

RATE TALK IN SENATE

Clay, Carmack and Newlands Discuss the Newlands Measure.

ALL THREE WILL SUPPORT THE BILL

Mr. Clay Would Limit the Proposed Court Review Feature.

MR. ELKINS STATES HIS POSITION

He Says He is a Better Friend of the Bill Than Mr. Dilliver.

ARMY MEDICAL BILL IS PASSED

It Provides for Replacing the Contract Surgeons with Officers—Incidentally at \$48,000.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The senate today listened to the railroad rate bill by Messrs. Clay, Carmack, and Newlands, and then debated a bill which provides for the replacement of the medical department of the army by officers. Mr. Clay, who introduced the rate bill, indicated an intention to support it, but Mr. Carmack expressed the hope that it would be amended so as to afford a limited court review of orders of the Interstate Commerce commission. Mr. Hale criticized the military medical bill as showing a tendency to increase the army, which he said, was not desirable in a time of peace.

Criticism Favorable to Bill.
When the senate met today, Mr. Cullerton presented and had the clerk read a memorial from the cattle raisers association of Texas, urging the passage of the railroad rate bill, as it came from the house. The senators agreed to adjourn from today until Monday.

The following bills were passed:
Amending the law requiring lights on rafts so as to make it apply to rafts on tow.

Authorizing the erection of three life-saving stations on the coast of Washington between Cape Flattery and Gray's harbor.

Mr. Lodge presented the conference report on the consular reorganization bill and it was agreed to without discussion.

During the rate bill discussion Mr. Elkins raised the question as to whether the bill confers authority to pass on rates between communities and said that Mr. Dilliver had taken the position that it does not confer this authority. He, like Mr. Aldrich, asserted that the friends of the bill do not agree in its interpretation.

Mr. Elkins declared that he was the best friend of the bill and that his only reason for desiring to have the bill amended is to make it strong. He declared that he is even a better friend of the measure than either Mr. Dilliver, Mr. Nelson or Mr. Tillman.

Would Limit Review Feature.
Mr. Clay took the position that congress had the power to fix a standard of rates giving just compensation; that the carrier and the shipper should have authority to go into the courts and determine the question of just compensation; the authority to issue injunctions should be hedged about by all proper restrictions and that carriers should be confined to their own business.

Referring to the lack of agreement on the pending bill, Mr. Carmack declared that it is better than it would be after amendment. He did not consider a court review provision essential.

Mr. Newlands took issue with some of the statements made yesterday by Mr. Knox on the subject of appeal to the courts, declaring that there was nothing in the bill either to prevent such an appeal or to limit the powers of the court in the matter of injunction. He felt disposed to exercise great caution in the matter of review.

Army Medical Bill Passed.
When Mr. Newlands concluded, the bill providing for the reorganization of the medical department of the army was taken up and Mr. Hale again voiced his opposition to the measure. He repeated his argument against the present increase of the army. The army man and the navy man on the theory that the government is run for their benefit, he said, "but do not believe that the people generally want the army augmented in time of peace."

Discussing the navy, he said he would pit it against any navy in the world except Great Britain's, and that it would be a pity to try to equal the naval establishment of that insular power. He believed that with the vessels now authorized completed our navy would be superior to the French navy and the second in the world.

Returning to the army, Mr. Hale expressed his satisfaction with the present contract surgeon system. Mr. Lodge did not consider the contract surgeon system a good one because it resulted in securing the service of only inexperienced young physicians or of old ones who have failed in their profession. He therefore advocated the passage of the bill, saying that the substitution of officers on pay involved in the passage of the bill was \$48,000 a year.

The bill passed by a vote of 42 to 5.

At 4:35 p. m. the senate went into executive session and at 4:40 adjourned until Monday.

LEGISLATIVE BILL IN THE HOUSE

Twenty Thousand Dollars Appropriated for Public Domain.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Today was a busy day for the house, considerable progress having been made on the legislative, executive and judicial bills. The committee on appropriations suffered a defeat in the committee of the whole by a vote of 14 to 23 expending a paragraph from the bill which was alleged to be property of the postoffice appropriation bill.

An increase of \$10,000 over the appropriation carried by the bill was voted for confidential agents of the interior department to aid in the freeing of land frauds.

When the house met today Mr. Adams (Pa.) called up the conference report on the consular reform bill and after a brief explanation it was adopted.

The speaker laid before the house the bill providing a section of the Klondike and Coeur d'Alene country, which was returned by the president at the request of the senate and house.

By unanimous consent the following bills were passed:
Providing for compensation for good conduct for United States marshals.
Permitting the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway to construct bridges across the Columbia river between Douglas and Klamath counties, Washington, and between Columbia and Washington and across Snake

FLOOD WATERS ARE RECEDING

Reports Received from Most Places Indicate an Improvement.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Cedar river began rising here this morning and at 9 o'clock tonight had risen six feet, the water now being seven feet above the normal stage. Low portions of the city are flooded. Many families have been compelled to move from their homes and some factories along the river will be compelled to shut down for a day or two on account of water in the engine rooms. The Rock Island can run on trains between Vinton and Waterloo owing to the flood of a bridge below here being washed out, and some of its track is under two feet of water. It is not probable the water will rise much higher as reports from the north are to the effect that it is receding there. Damage here will not be large.

WATERLOO, Ia., March 29.—The waters of the flood are receding rapidly and the time of the people who were affected by the flood is being devoted to restoring things to order. From the townlands south of the city report comes from farmers that stock was washed away and much damage done to buildings. Westfield is now showing above the water. The road and the bridge over everything. Work is being pushed by the street car company to rebuild its track to Cedar Falls and the Rock Island and the Illinois Central railroads are repairing the washouts at Waterloo and Cedar Falls.

WESTFIELD, Ia., March 29.—The flood of the principal bridge in this city, was swept away by the flood today.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 29.—Continued warm weather following a heavy snowfall has caused unprecedented frosts in all parts of Wyoming. Many bridges have been destroyed and irrigation ditches are being washed out by the rushing out of irrigation dams. The pipe line supplying the city of Rock Springs, a big coal camp on the Union Pacific railroad, has been partly washed out and the town is depending upon water trains which the railroad has established.

CASPER, Wyo., March 29.—The flood in the North Platte river is subsiding today and all danger is now believed to be past. Great damage was done all along the valley of the Platte to ranches, farm property and especially in the lowlands, which were covered with water.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Director Wolcott of the geological survey today stated that the dispatch last night from Casper, Wyo., alleging that the great dam at Alcona and the steel bridge across the North Platte river had been carried away by a flood on the 27th inst., was erroneous.

In the first place, he said, this government has not constructed a dam in the North Platte river. A contract, however, has been let for this work and the contractor erected a temporary embankment to divert the stream from its channel to lay the foundations for the Pathfinder dam.

ST. LOUIS, March 29.—The Mississippi river tonight registered 24.3 feet on the government gauge here, less than six feet below the danger line, and is still rising at the rate of about one foot in twenty-four hours. The danger line was reached at points near Hannibal, Mo., today.

YANKTON, S. D., March 29.—(Special.)—In the Missouri river the ice suddenly broke up at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and commenced to pile up in big snowdrift-like formations forming a curious slide, top seen here in many years and causing large crowds to the river bank. It is expected Monday, at the latest, will see the resumption of traffic across the river here.

The United States mail has not crossed since early in the month, the longest period of interruption between the two shores at this point that can be recalled.

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STRIKE RIOTS IN WINNIPEG

Scenes of Violence Follow Walkout of the Street Railway Employees.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 29.—After a mass meeting lasting nearly all night, concluding in the morning in the employ of the street railway company went on a strike for higher wages this morning.

Scenes of violence never before witnessed on the streets of Winnipeg followed attempts to run the cars. A howling mob of sympathizers gathered and showered bricks, stones and mud on every car. Drivers of drays took delight in blocking traffic by driving on the tracks. Wrecks were out and switches opened, and finally the attempt to run cars was abandoned. Many fights occurred between strikers and strikebreakers and the city police were busy making arrests of disturbers.

Mayor Sharpe issued a proclamation asking the co-operation of all citizens in maintaining order and stating that the law in regard to disorder and disturbances would be rigidly enforced. A large force of special police has been sworn in.

The Royal Canadian mounted rifles will be called out to further violence occurs. Further attempts will be made to run cars tomorrow.

GREATERS CATCH OF SEALS

Product of the Season's Fishing Will Reach Four Hundred Thousand Skins.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., March 29.—The sealing season in the Gulf of St. Lawrence is held and the Vanguard with 22,000 arrived here tonight. Both steamers report that the remaining ships of the sealing fleet are continuing the large catches heretofore announced, conservative estimates placing the number of seals already taken at 300,000.

It is believed that the 400,000 mark will have been passed before the fishing season ends the latter part of April.

Regicides to Be Retired.
BELGRADE, Servia, March 29.—The leaders of the regicides will shortly be placed on the retired list, thus paying the way for a resumption of diplomatic relations with Great Britain. The most prominent will be debarred from wearing the army uniform. As a sop to the regicides some thirty of their most active opponents will also be retired.

England Keeps Shakespeare Works.
LONDON, March 29.—Lord Sutherland and Mount Royal has come to the assistance of the Bodleian library with a donation of \$2,500 to complete the sum which was necessary to secure the first folio of the works of Shakespeare, for which an American collector offered \$12,000.

Old Castle to Be Rebuilt.
COPENHAGEN, Denmark, March 29.—The lower house of Parliament today passed a bill providing for the rebuilding of the historic castle of Christiansburg, which was burned in 1844.

MURDER MYSTERY DEEPENS

Six Men Who Were in Minneapolis Charnel House Arrested in Duluth.

BUT LITTLE EVIDENCE AGAINST THEM

Their Leader Tells a Straight Story and Police Believe the Men Do Not Know Nothing of the Crime.

DULUTH, Minn., March 29.—Instead of clearing the mystery of the murder of six Bulgarians in a Minneapolis charnel house in this city today of ten persons on suspicion has only deepened the mystery. It was believed that those now in custody here were in some way connected with the crime. This suspicion was confirmed in a way during the latter developments of the case tonight, when it was learned by the police that six hunting knives were sold by the Kelly-Hunter company of this city to foreigners one day last week. An employee of the company left tonight for Minneapolis for the purpose of identifying the hunting knives found in the house where the crime was committed. This, regarded by the Duluth police as one of the most important clues yet discovered and much will depend on the result, as it is known and admitted by Sokuloff, the spokesman of the suspects, that he and several of his countrymen passed through the city last week on their way from Albany, where they had been employed during the winter, for Minneapolis.

No Attempt to Evade Police.
The chief of police says the suspects in no way attempted to evade the police and Sokuloff promptly picked out the men who came from Minneapolis with him on Monday. Sokuloff will soon be at the Albany camp Tuesday of last week for Minneapolis. When he arrived, he says, the six victims were in the house that proved their tomb. They were with him at Albany, but he declares he left that station two days ahead of the remaining members of the party and never saw them again until he met them in Minneapolis.

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FASTEST BATTLESHIP IN NAVY

New Jersey Maintains a Speed of 19.18 Knots an Hour During Its Trial Trip.

BOSTON, March 29.—The performance today of the battleship New Jersey in maintaining a speed of 19.18 knots an hour in a four-hour endurance run off the New England coast coupled with its remarkable speed yesterday over a measured mile at Rockland, Me., at a 19.6 knot an hour rate, places this product of the Fore River Ship Building company at the head of all American built battleships, so far as speed is concerned.

It was ascertained yesterday on its standardization trial off Rockland that an average revolution of its propellers of 153.57 per minute is sufficient to drive the 15,000-ton battleship through the water at the contract speed of 19 knots an hour. Today the average revolutions per minute reached 158.57, and from these figures the trial board announced that it had made an average of 15.18 knots an hour, compared with 15.00 made by the Rhode Island and 15 by the Virginia, sister ships, at their trials a few months ago.

At one time today the New Jersey's speed reached 18.28 knots an hour for a period of seven minutes, while the lowest for a similar period was 15.99. The weather conditions were favorable. Shortly after the conclusion of the run the minor tests of turning, stopping and full speed astern were held and pronounced by the trial board to be successful.

CLOSE VOTE IN ARKANSAS

Governor Davis and Senator Berry Each Claim Nomination for United States Senator.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 29.—Incomplete returns from a majority of the seventy-five counties in the democratic state primary yesterday show a lead of 2,000 for Senator James H. Berry over Governor Jefferson Davis in the contest for the United States senatorship. Additional returns are awaited with great interest, as both sides are claiming a victory. Heavy rains continued throughout the state today and retarded the collection of returns in the country precincts. It appears that the final figure in the race for the senatorial nomination will show a narrow margin for the winner. The nomination of the following state ticket is assured:

Governor, John S. Little; secretary of state, O. D. Ludwig; attorney general, O. K. Pindall; state auditor, A. E. Moore; state treasurer, J. L. Yates; state superintendent of public instruction, J. J. Boone; land commissioner, L. L. Coffman; agricultural commissioner, Guy F. Tucker; supreme judge, close between W. L. Moore and J. E. Roddick.

The nominations in the congressional districts follow:

First, R. B. Macen; Second, S. Brundage; Third, F. C. Floyd; Fourth, close between W. B. Gravens and L. A. Byrne; Fifth, C. B. Baskin; Sixth, J. T. Robinson; Seventh, R. M. Wallace.

SALT LAKE ROAD TIED UP

Between Twenty and Thirty Miles of Road Badly Damaged by Floods.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 29.—With the exception of the Salt Lake road, the railroad situation in southern California is practically normal again. It was given out from the office of Second Vice President Clark of the Salt Lake road that no train would be operated through between Salt Lake and Los Angeles within ten days and probably not for two weeks.

Between twenty and thirty miles of track is badly damaged. Trains from this end are being operated as far as Las Vegas and from the Salt Lake end as far as Caliente.

There was a wreck on the Cuesta grade near San Luis Obispo, on the Southern Pacific, this morning. Three coaches of train No. 10 were thrown from the track when the engine ran into a washout. The train was running slowly down the mountain and only a few passengers were bruised.

Will you help with the new Y. W. C. A. building?

The Omaha Bee Offer:

We will give toward the Y. W. C. A. building fund 25 per cent of all cash in the sums of \$1.00 or more received for new subscriptions to The Omaha Bee—morning, evening or Sunday editions—and 10 per cent of all prepaid subscriptions in amounts of \$1.00 or more from our old subscribers. No payment will be accepted as prepayment until all arrearages have been paid to date.

A \$6.00 payment on a new subscription yields \$1.50 to the Y. W. C. A. fund.

If all our subscribers will prepay their subscription one year the per cent for the Y. W. C. A. WILL AMOUNT TO OVER \$15,000. WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?

Enclosed please find \$1.00 to prepay my subscription. It is understood that 10 per cent of this payment is for the Y. W. C. A. Building Fund.

Name _____ Address _____ Start paper _____

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I hereby subscribe to The Evening and Sunday Bee at 10 cents a week for _____ weeks and enclose \$_____ in payment of same. It is understood that 25 per cent of this payment is for the Y. W. C. A. Building Fund.

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LET EVERYBODY HELP

POSTOFFICE FIGHT ENDED

Wesley J. Cook Has Been Named to Succeed Himself in the Blair Office.

SENATORS BRING PRESSURE ON OFFICIALS

Intimation Cook Must Be Reappointed or the Nominee Would Not Be Confirmed—Congressmen Kennedy Make Statement.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The Blair postoffice fight has been finally determined by the Postoffice department through the reappointment of Wesley J. Cook. While the records in this case may never be made public, it can with truth be said that the Nebraska senators put themselves on record in behalf of Wesley J. Cook by indicating that they saw no reason why he should not be reappointed. This case has been pending since December 29, and probably fifty letters are on file in behalf of Wesley J. Cook's reappointment and in opposition thereto. While it may be denied that intimations were made to the Postoffice department that no one would be confirmed in the senate unless it was Wesley J. Cook, your correspondent has it from authentic sources that such intimations were made.

Senator Millard, in speaking of the reappointment of Wesley J. Cook, said he was glad that the matter was out of the way and would probably remove many heart burnings.

Mr. Kennedy, in speaking of the appointment of Wesley J. Cook, said: "The Postoffice department has reappointed Wesley J. Cook postmaster at Blair absolutely and entirely on his own responsibility. I have had nothing whatever to do with the appointment. Congressmen were advised that presidential postmasters who had conducted their offices in a manner satisfactory to the department would be reappointed for reappointment unless reasons were presented showing conclusively that such action would not be for the best interest of the service, and in cases where the records of postmasters were not satisfactory the department's advisers would be requested to recommend new appointments. This established the merit or civil service rule, with the operation of which I have not interfered. It was adopted under the direction of the president and has his approval. The appointment of postmasters belongs to the executive department of the government and not to the legislative branch. The right of congressmen to recommend the reappointment of an incumbent postmaster has never been more than a courtesy. Under the present rule the executive department exercises its undoubted right to reappoint incumbent postmasters without recommendation. If their records are satisfactory, and to that extent such appointments are withdrawn from congressional control."

Out of Kennedy's Hands.
"With reference to the Blair postoffice, I advised that the last inspection of the office disclosed the service to be good and that the incumbent postmaster would be reappointed unless some good reasons were shown to the contrary. I had no such reason to show. I have heretofore stated, and I repeat now, that during the existence of the present rule I will neither recommend the reappointment of an incumbent postmaster nor will I show cause against his reappointment, no matter how objectionable he may be to me. The department will have to live up to the rule so far as I am concerned. I advised the department that I stood ready to make a recommendation whenever the department was ready to consider it. Evidently that time never came."

"Senators are responsible for their own actions and can answer for themselves. The department is obliged to consider their views in relation to presidential appointments only so far as the question of confirmation is concerned. To that extent they exercise an influence on nominations, whereas in the reappointment of an incumbent postmaster the influence is direct."

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NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST

Fair Friday and Saturday.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:
Hour. Day. Hour. Day.
5 a. m. 37 1 p. m. 40
6 a. m. 36 2 p. m. 46
7 a. m. 35 3 p. m. 50
8 a. m. 34 4 p. m. 49
9 a. m. 33 5 p. m. 48
10 a. m. 32 6 p. m. 47
11 a. m. 31 7 p. m. 46
12 m. 31 8 p. m. 44
1 p. m. 31 9 p. m. 42
2 p. m. 31 10 p. m. 40
3 p. m. 31 11 p. m. 38

RAILROAD COMMISSION IN OHIO

Senate Passes House Bill Creating Tribunal to Regulate Transportation Companies.

COLUMBUS, O., March 29.—The senate this afternoon, by unanimous vote, passed the house bill introduced by Mr. Vertz creating a state railroad commission and providing for the regulation of freight rates. The bill was amended in some important particulars, but the author was unable to secure the concurrence of the house in the amendments is expected. The most important amendment was the insertion of an anti-pass provision. This prohibits any state or public officer from accepting free transportation under penalty of forfeiture of office and a fine of \$500 to \$1,000. The bill was also amended to exclude sleeping cars from its provisions, except insofar as the rates made by such companies apply solely to travel within the state. The time when the law shall go into effect was also extended from thirty to sixty days from its passage. The bill provides for a commission of three members, whose salaries shall be \$5,000 a year each.

PACKING HOUSE TRIAL SET

Judge Humphrey Will Call Cases Against Corporations for Trial in September.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Judge Humphrey today set the trial of the packing corporations which were denied immunity at the hearing ended last week for the second Monday in September.