

This may not only be reasonably inferred from the failure of the committee to make its report, but from remarks made by several members of that committee. Three leading members were asked today if the committee was harmonious as to that part of the work accomplished and each made nearly the same answer: "Well, nearly so."

Now holding out to the last, persistently refusing to be whipped into line by the railroad law, it is said that these legislators have determined never to agree to the bill which is about to be completed as the product of the majority of the committee and that they will, therefore, submit their report on the basis of the Nebraska law. Of course the members are reticent in discussing this phase of the case.

While refusing to name any exact time, all the members of the committee are said upon the subject of the bill ought to be ready for introduction about Wednesday. This is said with an evident mental reservation and it is feared that the bill will not be forthcoming before the latter part of the week. Sears made this promise: "It will be ready some time this week. This is the best I can give you."

There is a great deal of restlessness on the part of serious-minded members for the introduction of this bill.

Chairman Warren of the house revenue and taxation committee says his committee has not yet considered the Omaha Real Estate exchange bill, H. R. 171, and therefore must hold on to it a little while longer. The plan is to have this bill considered and acted on when the revenue bill is taken up.

Despite the fact that the legislature had adjourned for the week that the revenue and public lands and buildings committees made junketing trips over the state in the meantime, no standing committee reported to the house today. In this connection it should be mentioned that but seven bills were introduced in the house and one in the senate. The week's interim did not produce the train of bills that was expected, or rather, feared.

McAllister of Deuel will introduce his bill to reorganize the state into legislative districts, probably tomorrow. The bill is complete and its author desires to consult with some of his colleagues as to certain of its provisions before submitting it. The measure is much the same as the Evans reappointment bill of last session. It will be remembered that Mr. McAllister, through the law, first week of the session, announced his intention of introducing such a bill.

Nelson of Douglas said today that the Omaha charter bill probably would be ready for presentation in the house tomorrow. An Douglas county delegation has been negotiating this measure since before the legislature convened. It is supposed to at least meet the approval of that contingent.

Loomis of Dodge pronounced this a day of fair economy, maintaining that \$48,000 was not too large. In this connection he observed that last session \$30,000 was first set apart for this purpose and found too little, when an extra appropriation had to be made. After some more discussion the house refused to concur in the senate's amendment by a vote of 60 to 27.

House of Representatives moved that a committee be appointed from the house to confer with a senate committee on the bill. The speaker named Ransom of Hall, Wilson of Pawnee and Waring of Holt.

At 8:30 the house adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Littlefield anti-trust bill was received by the senate from the house and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The army appropriation bill was sent to conference, Messrs. Proctor (Vt.), Quarles (Wyo.) and Cockrell (Mo.) being named as conferees.

Mr. Burrows (Tenn.) addressed the senate on the Howland resolution calling for the records of court-martial of officers serving in the Philippines.

Eleven republicans voted with the democrats for this motion, but it was defeated on a rising vote, 80 to 88.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Speaker Henderson, who has recovered from his recent indisposition, presided over the deliberations of the house today.

After the reading of the journal, Mr. Richardson (Tenn.) took exception to the presentation of the conference report on the Department of Commerce bill.

Mr. Richardson protested against the reading of the conference report and moved to change the journal so as to strike out the action of yesterday.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Pilgrims of the United States, founded "for the promotion of friendship between the United States and Great Britain and colonies," was formally organized today.

Bishop Henry C. Potter was elected president; General Henry C. Corbin, Morris K. Jessup and Lord Charles Berford were presidents; Benjamin D. Woodward, secretary, and R. A. C. Smith, treasurer.

The executive committee includes: Lindsay Russell, chairman; William Butler Duncan, ex-attorney; General John W. Griggs, Herbert Noble, George T. Wilson, Joseph T. Wheeler, Hamilton W. Mable, R. W. Chaffee, Dr. Russell Bellamy, Richard Mansfield, Richard Watson Gilder, W. E. Carson and Charles B. Warren.

It was decided to extend an invitation to Sir Michael Herbert, the British ambassador, to be the guest of the society at a dinner at a time suitable to him, and to Earl Roberts on the latter's expected visit to this country next fall.

Mr. Roberts will call on Lord Roberts in London and the invitation to Sir Michael will be extended later by Bishop Potter.

Mr. Kean said the people of the United States are opposed to polygamy, and mean in every way to keep it out.

Mr. Kean declared that he would offer an amendment to this kind.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—With one blow straight from the shoulder President Roosevelt knocked out the Standard Oil trust, says a special to the Chicago Record-Herald. It was the president who gave to the public the news that representatives of the oil monopoly had been in Washington trying to defeat all anti-trust legislation, and that telegrams had been received by senators signed John D. Rockefeller, urging that the anti-trust act now pending be either emasculated or killed.

The stroke of publicity on the part of the president has raised a storm in Washington and has rendered it morally certain that such legislation as the administration desires will be passed before Mr. Rockefeller's attempt to influence the Standard Oil trust is using his influence against the pending measure is sufficient to insure success.

Mr. Rockefeller, whatever his personal virtues may be, is not dearly loved by the average member of congress or by the general public. There is circumstantial evidence that messages of this character were delivered to two or three senators, and no one is surprised that the recipients should wish to appear before the house as being in Mr. Rockefeller's confidence and good graces to the extent that he would select them as objectives of his congressional campaigning.

Mr. Rockefeller's friendship might be an awkward thing to explain to one's constituents.

It is stated here that it is not at all likely that Mr. Rockefeller will go to the extent of sending a denial to the fact that the telegram was sent for him, and with his entire approval.

A number of congressmen who recent bitterly such an insolent message to the lawmakers pointed out that the receiving of a telegram is not proof of its genuineness. The name of the sender may have been forged and such a message might have been wired as a rum or political play for the purpose of securing a certain action on the anti-trust law.

The Littlefield bill passed the house Saturday afternoon, and it is pointed out that there was no urgent need for a telegram to the senate not to act upon it. A letter from New York would reach the senators before the bill could get to that branch of congress.

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