMS

Swedes of Nebraska Have Sent About \$2,500 to the Suffering People.

The Swedes of Nebraska, through a society organized two months ago for the purpose, have raised about \$2,500 for the people of their native land who are suffering as the result of crop failures last summer. Justus Steverson, as head of the society, is sending the money at the rate of 1,000 crowns per week to Sweden, where it is received by the relief board created by King Oscar. It is hoped that the money can be sent at the same rate until July, and there is enough in sight to make certain that it can be sent at that rate for at least two months from this time.

According to word received from Sweden by Omaha parties, the greatest trouble is not to care for the suffering people at this time, but to have a healthy live stock and enough grain for seed. The center of the distress is the mining town of Gallivara, which is located several miles north of the Arctic circle, in a country which in ordinary years produces enough grain and livestock for the inhabitants, but this year and live stock are of peculiar varieties, by long cultivation adapted to the extreme northern climate, the grain being quick to mature and the cattle able to subsist for the most part on the twigs of the trees which cover the northern ground. They need, however, a certain amount of hay, and this has completely failed. It is feared that if the seed and the stock is consumed between now and the making of the next crop it will be almost impossible to reconstitute other grain and other stock to the country, and for this reason the royal board desires to supply the people of the stricken district with provisions until they can pass another harvest.

Omaha has raised about \$2,000 of the fund in the hands of the local society and Chicago has contributed about \$15,000 to the relief fund. The total amount sent from the United States up to this time is about \$50,000.

CAPITOL LODGE CELEBRATES

Organization of Masons Observes Forty-Sixth Anniversary by Giving Banquet.

One of the most pleasant Masonic reunions of the year was the celebration last night of the forty-sixth anniversary of Capitol lodge, No. 3, the oldest Masonic lodge in the city, as Nebraska lodge, No. 1, was located at Bellevue many years before being moved to Omaha.

The observance of the anniversary began with a banquet at Froemson's hall, which was spread at 7 o'clock. W. A. DeBord was toastmaster, and after the feast introduced George W. Linsinger, one of the oldest members of the lodge. Mr. Linsinger entertained the 200 assembled Masons with a brief history of Capitol lodge and some recollections of early Masonry in Nebraska.

The second speaker was Edward J. Cornish, who spoke of "Masonry and Democracy." John J. Moore, who was to have responded to the toast, "The Acacia," was unable to be present, and his place was filled by Henry Hardy, whose treatment of the subject was well received, though extemporaneous. "The Square and Compass" was the theme of Rev. R. Andrews and "The Lambkin Apron," that of Rev. Luther M. Kuhns.

During the evening songs were sung by Daniel H. Wheeler, Jr., and Jo F. Barton and instrumental solos played by E. O. Pederson and Ernest Nordin.

APPOINTS NINE NEW FIREMEN

Fire and Police Board Includes Four Former Members in the List.

At the meeting of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Monday evening nine new members were appointed to the fire department, as follows: Thomas Murphy, Pat Roche, Ed A. Burmaster, M. C. Kotch, G. L. Fox, C. Cummings, B. D. Gray, Ed Car and August Gutter. Murphy, Burmaster, Fox and Car were formerly in the department.

Four policemen were brought before the commissioners for having left their beats without duty. The violators of the police rules were Patrolmen James C. Cusick, M. J. Sullivan, William Good and A. F. Lambert. Each pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined two days' pay.

LOTTERY TO PAY SOLDIERS

Cubans Propose New Means of Raising Funds to Satisfy Revolutionary Claims.

HAVANNA, Jan. 26.—The majority of the house of representatives and the general assembly in favor of a government lottery to guarantee the loan for the payment of the soldiers. The scheme, however, would be vetoed by President Palma, and the passage of the bill to provide for the payment of the loan through internal revenue is probable.

This bill proposes the issue of 5 per cent bonds, running for forty years at the minimum price of 90 per cent.

BINGHAMTON WANTS TREFZ

Congressionalists So Pleased with Omaha Man's Preaching that Call is Probable.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Jan. 26.—A committee of the First Congregational church of this city recently visited Omaha, Neb., in connection with the preaching of Rev. Edward Trefz of the Kountze Memorial church. The committee has reported favorably and it is believed that the church will extend a call.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Jan. 26.

At New York—Arrived—La Champagne from Havre; Minneapolis from London and Southampton; Ettrick from Kingston; City of Augusta from Savannah; Theosotis from Genoa.

At Hamburg—Sailed—Bulgaria, for New York.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Ivernia, from New York; Trionfa, from St. John, N. B., and Halifax; Sailed—Armenia, for Boston.

At Glasgow—Sailed—Monaghan, for St. John, N. B.; Oreadian, for Portland.

NEW BILL FAVORED

Sentiment of Revenue Committee Opposed to Tinkering the Old Law.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE KANSAS MEASURE

Small Attendance Delays Action on Question of Leasing Grazing Lands.</