

KNOX BILL IS PASSED

Salary of Secretary of State is Reduced to Eight Thousand a Year.

CONSTITUTIONAL BAR RAISED

Senator is Now Competent to Sit in Taft's Cabinet.

BOTH PARTIES ARE DIVIDED

Twenty-Six Republicans Vote Against it and Thirty-One Democrats for It.

STATEHOOD MEASURE ALSO PASSES

Bill Admitting New Mexico and Arizona as Separate States Goes Through House Without Dissenting Vote.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—So far as congress is concerned the constitutional bar to the acceptance by Senator Knox of the state portfolio in the Taft cabinet, was removed today, when the house passed the bill reducing the salary of the secretary of state. The bill at first was defeated through the failure of two-thirds of the members to vote for it, but it was brought up a second time under a special rule and passed by a majority vote.

Without a dissenting voice, the bill granting separate statehood to Arizona and New Mexico also was passed, as was the bill providing for uniformity in car equipment with safety appliances.

Knox Bill is Passed.

By a vote of 173 to 117 the house today passed the bill removing the bar to Senator Knox's eligibility for the office of secretary of state. This was the second vote of the day on this measure, and the two were separated only by about two hours' time. The first vote was taken on the bill under general order for the suspension of the rules, and under that order, according to the standing rules of the house a bill must receive a two-thirds majority to insure its passage.

The first vote stood 178 to 123, the majority thus falling considerably below the two-thirds requirement. Immediately after this result was announced, the house committee on rules met. This resulted in Mr. Bland's bringing in a rule making it an order for the house to again take up the bill and act upon it under conditions which would require only a majority vote to pass it.

The opponents of the measure did not cease their antagonism which, on the previous consideration, had brought out a number of sharp criticisms, but immediately demanded a roll call on the previous question on the adoption of the rule.

Mr. Olmstead (Penn.) contended that the bill does not accomplish an avulsion of the constitution. Among several other precedents, Mr. Olmstead cited the case of Senator Morrill of Vermont, who was appointed secretary of the treasury.

In the opinion of Mr. Williams (Miss.), who opposed the bill, that was the only reputable authority cited. Senator Morrill, he said, had been confirmed through senatorial courtesy, which he said, "overrides all bare constitutional and other." The bill, he declared, was "a clear, plain, palpable, obvious and manifest case of avulsion of a direct and expressed constitutional consideration."

Mr. Clark (Mo.) opposed the bill, saying congress was making itself "the laughing stock of every intelligent man on the face of God's green earth." He referred to a famous expression by the late Tim Campbell of New York, who had said, "What's the constitution between friends?" and said that if the bill under discussion should pass, Mr. Campbell would stand justified as a constitutional lawyer.

In adding his voice against the bill, Mr. Caulfield (Mo.) declared that it was a case of constitutional juggling or legislative favoritism.

Both Parties Divided.

Twenty-six republicans voted against the bill and thirty-one democrats for it, as follows:

- Republicans Against—Bode, Minnesota; Bissell, Iowa; Calderhead, Kansas; Cary, Wisconsin; Claiborn, Missouri; Chaney, Indiana; Cook, Colorado; Denby, Michigan; Fuller, Illinois; Gilman, Indiana; Hayes, California; Kuesterman, Wisconsin; Lindbergh, Minnesota; McColl, Massachusetts; McCrary, Pennsylvania; Mann, Illinois; Marshall, North Dakota; Miller, Kansas; Mudgett, Kansas; Nelson, Wisconsin; Nye, Minnesota; Prince, Illinois; Roberts, Massachusetts; Stafford, Wisconsin; Waldo, New York; Wheeler, Pennsylvania.

DEMOCRATS FOR—

- Adair, Indiana; Bartlett, Nevada; Broussard, Louisiana; Clayton, Alabama; Craig, Alabama; Crawford, North Carolina; De Armond, Missouri; Pittsford, New York; Goldfine, New York; Hickney, Missouri; Hammond, Minnesota; Howard, Georgia; Humphreys, Mississippi; Johnson, Kentucky; Jones, Virginia; Lassiter, Virginia; Lee, Georgia; Leyer, South Carolina; Maynard, Virginia; Moon, Tennessee; Raddell, Louisiana; Richardson, Alabama; Robinson, Arkansas; Small, North Carolina; Spight, Mississippi; Sulzer, New York; Taylor, Alabama; Touvelle, Ohio; Washburn, Louisiana; Wiley, Alabama; and Wilson, Pennsylvania.

NO DECISION UNTIL TUESDAY

Judge Strong Will Act in Suit of Scott MacReynolds Against Haskell.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 15.—Judge Strong of the United States circuit court here today announced that he would not render his decision in the suit brought by Scott MacReynolds to recover certain papers, seized recently by order of Governor Charles N. Haskell and bearing on the latter's suit for libel against William R. Hearst, the New York editor, until tomorrow morning, owing to the nonarrival of lawyers interested. They stated documents containing evidence collected upon behalf of Mr. Hearst.

New Switchboard at Yankton.

YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—A big contract was let here Saturday night by the Independent Telephone company of this city. Numerous representatives from outside firms were here, as the contract was for \$15,000. An Ohio firm landed the blow, which was for a new switchboard.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Tuesday, February 16, 1909.

Table with columns for days of the week and numbers 1 through 28.

WEATHER. COUNCIL BLIFFS AND VICINITY. Tuesday, with slowly rising temperature.

Table with columns for hour, direction, and degree.

DOMESTIC. Missouri attorney general asks that the Waters-Pierce Oil company be barred from the state, because the company, while it has paid the fine assessed, has not cut loose from the Standard Oil company.

Storm has moved east and telegraph wires are badly crippled and business at St. Louis is paralyzed.

President sends to congress conclusions reached by the recent conference over dependent children.

State of Iowa presented with a portrait of General Weaver, W. J. Bryan principal orator on occasion of acceptance.

Unidentified man stabs a number of women in Berlin and police are unable to secure a trace of him.

Eleventh anniversary of the blowing up of the Maine remembered by fitting exercises at Washington.

Senator Myers, republican, of Rock county, introduces a bill to guaranty bank deposits. Some figures on the benefits of the terminal tax law.

NEBRASKA. Traction lines at Lincoln are merged into a \$5,500,000 corporation.

Grand Island man wins first place for Nebraska spring wheat at National Corn exposition, grain inspectors, laboratories and millers declaring it to be flour best adapted for light bread.

Real estate dealers and others who would invite foreign money to Nebraska propose to make mortgages exempt from taxation in fact, without causing holders the trouble of dodging the assessor.

Retail hardware dealers of Nebraska open session at Hotel Rome and exposition showing all the new things of the trade at the Auditorium today.

Sam Hoff thought Commissioner Brunson has his friend up to the last moment, and now he weeps for him, as Brunson voted another fellow into office.

Goodell murder case in the hands of the jury.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL. Live stock markets. Grain markets. Stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMERS. New York, Calcutta, India, etc.

IDAHO PASSES LOCAL OPTION Bill Goes to Governor Brady, Who Has Announced He Will Sign It.

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 15.—The local option bill passed by the senate last week was accepted by the house today by a vote of 23 to 13. The bill now goes to Governor Brady, who has announced his intention of signing it.

Under the terms of the bill county commissioners of any county are required, on presentation of a petition signed by 40 per cent of the voters, to order a special election to determine the question of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Has Seen Three Centuries. GUADALAJARA, Mexico, Feb. 15.—Jose Guadalupe Alcala, believed to be the oldest man in the world, has just celebrated his 138th birthday.

Alcala was born in this city forty years before Mexico became a republic and has therefore lived in three centuries.

An ounce of foresight is worth a pound of hindsight. The time to have dressmaking work done promptly and well is when the dressmakers are not busy.

There are a dozen or more dressmakers, whose advertising you will find under the head of "Dressmakers," on the want ad page, who would like your work. The time to have your work done is now. Don't wait till warm weather until everybody wants the dressmaker's services.

You like to deal with people who want your trade—not with those who are indifferent about getting it. Those who advertise show they want trade and will take care to hold it by good service and good goods.

CARE OF NEEDY CHILDREN

President Sends to Congress Conclusions of Recent Conference.

HOME LIFE GREATEST BOON

Roosevelt Approves Statement Children Should Be Kept with Parents Where Latter Are Worthy and Deserving.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Roosevelt today sent to congress a special message recommending certain legislation requested by the conference on the care of dependent children, which met recently in Washington, and transmitting to congress the proceedings of the conference.

The text of the message is as follows: "On January 26-28, 1909, there assembled in this city, on my invitation, a conference on the care of dependent children. To this conference there came from nearly every state in the union men and women actively engaged in the care of dependent children, and they represented all the leading religious bodies.

"The subject considered is one of high importance to the well being of the nation. The census bureau reported in 1904 that there were in orphanages and children's homes about 35,000 dependent children. There are probably 50,000 more (the precise number never having been ascertained) in private homes, either on board or in adopted homes provided by the generosity of foster parents. In addition to these there were 25,000 children in institutions for juvenile delinquents.

"Each of these children represents either a potential addition to the productive capacity and the enlightened citizenship of the nation, or, if allowed to suffer from neglect, a potential addition to the destructive forces of the community. The ranks of criminals and other enemies of society are recruited in an altogether undue proportion from children bereft of their natural homes and left without sufficient care.

"The interests of the nation are involved in the welfare of this army of children no less than in our great material affairs. Notwithstanding a wide diversity of views and methods represented in the conference, and notwithstanding the varying legislative enactments and policies of the states from which the members came, the conference, at the close of its sessions, unanimously adopted a series of declarations expressing the conclusions which they had reached. These constitute a wise, constructive and progressive program of child care work. If given full effect by the proper agencies, existing methods and practices in almost every community would be profoundly and advantageously modified.

"More significant even than the contents of the declarations is the fact that they were adopted without dissenting vote and with every demonstration of hearty approval on the part of all present. They constitute a standard of accepted opinion which each community should measure the adequacy of its existing methods and to which each community should seek to conform its legislation and its practice.

Keynote in Home Life. "The keynote of the conference was expressed in these words: 'Home life is the highest and finest product of civilization. Children should not be deprived of it except for urgent and compelling reasons. 'Surely poverty alone should not disrupt the home. Parents of good character suffering from temporary misfortune, and above all deserving mothers fairly well able to work, but deprived of the support of the normal breadwinner, should be enabled to maintain suitable homes for the rearing of their children. The widowed or deserted mother, if a good woman, willing to work and do her best, should ordinarily be helped in such a fashion as will enable her to bring up her children herself in their natural home. Children from unfit homes, and children who have no homes, who must be cared for by charitable agencies, should, so far as practicable, be cared for in families.

"I transmit herewith for your information a copy of the conclusions reached by the conference, of which the following is a brief summary: "1. Home Care—Children of worthy parents or deserving mothers should, as a general rule, be cared for in their own homes. "2. Preventive Work—The effort should be made to eradicate causes of dependency, such as disease and accident, but to substitute compensation and insurance for relief. "3. Home Finding—Homeless and neglected children, if normal, should be cared for in families, when practicable. "4. Cottage System—Institutions should be on the cottage plan with small units, as far as possible. "5. Incorporation—Agencies caring for dependent children should be incorporated, on approval of a suitable state board. "6. State Inspection—The state should inspect the work of all agencies, and agencies caring for dependent children should be supervised by state educational authorities. "7. Facts and Records—Complete histories of dependent children and their parents, based upon present investigation and supervision, should be recorded for guidance of child-caring agencies. "8. Physical Care—Every needy child should receive the best medical and surgical attention, and be instructed in health and hygiene. "9. Co-operation—Local child-caring agencies should co-operate and establish joint bureaus of information. "10. Undesirable Legislation—Prohibitive legislation against transfer of dependent children between states should be repealed. "11. Permanent Organization—A permanent organization for work along the lines of these resolutions should be established. "12. Federal Children's Bureau—Establishment of a federal children's bureau is desirable, and a list of pending bills is earnestly recommended. "13. Suggest special message to congress favoring federal children's bureau and other legislation applying above principles to District of Columbia and other federal territory. "Federal Action Asked. "While it is recognized that these conclusions can be given their fullest effect only by the action of the several states or communities concerned, or of their charitable agencies, the conference requested me, in section 14 of the conclusions, to send to you a message recommending federal action. "There are pending in both houses of congress bills for the establishment of a children's bureau. I enclose bill No. 333 and house bill No. 3248. These provide for a children's bureau in the Department of the Interior which shall investigate and report upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and child life, and shall especially investigate the questions of infant mortality, the birth rate, and the general condition of the children. (Continued on Second Page.)

An Erroneous Eastern Impression



From the Los Angeles Daily Times.

WOULD BAR PIERCE CONCERN

Missouri Attorney General Asks Ouster Decree Be Enforced.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—On the grounds that the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri has not complied with the ouster decree of the supreme court of the state in an answer filed this morning, Attorney General Major this afternoon filed with the court a suggestion that the ouster be made effective against the concern. This course was agreed upon after conference between the attorney general, Governor Hadley and former Assistant Attorney General John Kennish, who assisted Hadley in the original presentation of the case. The action of the attorney general will be based upon the fact that the company has not furnished satisfactory evidence that it has severed relations with the Standard Oil company. The conference between the state officials followed a talk between them and Henry S. Priest, attorney for the company. Henry S. Priest of St. Louis and H. Clay Pierce, chairman of the board of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, today filed in the supreme court of Missouri an acceptance of the terms imposed upon the company by the recent order of the court. The fine of \$50,000 was paid. The ouster decree provided that the company must show to the court that it had severed all connection with the Standard Oil company and a statement to this effect must be filed with the court. Judge Priest, however, said that he believed today's action covered the case so far as the Missouri corporation was concerned and said he did not know of anything more that could be done. Payment of the fine was made by a tender of a certified check for \$50,000. The acceptance is silent so far as showing a reorganization independent of the Standard Oil company is concerned and there is no showing that the New Jersey corporation does not still own 90 per cent of the Waters-Pierce stock. It is said that the Waters-Pierce company will ask the court to aid it in carrying out the reorganization order portion of the decree. If this is done a contest between the Waters-Pierce and Standard Oil Company of Indiana is almost sure to result, the latter concern having petitioned the court to have the majority stock in the Waters-Pierce company, together with other Standard Oil property in the state, placed in the hands of trustees representing the company and the state. This plan is not acceptable to the Waters-Pierce interests, who assert that it would not free them from the domination of the Standard Oil company as required by the original decree in ouster.

THREE HUNDRED DIE IN FIRE

Tenro Flores in City of Acapulco, Mex., Burned Sunday—Americans Among Victims.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—Three hundred people were burned to death yesterday when the Teatro Flores of the city of Acapulco was destroyed, several Americans being among the victims. The telegraph office was burned and the news of the disaster has just been received.

SIX BERLIN WOMEN ATTACKED

German Capital Anxious by Frenzied Week of Second Jack the Ripper.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—The mysterious attacks upon women on the streets of Berlin, recalling the notorious "Ripper" cases of other cities, continue. Five women of the working class were wounded in the city and the suburbs yesterday, while this morning the wife of a merchant was wounded by an unknown assailant. None of the women was seriously hurt. The first attack occurred in the Moabitte quarters at 9 o'clock yesterday morning on the open street. The assailant stabbed his victim in the upper part of the arm. Another woman was wounded in the thigh yesterday forenoon in the northern section of the city. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a girl was attacked in the eastern section. She was wounded in the evening the "ripper" attacked a butcher's wife in the suburb of Hohenschon. As it was, the blade of his knife broke against the woman's stays. The assailant then beat his victim unconscious and she was found half an hour later and taken to a hospital. Later in the evening the wife of another butcher was wounded in the thigh in the western section of the city. The attack on the merchant's wife occurred this morning in the southern part of the city. The woman was wounded in the thigh and hand. A second attack today was made an hour after the first, on a servant girl, by three young men. One of them stabbed her in the abdomen. This is the fifteenth attack since the outrages began. The police increased the reward for the apprehension of the assailants and special orders have been issued to protect women walking alone.

RUSE TO AVOID TRAIN HOLDUP

Colorado Sheriff Will Take Sheriff to Leadville Disguised and in Secret.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 15.—Fearing that accomplices may attempt to hold up the train, Frank Sheriff will be returned to Colorado in secret. Sheriff will be disguised in such a way that he will not be readily recognized and accompanied by Sheriff Dwyer and a deputy, the trip to Leadville will be made. The object of the disguise is to avoid a curious crowd gathering at the station when he leaves Minneapolis or his arrival being heralded at Leadville. The thing most feared, though, is that Sheriff's departure may be known to friends and his escape planned.

MOVE AGAINST MAYA INDIANS

Mexican Government Sends Troops to Search Out the Hostile Band.

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BRYAN LAUDS J. B. WEAVER

Nebraskaan Principal Speaker at Unveiling of Monument of Former Populist Leader.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 15.—With William J. Bryan as the principal orator and a unique event took place at the state house today in the unveiling of a portrait of General James B. Weaver of Colfax. The portrait is the gift of admiring friends to the state historical department and the occasion is the anniversary of the attack of the Second Iowa regiment upon Fort Donnellson, of which General Weaver was a member. The unveiling took place in the house chamber at 3 o'clock with Governor B. F. Carroll presiding. Mr. Bryan spoke for an hour upon the patriotism of General Weaver, with whom he had been associated for twenty years. The portrait is a life-sized painting and is the work of Charles A. Cummings. General Weaver was presented as the guest of honor of the Iowa legislature. This evening a banquet will take place to further honor one of Iowa's notable citizens.

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WIND AND SLEET IN MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—Delayed and interrupted telegraph dispatches received here tonight tell of a heavy sleet storm north and west of St. Louis. The storm first started with a rain and was followed by heavy sleet, which carried many telegraph wires and poles to the ground. At Keokuk, Ia., a hurricane blew down the towers on a bridge across the Mississippi river and all wires were broken. The same condition prevails at Fort Madison, Ia. West of Sedalia, Mo., it is reported that

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CUTS PATH SOUTH OF CHICAGO

Indianapolis Isolated Except from South and Omaha Uses St. Paul Wires to Chicago—Weather Clearing in West.

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NEW GUARANTY BILL

Senator Myers of Rock County Fathers the Latest Measure.

ONLY ONE BY A REPUBLICAN

Not Complex in Character and Simply Amends Present Law.

MAXIMUM OF FUND ONE MILLION

Some Figures Presented on Workings of Terminal Tax.

HARLAN COUNTY PROFITS BY IT

Home District of Man Who Would Repeat the Law Benefits Over Thirteen Thousand Dollars by Its Provisions.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Senator E. L. Myers of Rock county today introduced a bank guaranty measure which is the only one so far put before the legislature by a republican. It has been carefully drawn and legal advice was taken. It provides for a guaranty fund with only such other amendments of the present law as are necessary for its incorporation into the banking law. The present deposits in state banks, Senator Myers says, amount to about \$6,000,000. He does away with the examiners' fees and provides they shall be paid out of the guaranty fund. He figures the extra expenses will amount to about \$30,000 a year. He provides a fund of one-eighth of 1 per cent levied semi-annually on the fund reaches \$600,000 and then one-sixteenth of 1 per cent until it reaches \$1,000,000. The tax will raise \$12,000 a year. He provides in the bill that the fund shall at no time be less than \$15,000. Mr. Myers made his campaign on a bank guaranty platform.

How Terminal Tax Works.

Before the legislature passes the bill by Snyder of