

BASSETT FORCED INTO COURT

Compelled by Judge's Refusal to Pardon to Show Himself.

WILL BE ON WITNESS STAND TODAY

Redick Asks How Much Longer Will This Father Vowing Such Love for Children Remain Absent.

Charles C. Bassett, former husband of Mrs. Fannie Rice Bassett, will make his first appearance before an Omaha audience this morning at 9:45 o'clock in Judge Redick's court, where the battle is going on for the custody of the Bassett children.

Mr. Bassett has been in the city for ten days, but throughout the session he has been in the court but has been conspicuous by his absence. It was a bitter reference to this absence by the court and the court's refusal to hear further evidence until he had seen Mr. Bassett and heard his testimony that forced Mr. Bassett's attorneys to produce him without further delay.

In the battle for the custody of the children yesterday the court had heard the testimony of several of Mrs. Bassett's neighbors in Omaha to the effect that she was a model mother and most devoted to her children. The court declined to hear further testimony along this line and Mrs. Bassett's attorneys rested.

Mr. Stout, on behalf of Bassett, then made a statement pointing out that the law having declared Mrs. Bassett guilty by the decree awarded Mr. Bassett in Washington, Mrs. Bassett was manifestly not a fit person to have custody of the children. This called forth a spirited reply from Mr. Van Dusen for Mrs. Bassett in which he declared that the court must have some feeling in the matter and in which he referred to Christ's words in regard to Mary Magdalene. "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone."

Ultimate Good of Children. The court held that the ultimate good of the children was the thing for the court to decide rather than to take cognizance of any past crime that might legally be fastened upon the mother. Mr. Bassett's attorneys then had to proceed with their case. They were about to do so by reading depositions taken for use in the divorce suit. To this Attorney Van Dusen made strenuous objection and it was then that Judge Redick demanded to know about Bassett.

"How much longer," demanded the court, "will this father who pretends to have so great an interest in his children wait to appear in this court. This trial has proceeded now for two weeks and he is said to be in the city, but I have not seen him. He may be a myth, a mere phantom of the imagination for all I know."

"Your honor would better ask why this gentleman is here," exclaimed Mr. Stout, pointing a shaking finger toward Rev. E. Lawrence Hunt, who has been present every moment of the trial. The minister sat up straight in his chair and seemed about to rise, but was held back by Mr. Van Dusen. Mr. Stout further pointed out that Mrs. Bassett would hardly demand support from a myth or a phantom. Judge Redick, however, refused to hear any other depositions or testimony until Mr. Bassett has appeared and the much-talked-of but little-seen man will be on the witness stand this morning.

Fight for the Children. The Bassett trial was resumed before Judge Redick in the district court Wednesday morning.

It cannot properly be designated in its present state as a divorce trial, for the court decided Tuesday that the decree given in Washington to Mr. Bassett was valid and that the parties are no longer man and wife. The question now at issue is the custody of the children. There are three of the Bassett children in Mrs. Bassett's possession, but Mr. Bassett wants only two of them. The youngest, Lawrence, he says is not his child. This little matter was the cause of a tilt between the attorneys Wednesday morning when Attorney Van Dusen for Mr. Bassett, started the short but caustic verbal battle with a seemingly harmless remark.

"We contend that the court has entire jurisdiction over the two of Mr. Bassett's children who are now in Omaha," he said. Attorney Baxter, for Mrs. Bassett, was on his feet in an instant with angrily waving fists.

"We resent the statement that there are only two of Mr. Bassett's children here," he exclaimed. "There are three children here and they are Mr. Bassett's."

Recognize Only Two. "We recognize the presence of only two of Mr. Bassett's children here," replied Mr. Stout.

"Well, we'll show you that there are three," retorted Mr. Baxter.

"We only ask the custody of the two children of Mr. Bassett and will let Lawrence stay in his mother's possession," answered Mr. Stout. Bassett claims his wife's youngest child, who was born in Baltimore, and the birth of whom was kept from Bassett. It is not his child, and was born ten months after he saw his wife.

Judge Redick was clear on the proposition that he has jurisdiction over the children and the hearing of testimony to determine who shall have them was begun in the morning. The question of temporary alimony for the support of the children is also included in the testimony now being taken.

Mrs. Bassett Good Mother. George Seay, journal clerk in the district court, was the first witness. He lived next door to Mrs. Bassett at Twenty-eighth and Pacific a year ago. He said Mrs. Bassett seemed a devoted mother and that her children seemed attached to her.

Attorney F. S. Howell was among those who testified in the afternoon as to the fitness of Mrs. Bassett to have the custody of the children. He was a neighbor of Mrs.

Bassett for some time. She showed the greatest devotion to her children, he said. The divorce case seemed to take up most of her thoughts and she talked of it all the time except when she could be diverted to some other topic.

PETITION IN PETTICOATS

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committee railroad commission bill for an hour and the house adjourned before the bill was half finished. It was amended in several particulars and there was considerable discussion about each amendment. The powers of the commission were enlarged by substituting for the words "general supervision" the words "regulate rates and service, and exercise general supervision over railroads in Nebraska."

The section giving the commission authority to send the witnesses to jail for contempt was stricken out, as was the section giving the commission authority to employ counsel. The legal department of the state will be the legal adviser of the commission, and expense accounts will be audited as are such accounts of all state officers.

Ole Jackson and H. V. Plummer, representing a colored political club of Omaha, and Head Walter Grant of the Lincoln hotel, Lincoln, went before the committee to protest against the passage of the anti-passing bill. These men, after availing of the unwillingness of such a measure, very pointedly told the committee the republican party would lose a good many colored votes should it become a law. That such a measure would be a dead letter if enacted into law, they said, cut little ice, because it certainly would be enforced.

"This is the first pleasant afternoon I have spent up here," said Northwestern Lobbyist Bob McGinnis this afternoon as he leaned over the railing in the senate chamber, looking at the senators as they turned their attention from the railroad companies and began to grill the eastern insurance companies.

Plans for Passes. Railroad passholders from the western part of the state are pouring in letters upon their senators pleading with them not to pass too drastic an anti-pass law. One senator has several of the letters, all from men who are known to be passholders and most of whom were repudiated by the party at the last election. Almost uniformly the letters recommend the Wisconsin law as a model. This law prohibits the use of passes by public officials, but does not prevent private persons from carrying all the annuals he can get his hands on. One of them, who says he is an attorney and an ex-sheriff, says in his letter, after reviewing the threatened legislation: "But it does seem to me that if the R R wanted to pass private parties over their road that is nothing wrong my way of thinking."

Another of those who signs a letter of protest is a member of the state central committee, but he is recognized as a passholder and is under suspicion in his own locality.

CLAIMS BILL IS ABOUT READY

Weekly Newspapers Allowed Their Claims for Amendment.

LINCOLN, Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The claims committee of the house has about completed its report on the anti-pass bill. It is in the house tomorrow. What the total amount of the claims will be the committee has not figured. All of the claims filed by newspapers for publishing the notice of the proposed railroad commission constitutional amendment were allowed, though the weekly charging daily rates were cut down to the weekly rate.

Mrs. Hoxie, who struggled so earnestly, as did her brother, Ed Slater, for \$2,300 which she alleged was due her for services rendered while claiming to be matron of the Kearney industrial school, was allowed \$1,500, though the committee decided several days ago to allow her only \$25 a month for the time she was in the school.

G. D. Follmer was allowed \$1,500 to pay to Captain Murfin for attorneys' fees for looking after the Boyd county land cases, though the court threw him out of the case.

The claim of the State Journal for \$5,000 was cut down \$200. This claim was for printing unofficial supreme court reports. The small amount was deducted as penalty because the books were not delivered according to contract.

The \$5,000 claim of Les Herdman, based on what Herdman claims to have paid for help in his office out of his own pocket, was turned down, as were several claims filed by counties for money said to be due for keeping insane patients and for other reasons.

Introduced in the last day bills can be introduced in the house and the day following the last day the senators can introduce bills unless the governor makes a personal request. In the two houses today over seventy bills were dumped in the hopper, and the indications are to-morrow will be a record breaker. Among the bills to be introduced in the house will be one calling for a constitutional convention. Tucker will introduce a bill for a proposed constitutional amendment providing for five supreme judges to serve five years at \$12,000 a year each. Tucker was instructed to do this by the committee on constitutional amendments, which indefinitely postponed the bill indorsed by the bar association providing for seven judges to serve twelve years at \$10,000 a year.

Cone of Saunders will introduce a bill providing the State Printing board shall advertise for bids for printing the daily journals of the house and senate previous to the session, and from the corrected plates the journals are to be published at the end of the session.

Quackenbush will probably introduce a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a binding time plant at the penitentiary.

The railroad lobby tonight included these: W. A. Dilworth, Jim Kelly, Lee Spratlen and R. D. Polard of the Burlington; Ben White and Bob McGinnis of the Northern and Bob Cliney and A. W. Scribner of the Union Pacific. The Pullman

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS OF SENATE

Big Grist of Bills Reported from Committees.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—At the afternoon session of the senate the following bills were reported from standing committees:

S. F. 223—By Epperson. The tax ferret bill. On general file.

S. F. 224—By Patrick. To provide for regular sessions of county grand juries. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 225—By McKesson. Providing owners of property shall not be liable on mechanic's lien unless notice of same is given him before the lien is filed. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 226—By Randall. Providing regents of the university may be fined from \$100 to \$500 and imprisoned for failure to furnish text books to students at cost. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 227—By Thompson. Providing 10 per cent of salaries of heads of families shall be subject to execution on writ of garnishment. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 228—By King. Amending divorce law in conformity with recommendations of divorce congress. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 229—By King. Compensation bill to S. F. 223, providing for the gathering of statistics relating to divorces. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 230—By Patrick. Prohibiting indicated persons from riding on street or interurban cars. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 231—By McKesson. The terminal taxation bill, on general file.

S. F. 232—By joint committee. Companion bill to the direct tax bill relating to registration, on general file.

S. F. 233—By Saunders. Authorizing trust companies to do business in this state, amended to prevent their doing a banking business on general file.

S. F. 234—By Thompson. To regulate the names of foreign corporations doing business in this state. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 235—By Patrick. Allowing towns and villages to assign special taxes and liens therefor for the purpose of public improvements, on general file.

S. F. 236—By McKesson. Providing minimum fare on railroads. Indefinitely postponed.

H. R. 17—By Raper. Authorizing towns and villages to issue bonds for municipal plants; indefinitely postponed as it is duplicate of a bill already signed by the governor.

S. F. 237—By Root. Providing for payment of wages by certain corporations, on general file.

S. F. 238—By Root. Requiring county treasurer to issue certificates of taxes due from corporations on February 1 after delinquency, on general file.

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It will pay prospective out-of-town buyers to travel hundreds of miles to buy during THIS GREAT MONEY SAVING PIANO SALE.



The above is a pen sketch of the wreck on the local railroad, from whom we purchased the Pianos that we are now offering in this, THE GREATEST OF ALL GREAT MONEY SAVING PIANO SALES.

There is not another Piano House in the United States that can compete with us during this sale, for the reason that we are offering Pianos of the Highest Grade, Standard Make, at the same prices our competitors will ask for an ordinary Stencil Piano. There is a great difference between the two kinds. Examine the two and you will note the difference. Hand in Hand with Beauty of Case Design, Sweetness of Tone, Qualities, Thoroughness of Workmanship and General Style and Elegance, goes Economy when you buy a Piano during this, THE GREATEST OF ALL GREAT MONEY-SAVING PIANO SALES. The following favorite and well known Pianos are offered in this sale: Chickering Bros., Sohmer, J. & O. Fischer, Wegman, Price & Teple, Franklin, Jacob Dill, Bailey, Davenport & Tracy, Kingsbury, Behr Bros., Emerson, Carleton, Chickering & Sons, Lester, Decker & Sons, Chase, Krell, Vose & Sons, Schubert, Camp & Co., Henry and S. G. Linderman, Wellington, Boston, Cable and Rembrandt.

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for ten aides on the governor's staff with the rank of lieutenant colonel, two to be appointed from the rank of the National Guard.

S. F. 239—By Sackett of Gage. An anti-pass bill to prohibit the carrying of passes by public officials, on general file.

S. F. 240—By Root. Providing for payment of wages by certain corporations, on general file.

S. F. 241—By Thompson. To regulate the names of foreign corporations doing business in this state. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 242—By Patrick. Allowing towns and villages to assign special taxes and liens therefor for the purpose of public improvements, on general file.

S. F. 243—By McKesson. Providing minimum fare on railroads. Indefinitely postponed.

H. R. 17—By Raper. Authorizing towns and villages to issue bonds for municipal plants; indefinitely postponed as it is duplicate of a bill already signed by the governor.

S. F. 244—By Thompson. To regulate the names of foreign corporations doing business in this state. Indefinitely postponed.

S. F. 245—By Patrick. Allowing towns and villages to assign special taxes and liens therefor for the purpose of public improvements, on general file.

S. F. 246—By McKesson. Providing minimum fare on railroads. Indefinitely postponed.

H. R. 17—By Raper. Authorizing towns and villages to issue bonds for municipal plants; indefinitely postponed as it is duplicate of a bill already signed by the governor.

S. F. 247—By Thompson. To regulate the names of foreign corporations doing business in this state. Indefinitely postponed.

or passenger coach on stock trains, heated and provided with a toilet.

H. R. 482—By Clarke of Douglas. Amendment to the law of decedents.

H. R. 483—By Culdice of Saline. Bridge contractors shall provide floats below bridges they are building.

H. R. 484—By Hamer. Appropriating \$40,000 for a new cottage and additional land at the Kearney industrial school.

H. R. 485—By Howard of Adams. Appropriating \$25,000 for a tubercular hospital at the Hastings asylum.

H. R. 486—By Quackenbush of Nemaha. Relating to the duties of court reporters.

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H. R. 488—By E. W. Brown of Lancaster. To submit call for a constitutional convention.

H. R. 489—By E. W. Brown of Lancaster. Appropriating \$2,500 for an addition to the Home for the Friendless at Lincoln.

H. R. 491—By Scudder and White of Hall. Appropriating \$25,000 for an additional building for the Soldiers' home at Grand Island.

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H. R. 493—By Kellor of Nuckolls. Stenographers of supreme judge to receive salary of \$300 instead of \$1,000.

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H. R. 501—By Quackenbush of Nemaha. Extending right of privileged communications to officers of charitable institutions.

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MUNGER IS ENDORSED

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A pension of \$2 per month has been granted John J. Solomon of Omaha. The president today sent to the senate the nominations of the following postmasters in South Dakota: Thomas A. Stevens, Chamberlain; Harry Goddard, Edgemont; George H. Pewat, Flandreau; George H. Henry, Platte; James B. Barber, Rapid City.

The Citizens National bank of Orleans, Neb., has been authorized to begin business with \$25,000 capital. M. B. Holland is president, J. E. Dunlay, vice president; W. A. Pierce, cashier.

South Dakota rural routes ordered established May 1: Big Stone, Grant county, Route 2; population, 400; families, 90. Florence, Codington county, Routes 1 and 2; population, 1,000; families, 200. Goodwin, Deuel county, Route 1; population, 200; families, 90. Hazel, Hamlin county, Route 2; population, 450; families, 90. Reville, Grant county, Routes 1 and 2; population, 525; families, 105. Watertown, Codington county, Routes 3, 4 and 5; population, 1,200; families, 240.

Rural carriers appointed for Iowa routes: Grinnell, Route 2. Louis F. Sells, carrier; Louis H. Sells, substitute. Williams, Route 1. Robert F. Gibson, carrier; Emma Gibson, substitute.

Postoffices established: Nebraska—Avery, Searcy county (re-established); Julius J. Smith, postmaster; Wagner, Logan county, Bell J. Hamilton, postmaster. South Dakota—Stamford, Stanley county. Ada B. Gray, postmaster.

The name of the postoffice at Lonsberry, Codington county, S. D., has been changed to Wallace, with P. J. Markrud, postmaster.

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