

KINKAID WAITS ON HOME TALKS

Desires to Know What They Want Before Pressing His Home-stead Measure.

COULD GET IT THROUGH HOUSE

Omaha Indian Claims Bill is Knocked Out in Conference.

PREPARATIONS FOR INAUGURAL

Pension Building Being Transformed for the Bill.

CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Members of the Opposition to Meet March Fifteen to Go Through the Formality of Naming a Candidate for Speaker.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—It is not the Washington end, but the Nebraska end of the proposition that prevents me from passing my bill reducing the improvement requirements under the one section act," said Congressman Kinkaid today. "The fact is I can secure unanimous consent by raising the figure to a higher amount than 40 cents per acre as named in my bill, but I have been compelled to pause by reason of protests against any reduction. I have therefore determined to wait until the people whom I have the honor of representing get nearer together before legislating in the premises."

Omaha Indian Measure Dead.
The conferees on the Indian bill today agreed to eliminate the Indian appropriation bill, Senator Burket's amendment, which was put on bill during its consideration in the senate permitting the Omaha Indians to go to the court of claims for the adjudication of their account against the federal government and fixing the status of Attorney Hamilton's contract with the Indians. Tom Glavin of Pender has been in Washington for the past month trying to engineer this measure through congress and for a time it looked as if he might be successful. But unfortunately he got his wires crossed in throwing down Congressman Boyd's bill and substituting Senator Burket's bill with the result that there probably will be no legislation looking to the adjustment of this session of the claims of the Omaha Indians against the United States.

Inaugural Ball Preparations.
In preparation for the inaugural ball on the evening of March 4, the transformation began today of the big, barnlike court of the Pension building, the largest brick building it is said, in the world, into a veritable fairyland. The decorations for the ball alone will amount to \$100,000. They do not include the framework on which the decorations will be hung, which will total several thousands more. In the electrical display there will be between 7,000 and 10,000 incandescent lights used, with miles of wires. In the floral scheme there will be used a million flowers, 2,000 cases of southern similar and hundreds of growing American beauties and crimson rambler plants in addition to hundreds of cut flowers.

Call for Democratic Caucus.
A call for a caucus of the democrats of the next house for 10 o'clock Tuesday forenoon, March 13, was issued today by Representative Clayton, chairman of the present democratic organization. This caucus will select a democratic candidate for speaker to be voted for two hours later and also candidates for other offices of the house. "A full and prompt attendance will be a good way to begin our work in the new congress," so the call concludes.

Minor Matters at Capital.
Ex-Governor Lorenzo Crouse and daughter are in Washington, guests of Representative and Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock. Mr. Crouse will not remain for the inauguration.

Senator Gamble went before the appropriation committee of the senate today in behalf of an appropriation of \$100,000 for a new water system at Fort Meade, S. D. This amount is carried in the sundry civil bill now under consideration in the house. Senator Burket had up with the postmaster general today a petition of citizens of Selway for the establishment there of a branch office of the Lincoln post-office. The postmaster general called his attention to the section of the law providing that no substitution could be established in any town of less than 1,500 inhabitants and that in this petition the citizens had made a statement that their population was 1,200. The department therefore decided that it was impracticable to take favorable action.

Burket's bill providing for the gift of a couple of bronze cannons to Lincoln for the purpose of embellishing the park around the proposed Lincoln monument was favorably reported to the senate today by Senator Warren.

The legislature of Nebraska is set foot after a four-day clock for the federal building at Lincoln, according to a memorandum which Senator Burket presented to congress today. The clock is to strike the hour and half hour and to be of the latest mechanism.

On the recommendation of Senator Dawson, Dr. H. R. Dean has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Muscatine, Ia., vice Dr. C. C. Moynihan, deceased.

Postal Affairs.
Rural free delivery carriers appointed: Nebraska, Gretna, route A, Franklin R. Coakley, carrier, Lee R. Coakley, substitute; Healy, route 1, Edward C. Day, carrier; Frank H. Day, substitute; Iowa, Des Moines, route 4, John Hayden, carrier; William E. Hayden, substitute; Fremont, N. F. Ruckey, carrier; Arthur Reeves, substitute; Jewett, route 2, Christopher Eubank, carrier; Oscar Johnson, substitute; Norfolk, route A, Elmer E. Burlingame, carrier; Judson Anderson, substitute; Wever, route 2, Osborne L. Saunders, carrier; South Dakota, Harrisburg, route 1, Edgar J. Copley, carrier; P. P. Robinson, substitute; Howard Dexter has been reinstated as regular carrier for route 5 at Platte, S. D.

Milwaukee Train Leaves Track; One Man Killed

Engine Turns Complete Somersault, Derailing Overland Limited—No Passengers Hurt.

VAN HORN, Ia., Feb. 26.—Engineer C. H. Brown of Perry, Ia., was killed this morning at 2:15 in the wreck of the Overland Limited, going west, upon the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway at this point. The train was going at a very rapid rate of speed and was within a block of the depot when the engine turned a complete somersault, caused, it is believed, by the dropping of the track of a portion of its machinery. The entire train was thrown off the rails, the baggage and mail coaches being wrecked, while the remaining seven coaches were forced off their trucks. With the exception of slight scratches to a couple of passengers in the smoking car, none of the occupants was injured. The body of the engineer was found under the boiler badly crushed.

Berlin Ripper Under Arrest

Young Man Captured by Police Just After He Had Made Thirty-Sixth Attack on Women.

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—The man who during the past fortnight has been delivering a series of attacks upon women on the streets of Berlin was captured this morning. He made an attempt to stab a woman on the Friedrich Strasse, one of the crowded shopping streets of the city. The clothing of his intended victim was cut, but she herself suffered no harm. The woman screamed and her assailant fled into a house on an adjoining street where he was seized by a policeman. He is a young man, but he has not been identified.

Year in Prison for Mrs. Teal

Jury Finds Her Guilty of Suborning Witness in Mrs. Frank Gould's Divorce Suit.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Shortly after noon the jury returned a verdict finding Mrs. Ben Teal guilty of attempted subornation of perjury in connection with Mrs. Frank T. Gould's suit for divorce.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GYPSIES FILES A UNIQUE DOCUMENT

Paper Giving Him Power Over Thousands of Nomads, Registered at Memphis.

All the Powers Will Make Representations to Serbia

PARIS, Feb. 26.—All the powers that signed the Berlin treaty have accepted the invitation of France to make representations to Serbia.

SENATORS TALK ABOUT FORESTRY

Mr. Teller Makes a Bitter Attack Upon Administration of Service by Mr. Finchet.

SAYS TIMBER IS CUT LEGALLY

Colorado Miners, He Says, Had Right to Take Wood for Fuel.

MR. SMOOT DEFENDS SERVICE

Utah Senator Becomes Involved in Controversy with Two Others.

AGRICULTURAL BILL IS PASSED

Measure Carries Little Over Thirteen Million Dollars—Mr. Frye Will Call Up Rivers and Harbors Bill Today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The passage of the agricultural appropriation bill by the senate tonight followed an extended debate on the forestry service, which occupied the entire session. As passed, the measure appropriates \$13,075,718, which is an increase of \$10,890 over the bill as passed by the house.

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Cook's Attack to Be Expunged

House Appoints Committee to Investigate Tirade of Coloradan Against President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Almost the first subject to occupy the attention of the house today was the speech made yesterday by Mr. Cook of Colorado, attacking the president. Mr. Tawney offered a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to make investigations and report as to the advisability of expunging the words from the record.

FAMILY VICTIM OF FLAMES

Widow and Four Children Burned and Neighbors Suspect Pool Play.

OIL CASE AGAIN ON TRIAL

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CLAIM TOGA FOR STEPHENSON

Supporters of Wisconsin Senator Assert He Was Elected January 26.

JOINT SESSION STILL BALLOTS

While Governor Davidson Has Signed Certificate of Election, Lieutenant Governor Still Ballots There is a Deadlock.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 26.—While the Wisconsin legislature continues to ballot for United States senator in joint assembly today, the supporters of Senator Isaac Stephenson, contend that Stephenson was elected United States senator on separate ballot January 26, when he received a majority of votes cast in each branch of the legislature. On the separate ballot Stephenson received sixty votes in the assembly, a clear majority. In the senate he received twelve out of seventeen votes cast. Sixteen senators voted "present."

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LOBBY AT WORK OPENLY IN HOUSE

Insurance Man Invades Floor to Work Against Bill Prohibiting Sale of Notes.

OTHERS LEAN OVER THE RAIL

Dan Nettleton Leads the Fight in Favor of the Bill.

LOST IN COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

Later House Reverses the Action by a Narrow Margin.

BILL TO SAVE SHUMWAY'S NECK

Emergency Clause Attached to Measure Providing for a Commission to Inquire into His Sanity.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Though the insurance lobby was able to come onto the floor of the house and secure the indefinite postponement of a bill this morning while the house was in the committee of the whole, on roll call on the motion not to concur in the committee report the lobby was defeated and the bill was recommended for engrossment and third reading. The bill was H. R. 56 by Nettleton of Clay and it provides that a note given for the premium on an insurance policy shall not be negotiable until after the policy has been delivered to the insured.

When the bill came up for discussion in the committee of the whole W. H. Litch, an insurance agent of University Place, proceeded to come onto the floor of the house and work to defeat the measure, while other insurance lobbyists hung over the railing and watched the fight. The anti-lobby law was violated and so were the rules of the house, as was the specific resolution by Stoeker of Douglas that all lobbyists should be ejected if found on the floor of the house. The action of the insurance lobby out-braved any other work of the lobby so far as has come to the attention of the public this winter. The insurance lobby has been most insistent in its efforts to kill this measure and a few days ago an insurance agent of the floor of the house chamber is said to have actually instructed a member when to second a motion and one legislator is authority for the statement that the lobbyist offered the second to the motion himself.

Reason for the Law.
In speaking for his bill Nettleton told the house that it is customary for an insurance agent to secure from the insured person a note for the premium and then to sell the note. It may be months before the policy is delivered and there is nothing to prevent the agent from selling the note and failing to deliver the policy. Grades of suchness are given for some \$20 to pay the premium on his policy and later had to sue the insurance company to secure the policy. Others had similar stories to tell.

Begole of Gage and McColl of Gage both spoke against the bill, as did Clark of Richardson. McColl thought the people were sufficiently learned in the matter of business not to need this protection, while Clark said the passing of the bill would result in great harm to those companies which did a business in the country, while not incurring the companies which did a city business. The country agent has to hire a city agent to make a trip to see his prospective client. If he can settle the entire business then it prevents him from making other trips and thus saves him money and time. Begole was of the opinion it would seriously hamper the insurance agents should the bill pass.

When the vote was taken in the committee of the whole to indefinitely postpone the bill it carried, 30 to 6. Nettleton secured a roll call when the house was passing upon the work of the committee of the whole and secured favorable action on the bill by a vote of 6 to 4.

Bill to Fix Shumway Case.
In passing H. R. 118 today the house by the governor approved a bill to test the sanity of Shumway, the Gage county murderer.

Upon motion of Ransom the senate rules were suspended and the bill was advanced to a third reading and passed. This measure was introduced in the house by Wilson, but had been prepared by Attorney General Thompson and his deputy, Gray Matter, who were anxious that it pass at once. It carries the emergency clause and will become a law as soon as it receives executive approval.

This measure provides that when a person has been condemned to death and the question of sanity is raised the matter shall be referred to the district judge from the district in which the condemned person was convicted. Should the judge upon making investigation find that the prisoner might be mentally deranged he shall summon the superintendents of the three state insane hospitals, who shall pass upon the case. Should they report that the convict is insane, sentence will be suspended, otherwise it will be carried out.

Howard's Charter Bill Lost.
Jerry Howard's Omaha charter bill was recommended for indefinite postponement by the committee on cities and towns this afternoon and the Tanner charter was considered, but no action taken. Another meeting of the committee will be held tomorrow at which several amendments will be offered to the Tanner charter bill. Jeremiah of South Omaha filed the death of his bill. He said the official knew the Tanner charter was no good, but he was afraid to come to Lincoln and tell the committee.

Good Roads Meeting.
A public meeting will be held in the senate chamber next Tuesday night, on the subject of "Good Roads." Speakers who are experts in road building will be provided.

New Lincoln Charter Bill.
Mayor Brown of Lincoln today submitted to Senator Miller, a new charter bill for Lincoln, that does not embody the commission form of government, which the executive of Lincoln is fighting. The new measure reduces the number of councilmen in Lincoln to seven and changes provisions with regard to appropriations. The bill provides the mayor shall not be a member of the excise board, which shall consist of three members, who shall be elective. The mayor shall retain his veto power.

Maupin's Near Defeat.
While the new labor commissioner, W. M. Maupin, is engaged in the task of acting as chief deputy labor commissioner