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TO CUT REPRESENTATION

Senator Platt Introduces His Bill Dealing with Disfranchisement of Negroes. FIRST DEBATE OF THE SESSION IN SENATE. Measure to Pension War Telegraph Operators Calls Forth Oratory—Holiday Recess Begins on December 19.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The senate today reached a decision to vote on the Philippine bill providing for the construction of railroads in the island on the 18th inst., and in addition transacted considerable other business.

Mr. Platt (N. Y.) created something of a stir by introducing a bill providing for a reduction of congressional representation of the southern states on the ground that many of the citizens of those states are deprived of their right to vote and Mr. Scott plunged the senate into an exceptionally early debate by attempting to secure the passage of the bill granting pensions to the telegraph operators of the civil war. A large number of bills and joint resolutions were introduced and many petitions were presented.

The discussion of the time for voting on the Philippine bill brought out the fact that there is a general understanding that the Christmas holiday recess will begin on the 19th inst.

When the senate convened today the regular call for business was made for the first time in the session. The majority number of petitions, bills and joint resolutions were introduced.

Would Cut Representation. Senator Platt of New York today introduced the bill, prepared under the direction of the committee on national affairs of the Republican club in the city of New York, having as its purpose the reduction of the representation in congress of southern states that have disfranchised the negro voter.

The bill provided for the reduction of representation in the house of representatives as follows: Alabama, from 9 to 7; Arkansas, 7 to 6; Florida, 3 to 2; Georgia, 11 to 8; Louisiana, 7 to 5; Mississippi, 8 to 6; North Carolina, 10 to 9; South Carolina, 7 to 5; Tennessee, 10 to 9; Texas, 16 to 15; Virginia, 10 to 9.

The introduction of the bill created considerable interest on the democratic side of the chamber, and at the request of several senators portions of the measure were read.

Mr. Lodge called up the Philippine government bill for the purpose of asking to have the measure reprinted and said that as it was on the calendar as the unfinished business of the senate he would press its consideration each day after 3 o'clock until he should be able to report it. He then asked the democratic senators if they could be expected to vote if they would be willing to have a vote taken on the measure.

Mr. Scott asked the senate to enter upon the consideration of the bill placing on the pension roll the names of telegraph operators who served as such during the civil war, and in explanation of the measure said that while the operators were not members of the government and had performed most important services.

Mr. Cockrell called attention to the fact that while holders were paid \$13 per month the telegraph operators had received from \$9 to \$10 per month and on this account he opposed the bill. He said that if telegraph operators were to be pensioned it would be necessary to pension teamsters and other civilian employees.

Mr. Macomber spoke in support of the bill, saying that there would be only 137 beneficiaries under the bill, but before he concluded the senate adjourned. During the discussion today on the Philippine bill it developed that it was the expectation of senators that the holiday adjournment will take place on the 19th inst.

BILL OF LADING TESTIMONY

Evidence that Any Additional Freight Rates Would Fall on Consumer. SEVERAL ROADS WILL NOT USE THE FORM LETTERS FROM ILLINOIS CENTRAL AND SEVERAL EASTERN LINES—HEARING WILL BE RESUMED AT WASHINGTON DECEMBER 15.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The hearing of the question of the railroads placing in operation a new "uniform bill of lading" against which thousands of shippers are complaining has been continued until next Thursday, December 15, at Washington, by members of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The continuation was announced after three days of sensational testimony, with pertinent remarks by members of the commission. When the hearing is resumed it is said that the railroad companies against which the investigation is directed will introduce rebuttal testimony in an endeavor to prove that there is no increase on their part to impose the so-called 20 per cent increase under the common carrier law.

Meantime Commissioners Prouty and Fifer will remain in Chicago and hear testimony in connection with the protest of the Texas cattle raisers against the freightage much farther than the scope of the investigation now being considered by the commission. This announcement was made by George H. Holt, president of the American Lumber company, representing thousands of lumbermen who ship lumber throughout the United States.

One of the most important points brought out at today's hearing was that if the 20 per cent increase for the carrier assuming the responsibility for damages was put in force by the railroads it would eventually fall back on the consumer to pay the increased rate being called upon to pay an equal advance for food or material purchased. This point was brought out by A. A. Sprague of Sprague, Warner & Co., and other witnesses.

Commissioner Clements, who acted as chairman of the commission, in the absence of Chairman Martin A. Knapp, suggested to the attorneys present for the railroads that they make an effort to have the railroads eliminate the enforcement of the 20 per cent proposition and let the bill of lading until some future time to be decided upon. He argued that the hearing may not be concluded on December 15 and in this event the railroads should have the enforcement of the two proposals at least until the hearing is concluded. The attorneys said they would endeavor to bring about these conditions.

Another important development of the day was the introduction of several letters from railroads, particularly a communication from the Illinois Central railroad, asserting that some of the transportation companies absolutely refuse to use the proposed new uniform bill of lading. This proved a distinct surprise to attorneys for many other railroads representing before the commission, official of the Illinois Central letter was from W. E. Keeper, general traffic manager of the company. The letter read:

"The Illinois Central railroad does not use the present bill of lading nor will it use the proposed uniform bill to be put in force January 1, 1905, under the official classification territory, but we will ignore this new bill." A letter from S. J. Cook, general freight agent of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, stated that road will not adopt the uniform shipping receipt.

Mr. Keener, general traffic manager of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, wrote that it will not be obligatory for a shipper on his line to sign or in any way handle a bill of lading bearing the words "not negotiable." Andrew J. Toomey of the New York Produce exchange, who was a witness at today's session of the Interstate Commerce commission, testified that business would be revolutionized if the words "not negotiable" were taken out of the bill of lading. He said he had always been under the impression that he was operating under the common law liability service and collected claims under this service.

"An advance of 30 per cent," he said, "would exceed our profit. The common law liability is high enough now, if not excessive, if there is to be a change let it be in the other direction, and then let the shipper assume the responsibility." Present Rates Excessive. J. J. Flood, traffic manager for the William Hoyt company of Chicago, testified that the present rate is excessive and more than recompenses the carrier. He said the shippers would gladly accept rates as they are as a maximum, with a reduction of 20 per cent, the shipper in the latter case assuming the liability for damage. If the rate is increased the price of goods must be increased proportionately, Mr. Flood said, and the sufferer would be the consumer.

A. A. Sprague of Sprague, Warner & Co., testified that his company had not used the uniform bill of lading for years and did not intend to use it. "We do business on a very small margin of profit and if the freight rate was increased 20 per cent, the carrier assuming the liability, it would, I think, increase the cost of different commodities," he said.

Damage Less than One Per Cent. Mr. Sprague submitted statistics of his company for the last three years showing that the percentage of damage to the amount of freight rates paid was less than 1 per cent. Commissioner Prouty was absent from the morning session, his time being occupied hearing complaints of Texas cattlemen against the practice of the railroads of charging \$2 a car for transferring live stock cars from the terminals of the roads in Chicago to the stock yards.

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Business House at Ponca. FIRE RECORD. Ponce, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special)—Two business blocks burned in this city this morning at 3:45. The fire originated in the I. Conner & Co's grocery store, one of the largest in the city. The fire spread to the company's station was also destroyed. The stock of I. Conner & Co was fully insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Hymeneal. Pangborn-McKinney. BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special)—Yesterday in county court occurred the marriage of Mr. James L. Pangborn and Miss Rosa McKinney. Judge Bourne officiating. The young people will make their home in Beatrice, where they have lived for some time.

Ditch Petitioners Meet. ONAWA, Ia., Dec. 7.—(Special)—The petitioners of the big Monmouth ditch are holding a meeting at the engineer's

office in Onawa to consult about the best method of procedure on the ditch cases.

DEATH RECORD.

William Redford. SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special)—Yesterday occurred the death of William Redford, one of the most esteemed men of the community and at the same time mayor of Seward. Mr. Redford died at midnight of a serious operation, and for a time he rallied, but death came to him yesterday. He leaves a widow and one daughter. The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Frederick Leavitt of the Congregational church on Thursday at 2 o'clock.

Elmer Grant Betzer. SEWARD, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special)—The death of Elmer Grant Betzer of age 71 years, at his home near Staplehurst, Neb., yesterday morning was a shock to all of our county. He was a young man with hosts of friends and was a prominent member of the Works and Lodge of Staplehurst. He leaves a young wife and little son. Funeral services will be from his late home by Rev. Wilcox on Thursday at 2 o'clock.

W. H. Thompson. MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Dec. 7.—(Special)—W. H. Thompson, aged 45, died suddenly at his home near Staplehurst, Neb., on Monday morning. He was 62 years of age and leaves a widow and six children. The funeral occurred at 10:30 this morning. Rev. Folkrod of the local Baptist church delivering the funeral address. Interment was at the Brandon cemetery.

William H. Applegate. ATLANTIC, Ia., Dec. 7.—(Special)—William H. Applegate, in early days a leading citizen of Atlantic, died yesterday at his home here after a brief illness. Mr. Applegate was proprietor of Atlantic's first packing house, but for the past twenty years he has given his attention to mining interests in Colorado. He was 62 years of age and leaves a wife but no children.

Dr. Augustus Greaber. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—Dr. Augustus L. Greaber, professor of church history and dogmatics at the Evangelical Lutheran theological seminary, died today from a complication of nervous debility. Dr. Greaber was 55 years old and had a national reputation as an authority on church history.

Charles H. Laird. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Charles H. Laird, an expert rifle shot and winner of the international championship in 1870, is dead here as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was born in Columbus, O., in 1847.

Charles Nolan. NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The death of Charles Nolan, the cartoonist, at Cave Creek, Pa., was announced in a special dispatch received here today. He was 45 years old and a native of Akron, O.

HOLD-UP SUSPECT IS CAUGHT

Man Identified by Frank Tomsovic Is Arrested by Police and Held at Jail.

Anton Urban has been arrested by Officer Lickert and charged at the city jail with being a suspicious character until a more specific charge shall have been filed against him.

Urban is identified by Frank Tomsovic as being one of the two men who held him up Tuesday night under the Eleventh street viaduct and stole \$37 from him. Tomsovic says he came to Omaha Tuesday afternoon from Rock Springs, Wyo.; is a stranger in the city, and met Urban and his pal at a hotel. The trio went out together in the evening, but Tomsovic might see the town and the wonders therein as pictured by Urban and company. When under the viaduct Urban plied Tomsovic's hands, while the other man, not yet apprehended, took the money, leaving Tomsovic alone in the darkness to think the matter over, so the Rock Springs citizen says. None of the boys was found on Urban when arrested.

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Council Bluffs—Dentist Cuts Rope Drawing Heavy Safe Up Into His Building.

An Omaha safe firm while placing a big safe in a Council Bluffs real estate office at 509 Broadway, that city, met with some very demonstrative opposition on the part of a dentist who had an office in the same building. The dentist, a Dr. Hamilton, protested the safe being hoisted up the stairway of the building on the ground that it would obstruct the passage way for patients coming to his office. An altercation ensued and the dentist undertook to cut the rope by which the heavy safe was being drawn up and did succeed in cutting it half in two, when his knife blade broke; otherwise a bad accident would have ensued from the safe falling back into the street, where numerous pedestrians were passing.

The Omaha safe movers were on the ground when the safe was being hoisted. The safe was being hoisted by a crane and the rope was cut by the dentist's knife.

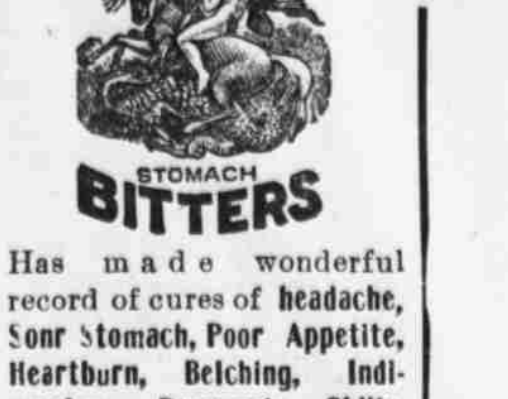
FOUND IT OUT. Many an Omaha Citizen is Finding It Out.

A backache always means kidney troubles. The beginning is always the backache. The ending may be Bright's Disease. Read the following case of an Omaha citizen who found the remedy in time.

Mrs. Kate O'Mara, 2429 Pacific street, says: "For seven or eight years I was troubled more or less with rheumatism and sharp pains across the small of my back. Working pretty hard looking after my family is what I think brought on the trouble. I was much worse in the mornings on rising, and became some better after being up and around for some time. I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised and got them at Kuhn & Co's drug store. Before taking all the box I knew they were benefiting me. They cured my back and helped my rheumatism."

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AMUSEMENTS. A COMMON SENSE LECTURE ON DRESS. BY MRS. EVELYN FOOTE. Omaha Woman's Club. THURSDAY, DEC. 8, at 3 p. m. Young Woman's Christian Ass'n. THURSDAY, DEC. 8, at 8 p. m. Admission, 25c.

FOUND IT OUT. Many an Omaha Citizen is Finding It Out. ORPHEUM. MODERN VAUDEVILLE MATINEE PART TODAY. TONIGHT—815 Children 10c.

BOYD'S WOODWARD AND BURGESS. EZRA KENDALL. KRUG THEATER. KELLAR The Magician. FRANZ WILGZEK VIOLINIST. First Baptist Church Thursday, Dec. 8.

CUNNINGHAM ORDERED HOME. Postoffice Department Puts an End to Lobbying of Mail Carriers. DEPARTMENT LOOKING INTO HIS ACTIONS. Similar Order Issued to James Keller of Cleveland, President of National Association of City Carriers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Postoffice department has peremptorily ordered James Keller, president of the National Association of Letter carriers, and President Cunningham of the Association of Rural Letter Carriers, to return to their duties at once. Mr. Keller is a city carrier in Cleveland, and Mr. Cunningham is a rural carrier in South Omaha. It is asserted that they have been persistently active during the campaign in an effort to force salary legislation. Both men, it is alleged, have been away from their government duties for a considerable time and it is stated that they will be granted no more such long extensions of leave of absence.

These land frauds are being perpetrated in connection with the public lands, and the work of securing the necessary proof has been a difficult one, but there is no abatement of the intention to secure the conviction of these offenders. The board of the Department of Justice in bringing these land criminals to justice.

National Historical Commission. Senator Lodge today introduced a bill authorizing the president to appoint fifteen persons of experience in historical research to be known as the United States Historical commission. These commissioners shall serve without remuneration, beyond expenses. Provision is made for the appointment of one member at \$2,000 a year and for other clerical assistants. The purpose of the commission is to collect from public archives and private manuscript collections abroad and in the United States abstracts of copies of important documents illustrating American colonial history.

Good Roads Bill Introduced. Senator Latimer from the committee on agriculture and forestry today reported favorable the bill known as the "Latimer good roads bill." It carries an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to be available in three annual instalments of \$1,666,666.67 for road building in the states. Under the provisions of the bill the states are to do the work of construction and pay one-half of the cost, the national government paying the other half.

To Repeal Anti-Canteen Law. Senator Proctor introduced a bill today providing for the repeal of the law which prohibits the sale of beer in any post exchange or canteen at posts located in states where such sale is not prohibited by the law of the state.

Rhodes Scholarship Examination. Commissioner of Education Harris today received a telegram from London announcing that the examination for the Rhodes scholarships in this country for the Rhodes scholarships at the Oxford university in England will be held on January 17 and 18. There will be one scholarship for each state and territory under the will of the late Cecil Rhodes.

PRESIDENT MAY TAKE TRIP. Matter Depends on Decision as to Extra Session of Congress in Spring. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt today received an invitation to visit Louisville, Ky., next spring, and he gave a conditional acceptance.

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