

ELKINS BILL PASSES

House Adopts Measure Which Has Already Been Passed by the Senate.

NO AMENDMENTS ARE PERMITTED AT ALL

Democrats Protest, Wanting to Strengthen Many Provisions of Measure.

ANNOUNCE END OF ANTI-TRUST PROGRAM

Republican Leaders Say No More Curbs Will Be Placed on Combines

COCHRAN DUBS HEPBURN DELIBERATE LIAR

Missouri Representative Objects to Iowa Man's Statements in Unparliamentary Remark, Which Passes Unnoticed.

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GERMANY NOT TO BUY SHIPS

Decides That War Vessels Being Built for Argentine and Chile Cannot Be Used.

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DIETRICH ON PHILIPPINES

Points Out Advantages of Indirect Protection for Their Products.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Senator Dietrich today made an extended address in the Senate on the Philippine Islands, which attracted a great deal of attention and much favorable comment.

While he was not speaking of any particular bill, the time seemed opportune to deliver a speech which the senator has been working on for some time.

He said that the Philippines during his visit there, Senator Dietrich told in an exceedingly interesting way things which most impressed him on his tour of the islands.

In the course of his speech the senator said: "I am advocating the inauguration of a policy for the protection and development of the interests and industries of the Philippine Islands, more which do not, and cannot, compete with the industries of the United States."

We are importing annually between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000 of duty free products which are supplied by the Philippine Islands, and I contend that it is unwise, unbusinesslike and unparliamentary to admit without duty from other countries products which could be grown or manufactured in our own possessions.

In 1870 the duty on coffee, which was 5 cents a pound, was reduced to 2 cents and two years later it was taken off entirely, and at the same time Brazil imposed taxes upon its coffee which amounted practically to the duty which we had taken off.

It is not astonishing that in two years of free coffee the United States had lost in revenues on Brazilian coffee alone the enormous amount of \$304,869,852, and that the Brazilian treasury was made richer by practically the same amount.

"We should protect the interests and industries of the Philippine Islands by placing a duty on competing foreign products which are now on the free list."

The senator called attention to the fact that during the thirty-one years since the removal of the duty on coffee the United States bought products worth, Brazil aggregating \$1,411,688,716, while Brazil purchased from the United States products aggregating only \$283,421,646, making a balance of trade against the United States of \$1,128,267,070.

He said that the United States purchases from the United States were less than 18 per cent of the United States purchases from Brazil.

Bill to Help Flanndrea Indians. Senator Kittredge today introduced an amendment which he will endeavor to attach to the Indian appropriation bill when that measure comes up in the Senate, authorizing the secretary of the Interior to pay to the Sioux Indians residing at Flanndrea, S. D., their share in the principal permanent fund appropriated and placed in the treasury to the credit of the Sioux nation.

The bill authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river between Chamberlain, Brule county, and Lyman county, South Dakota, has passed both branches of Congress and was today sent to the president for approval.

Senators Millard, Kittredge and Turner were today appointed a subcommittee of the committee on interoceanic canals to investigate and report upon the various projects, which have been offered to the government as a means of connecting the St. Lawrence canal commission. The subcommittee is also empowered to suggest a salary for each canal commissioner. The subcommittee will hold its first meeting tomorrow and render its report to the full committee on the 15th inst.

Robert G. Young of Omaha is in Washington. It seems, according to Mr. Young, there are wolves in Nebraska, as well as elsewhere, but it is the four-footed beasts that are causing trouble in the Young state. "Beasty laws," said Mr. Young, "have heretofore appeared insufficient to cause the extermination of wolves and coyotes, although in the last two years bounties have been paid on 44,000 wolves in Nebraska and Wyoming."

Miss Gertrude Dietrich, daughter of Senator Dietrich, arrived in Washington today from Bryn Mawr. Miss Dietrich is the guest tonight at a musicale at the White House.

Routine of Departments. The Postoffice department today ordered the establishment on April 1 next of station No. 5, to be located at 1901 Washington street, of the Tappanville, Ia., postoffice.

These Iowa rural free delivery letter carriers were appointed today: Curlew—Regular, William A. Sterner; substitutes, O. E. Sterner, Cooper—Regular, Harvey E. Van Horn; substitute, John W. Baker. Cylindar—Regular, Theodore D. Mouth, John E. Wells; substitutes, Lucinda D. Mouth, Josephine Wells. Dayton—Regular, L. A. Gault; substitute, May Soule. Dew City—Regular, John B. Thomson, Walter L. Swatman; substitutes, Peter H. Thomson, E. R. Brake. Coon Rapids—Regular, August Anderson, James R. Jones; substitute, Carl O. Anderson. Arthur Graham. Gilmore City—Regular, Luther L. Sharp; substitute, Lulu Smith.

COTTON MARKET IS HIGHER

Sensational Advance in the Price Occurs on the New Orleans Exchange.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—On a sensational advance on New York, the cotton market opened firm at an advance of 7 to 16 points. The advance here was in the face of less favorable accounts from Fall River, as suggested by dissatisfaction on the part of employers.

For fifteen minutes after the opening here prices scarcely varied more than a couple of points, but foreign transactions were upon an enormous scale, with the New England bank, a Frenchman, a Frenchman, secretary of the interior, has been appointed secretary of foreign affairs. He will retain charge of the interior department. Colonel Paul Clement, a Frenchman, formerly military instructor of the Peruvian army, after a short visit, left here this morning for San Francisco on the Moama line. The yellow fever epidemic is diminishing.

French Minister in Ecuador. GAUQUIL, Ecuador, Feb. 13.—Frederic Merlier, the new minister of France to Ecuador, has arrived here. Miguel Valverde, secretary of the interior, has been appointed secretary of foreign affairs. He will retain charge of the interior department. Colonel Paul Clement, a Frenchman, formerly military instructor of the Peruvian army, after a short visit, left here this morning for San Francisco on the Moama line. The yellow fever epidemic is diminishing.

Rome Appoints Martinielli. ROME, Feb. 13.—The pope has appointed Cardinal Martinielli to be a member of the Congregation of Rites.

BOULDER DERAILS TRAIN

Three Men Are Killed by Escaping Steam in Wreck on Baltimore & Ohio.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—In a wreck at Vienna station, on the Baltimore & Ohio about fourteen miles west of Washington, today three men were killed, one train was derailed and a large number of passengers were injured.

The engine was thrown high into the air and alighted on its side, pinning the three unfortunate men under it, where they were killed. The train was derailed and a large number of passengers were injured.

The trainmen who escaped were powerless to restrain their country and had to go to Clayville for assistance.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 13.—The case of Dr. D. C. Alexander, on trial in the criminal court on the charge of complicity in grave robbing, was submitted for consideration of the jury this afternoon.

The jury went to bed at midnight after being out fourteen hours. No verdict was reached.

At 9 tonight Juror White was attacked with heart failure and a doctor was hastily summoned. The doctor soon revived Mr. White, and on his advice the juror was put to bed.

The doctor said the attack was during a heated discussion of the verdict.

A sheriff and two deputies accompanied Dr. Alexander home from the court room this morning.

An excited young man in the corridors of the court house, whose family had suffered by the depredations of the ghoul, declared that he would receive a bullet in the head if the jury acquitted him. The sheriff refused to give the name of the young man, who is under surveillance.

IOWA GETS RHODES BEQUEST

Hawkeye and Seven Other States May Send Scholar to Oxford Next Year.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Eight American students, representing six major central states, will be able to go to Oxford University next year on Cecil Rhodes' scholarships, according to provisions made today at the convention at the University of Chicago.

One or more from each will go the year following and thereafter two will go from each state during every three years. Each student will have \$4,500 for three years at Oxford.

The eight states, all of which were represented in the convention today, are Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Dr. G. B. Parkin met the university and college presidents today and as representatives of the Rhodes trustees, authorized them to make the detailed provision. It was decided that each scholar must have legal residence in the state from which he is appointed, and that a standing, self-perpetuating committee in each state shall conduct the annual examinations, make appointments on the basis of these tests.

These examinations are to be open to all students from the particular state, whether they have attended college in other states or not.

RECEIVER IS IN CHARGE

First National Bank of Asbury Park, New Jersey, Closed by the Comptroller.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The First National Bank of Asbury Park, N. J., was closed today by direction of the comptroller of the currency, and National Bank Examiner J. W. Schofield was placed in charge of the bank.

The bank was closed because of losses which absorbed the surplus and undivided profits and securities and impaired the bank's capital.

The bank's assets are of such a character that additional loans it was feared would have been sustained which would wipe out the remainder of the capital.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Feb. 13.—The Monmouth Trust and Safe Deposit company, which had offices in the building occupied by the First National bank, closed its doors today. The officials of the trust company said that this was done to prevent a run on their institution and that it was done at their own volition.

They said they would reopen as Tuesday next, and that the institution was in good shape. Excitement here is intense and crowds surround both institutions. The closing of the trust company caused the greatest alarm, as the savings of the poor classes are deposited there.

POLICE RAID POOL ROOM

Jack McAuliffe, Former Lightweight Champion Pugilist, Accused of Running Gaming Joint.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—"Jack" McAuliffe, the light-weight ex-champion pugilist, was arrested today in a raid on an alleged pool room at Thirtieth street and Sixth avenue. McAuliffe is charged with being the proprietor of the place.

PLAYS A CLAUDE MELNOTTE

Young Man from Toledo Does Rushing Business in Dreams.

Hugh F. Melner arrived in Omaha two weeks ago from Toledo, O., and since has left behind him a multi-colored wake such as would do credit to a coal baron.

His brief but thrilling history here is founded upon his claim that he is an heir to his father's estate in the Ohio city aggregating \$50,000.

This claim had the effects of winning him a wife after a two weeks' courtship, of duping the police department into making a fruitless and extensive search, lasting nearly a week for his mythical belongings; securing \$150 from a friend and sending him upon a "holy grail" errand in the attempt to locate his wealth; and several merchants are now holding enormous consignments of goods which he had imported to purchase this money.

This man of the mammoth inheritance is now an immaculately dressed and debonair prisoner in the city jail and occupies cell No. 10, where he is being held on a charge of securing money under false pretenses.

Upon his arrival in Omaha Melner at once began the flaunting of his wealthy visions. His dreams of wealth were believed by those to whom he told them, and he was immediately shown every courtesy one of his position and financial standing could possibly command.

A stylish young man of 25 years, the possessor of such an estate, good looking and of fine address and manners, made him an object of admiration among those whose hospitality he enjoyed.

Having paved the way for his entrance into a brilliant future, he began paying homage at the shrine of Cupid and courted Miss Isabella Nichols, 2533 Blondo street. To her he told of his fabulous wealth, the life of ease and luxury that should be hers if she would consent to be his wife.

Miss Nichols, the daughter of J. Nichols, a record clerk in the United Pacific office, had chanced to make Melner's acquaintance two years ago while at the home of a neighbor. He had then posed as a trained nurse, while pursuing mythical medical courses in the colleges of the east. From this meeting an attachment sprang. He left the city last winter, and she did not hear from him until two weeks ago, when he again returned. His "dream" lured her and while he wooed, he won. She left her position as clerk in Hayden Bros' store at his suggestion and on Wednesday, Feb. 4, they crossed the river and were in Toledo by the next day.

Meanwhile Melner had played his role with unerring accuracy. He called daily at Cooley's offices in the New York life building and told in detail of his wealth. In the First National bank of Omaha there he deposited \$2,000 in cash, he said, while in Toledo \$50,000 in negotiable securities, cash and gems was to be found in the safety deposit vault of the First National bank, the balance of his inheritance, \$25,000, being in real estate there. Confident that Melner was a man of truth and veracity, Cooley quickly accommodated his demand for \$150 until Melner's weekly allowance of \$500 would arrive. Melner's request that Cooley go to Toledo and return with his wealth, which he should invest here, was quickly accepted. Cooley was armed with a power of attorney given him by the "man of money."

Before leaving Omaha Cooley was informed by Melner that he should telegraph James P. Brown, the acting administrator, a message directing him to meet Cooley in Chicago at the Auditorium hotel brought the reply that "Mr. Brown had gone south." Cooley, seeing the profits to be realized upon the investment of the Omaha real estate, and fully satisfied, departed, not investigating the deposit in the Omaha bank, as he had seen big bank rolls in Melner's possession.

Melner's representations in the Cooley household during the absence of the head of the house were mystifying, most alluring, and soon made his stock rise far above par. The absence of the elaborate and valuable wardrobe which he claimed to possess led him to turn his attention to the police department. He called at the station last Monday morning, and reported that two of his trunks, one containing \$1,500 worth of Oriental goods, the other his dress suit and best clothes, had been given into the care of an expressman, whom he had seen at Council Bluffs transfer office, but since he had been driven away several days before, had not been seen. Officer Baldwin was given the case, and daily he walked through the city vainly searching for the missing expressman. Yesterday the police realized that they were the victims of a dream and sought to unravel the mystery.

Dispelling the Dream. Cooley upon making a thorough investigation of Melner's statements discovered that the Toledo fortune had faded into etheral visions. The inheritance was a dream and his rich father proved to be a former brewer collector. Melner's only true statement so far vouched for was that his father, George O. Melner, was dead, having passed away in '93. He died leaving a mere pittance.

Melner's brilliant war record proved a myth as did also the tale of the sword presented to him by the citizens of Toledo in his brilliant and gallant service in the Philippines as a lieutenant, while the offer of \$50,000 which Melner said had been made to him by J. B. Hyatt, a wealthy Toledoite, proved this air.

Disgraced, disheartened, and realizing he had been searching for a phantom fortune, Cooley returned.

Melner in the meantime was busy with his "fortune." Architects were visited and plans started for a fine \$5,000 dwelling to be erected on the corner of Twenty-second and Wirt streets, two lots were likewise selected, though no money exchanged hands; a temporary residence on Spencer street was rented for occupancy next week; while a \$200 piano was held for him at Schmolzer & Mueller's store; a set of elaborate dishes were laid aside at Hayden's. He also selected \$50 worth of wall paper to decorate a boudoir in his rented residence and the suit he daintily tastes of his wife. Other dealers found him a willing customer.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Sunday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: High 58, low 40. Forecast for Saturday: High 60, low 42. Forecast for Sunday: High 62, low 44.

FORTUNE LOST IN MAIL CAR

Letters Containing \$50,000 Missing. Although No Theft Is Suspected.

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ELEVATOR MEN WIN OUT

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JOHNSON GETS FIVE THOUSAND

Transfer Man Proves to Be Best Guess in Auditorium Stock Contest.

The first prize in the Auditorium guessing contest has been won by Frank A. Johnson of the Johnson Bros' transfer line, and the \$5,000 in gold will be paid to him. John S. Wetzel, assistant general freight agent for the Illinois Central, won the second prize, a house and lot in Kuntze Place valued at \$3,700. The names of the other prize winners cover twenty-two pages of typewritten paper and will be announced, probably, on Sunday. The successful guessers had organized a syndicate that took out \$2,700 worth of guesses in hopes of beating the game.

COMMITTEE OF TEN MEETS

Proposition to Enlarge Scope of Railroad Tax Bill is the Legislature.

The committee of ten, appointed as a result of the recent mass meeting for the purpose of promoting a reform, met yesterday and discussed the situation, especially with reference to enlarging the scope of the bill now before the legislature so as to give all cities and towns in the state the same right of tax railroad property for municipal purposes as Omaha claims. The committee was subdivided for the more effective transaction of its business.

YOUNG LAD MANAGES DEPOT

Fifteen-Year-Old Boy is Given Sole Charge of Illinois Railroad Office.

CARBONDALE, Ill., Feb. 13.—Charles Dixon, aged 15, has been appointed agent of the East and West railroad at Redfield, Ill.

The boy is believed to be the youngest railroad agent in the country to have active charge of an office.

IDAHO TO TAX MINE OUTPUT

Senate and House Both Agree on Measure Which Governor May Veto.

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 13.—The Senate today passed the house bill providing for a tax on the net output of mines.

Strong efforts, it is said, will be made to induce the governor to veto it.

SPOKE IN THE WHEEL

Publicity Has Seriously Injured Chances of the Tooley Bill.

INAJUSTICE OF MEASURE RECOGNIZED

Demonstration of How it Would Work Out in Various Districts.

ROBS SOME FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS

Move to Have it Sent Back to the Committee Meets Failure.

CHANCE OF FINAL PASSAGE GROWS LESS

State Superintendent Fowler Likely to Burn His Fingers if He Persists in Advocacy of the Measure.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 13.—(Special)—The timely exposition of the real purpose of the bill by The Bee has given a serious, if not fatal, setback to H. R. 133, by Tooley of Custer. This bill, as was exclusively brought to the attention of the people of the state by The Bee, would divert a large part of the school appropriation of Douglas and the other more populous counties to the channels of the smaller and sparsely settled ones. And, while it already has been recommended for passage in the House by the committee of the whole, its final outcome is now fraught with great uncertainty. The Omaha and Lincoln men believe they can encompass