

COMMITTEE HAS OMAHA CASE UP

Three Bills Under Consideration for Solution of Vexed Registration Problem.

FRANCE MAY COMBINE THEM ALL

Propose Affidavits Only in Case of Irregular Registration.

MAY SIDESTEER FRAUD

Not Believed Investigators Will Make Changes.

MORE WITNESSES ARE HEARD

Witnesses Taken from Number of Third Ward Election Officials During Which Mr. Hoagland Sources Federal Census.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Three bills amending the registration and election laws to effect conditions in Omaha are being considered by the house committee appointed to investigate the alleged frauds in a primary of last county has these bills and is considering the advisability of incorporating the principal features of all three in one measure which will probably be introduced tomorrow.

The meeting held after the testimony this afternoon did not finish the matter and another conference will be held. The committee is advised in regard to procedure by the officials. The present law is a man who registers irregularly may do so either by oath or by affidavit. If he makes an affidavit it is sealed up and sent in as a sealed record of election. The committee wishes to change this law so that the oath will not be allowed and only one affidavit in full will be accepted. The affidavits collected are to be kept on file in the office of the county or city clerk so that they will be entirely open to public inspection and can be investigated at any time.

Year of the Report.

The committee will not say whether or not they will make any recommendations that will involve anyone in accusations of fraud, but it is thought that they are not likely to do so. They are in favor of an election commission of some kind but will not undertake to draw up a plan for one.

The report will probably be ready this week.

The fact that eight names were duplicated on the poll books of the Fifth precinct of the Third ward of Omaha and that an explanation other than repeating could be found for this duplication was brought before the joint investigation committee in their meeting held this afternoon in the supreme court room at the state house. The committee then went into an executive session to decide upon the propriety of taking up their reports.

The eight names which were found to be duplicated were J. P. Pearson, Andy Wilson, W. J. Thompson, J. H. Sawyer, J. H. Collins, George Ziegler, Fred Smith and William H. Harper. These men were found to be registered in the registration books more and were each of them listed twice on the list of voters.

Applications on Books.

A number of other names were found to be duplicated, but the registration books showed two registrations of each name and it was impossible to determine whether they were two persons of the same name or not.

Charles Brown, an election judge, the first witness, said that he believed nobody used twice. He admitted that the judges had found it necessary to assist at least 10 per cent of the names who presented themselves at the polls.

W. H. Sawyer, clerk of Lincoln county, was not on the stand and his book compared with the poll book of the officials. The same registration was found in all the books examined.

W. H. Sawyer and two other clerks testified that they had written the names as they were in the books, but maintained that none of them knew that any of the names were duplicated.

Walter Manning testified that he served a subpoena on William H. Harper, a negro, and that he had paid him railroad fare to attend the hearing of the committee. Manning was on the stand, however, and he said he is a faithful recorder of the facts given, but his name is down in the book twice. It was thought that the other name was that of a William H. Harper, Walter Manning, on investigation, found that though that name is listed twice, it is the same name as that of the man who was on the stand.

Registration Officials Reveal.

Michigan Jones, another judge in the same precinct, testified that in his opinion the registration was the result of clerical error. He said that he and Brown had helped the election judge in the voting precinct. Jones testified that he had not seen the names of the other officials in the book and that he had not seen the names of the other officials in the book.

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Murphy Continues to Push Candidacy of W. F. Sheehan

Friends of Tammany Boss Indicate Withdrawal of Shepard Does Not Affect Situation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Friends of Charles Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, made it clear today that the withdrawal of Edward M. Shepard from the senatorial contest would in no way affect the effort to elect William F. Sheehan to succeed Senator Dewey Governor Dix said the situation was clearing and left this morning for Albany.

Mr. Sheehan had nothing to say today regarding Mr. Shepard's withdrawal. Whether the withdrawal of Edward M. Shepard as a late for the United States senatorship within W. L. Littleton's letter to Charles Murphy asking him to bring about the retirement of William F. Sheehan will have the effect of bringing about an early break in the senatorial deadlock was a moot question in Albany today.

Mr. Shepard's withdrawal was not unexpected, it having been intimated last Thursday that he was preparing to retire. The report that some of Mr. Sheehan's supporters were wavering, and the fact that Senator Dewey's term expires this week was looked upon as indicating a near crisis.

There was no quorum in the legislature today. Mr. Shepard's letter which was given out last night is as follows: "The futile balloting has continued at Albany for more than five weeks after the date prescribed by law for the choice. One week from today the seat of the new democratic senator will be ready for him at Washington."

"Unless the democratic members promptly quit the extra session, which now seems probable, will find the state of New York but half represented."

"It was plain a month or more ago that Mr. Sheehan's caucus nomination had aroused a democratic opposition so important and persistent as to render impossible his election by democrats. I assume, therefore, not only that Mr. Sheehan will not be chosen, but that at this late day that fact is clear to himself and his supporters."

Lord's Veto Bill is on Second Reading

J. Austen Chamberlain Open Debate by Offering Amendment Embodying Views of Unionists.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The second reading stage of the lords' veto bill opened in the House of Commons this afternoon. The discussion will occupy at least four days and a vote will not be taken before Thursday night and possibly not until Friday.

Premier Asquith having formally moved the second reading of the measure, which is designed to restrict the authority of the upper chamber over legislation originating in the House of Commons, J. Austen Chamberlain moved a verbal amendment that the house would welcome the introduction of a bill to reform the composition of the House of Lords, while maintaining its independence as a second chamber, but declined to proceed with a measure which placed all effective legislative authority in the hands of a single chamber and offered no safeguard against any changes made without the consent of the people.

Mr. Chamberlain declared that if the veto bill was the government's last word it could not pass. He appealed for a compromise in the spirit of last year's conference.

Medical Profession Badly Overcrowded

President of Chicago Society Says This is Due to Survival of the Fittest.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—"The medical profession is overcrowded. It is not overcrowded by the survival of the fittest, but by the survival of the unfit."

This statement was made today by Alexander Hugh Ferguson, president of the Chicago Medical Society, in an address of welcome to members of the American Medical Association, who began a three days' meeting today.

"With a population of about 20,000,000 in North America we have at least 120,000 persons who are legally licensed to practice medicine," continued Dr. Ferguson. "This is about one to every 160 inhabitants. In England the proportion is one to 1,500; in France one to 575 and in other countries the proportion is still more favorable to the medical profession. We don't need more doctors, but we do need a better brand."

Federal Auto Bill Favorably Reported

Measure Provides for License for Car and Driver in Addition to Local License.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The federal automobile license bill introduced by Representative Wagner of Pennsylvania was favorably reported today by the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The measure provides a federal license in addition to the local license, but exempts the automobile from the local license of other states through which it may pass. Drivers are also to be licensed.

Woman Has Unique Plan for Driving Away Hungry Tramps

Mrs. J. Desmond, who lives at 2100 Duane street, has solved the problem of feeding the tramps which has been worrying the municipality of Omaha during these recent winter months.

Her method came to light during the last snow. Though repeatedly warned to clean the snow off the back steps, Mrs. Desmond as often repeatedly refused.

SENATE TIED UP IN NIGHT SESSION

Bailey and Cummins Attempt to Force Vote on Lorimer Resolution and Tariff Board.

SHERMAN'S EVENING IS SPOILED

Entertainment at Home Robbed of Big Proportion of Guests.

IOWAN OBDUROUS ON ONE POINT

Says He Will Press Bill to the Limit of the Rules.

TEXAS MAN WOULD NAME DATE

Senator Cummins Asserts He Intends to Resist Vote on Lorimer if Tariff Board is Left Out.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The determination of two senators to force a vote on a pending measure dearest to the heart of each, today threw the senate into its first night sitting of the session.

The senators were Bailey and Cummins. The measures were the Lorimer resolution and the permanent tariff board bill. Senator Bailey wanted a time—some time—any time—fixed for a vote on the Lorimer case. Senator Cummins wanted the same thing for the tariff board bill, and apparently he wanted it just as much as the Texas wanted a Lorimer vote.

A motion by Senator Hale to take a recess until 8 o'clock was made at 1:30 o'clock. Senator Bailey was willing if a time for a Lorimer vote could be fixed. Senator Cummins objected and bared his heart that the senators might see how dear to it was the tariff board plan.

But the Texas was obdurate, for he too was cherishing a hope, a hope that Lorimer might be declared by this senate to be entitled to his seat.

So the body went into night session, but with a new presiding officer. Vice President Sherman had business elsewhere. Calling senator Kean of New Jersey to the chair, the vice president started for his home in haste.

There was a reason. He had invited the members of the senate to meet the diplomatic residents. The event seemed to bid fair to become something that would draw a very large proportion of official and social Washington was expected and Mr. Sherman had to be hot. No sooner had Senator Hale's motion for a recess been made than Senator Bailey said that if the Lorimer question could be put off of the way other business could be materially expedited.

Senator Cummins thereupon stated his intention of resist the fixing of a time for a vote unless it could be coupled with a similar understanding in the matter of the tariff board bill. The Iowa senator said he considered the tariff board bill of paramount importance and added that he would press the bill as far as parliamentary tactics would enable him to do so.

Mr. Bailey proposed to vote on the Lorimer case at 2 p. m. Thursday.

"Unless the tariff board bill is coupled with it," responded Mr. Cummins. "I object."

Mr. Bailey: "Then I suggest a vote at 2 o'clock Friday."

Mr. Cummins: "I object."

Mr. Bailey: "Then let us vote at 10 o'clock Saturday."

Mr. Cummins: "I object."

Mr. Bailey: "It is evident that no vote by consent is possible and that we can get only by a test of endurance. I hope there will be no sears."

Mr. Hale's motion for a recess was voted down, 23 to 22, and the business continued.

On motion of Senator Burrows, the senate originally voted today to proceed immediately with the consideration of the Lorimer case. The vote was 26 to 12. Many senators opposed to Lorimer voted for the motion and it was a test.

That the Wisconsin senator might have aid in preventing the summary disposal of the Lorimer case was indicated early in the session. Senator Cummins promised to give it.

MEAT COMBINE IS NOT WANTED

Australian Official Serves Notice on American Packers in Interview.

MONOPOLIES TOLD TO STAY AWAY

Foreign Combines of All Kinds Will Not Be Permitted to Acquire Vested Rights on the Continent.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 27.—The commonwealth of Australia served notice on the business world today that it would not harbor foreign "trusts." The following memorandum on the subject was given to the press by Sir R. W. Best, minister of trade and customs:

"For several months it has been an open secret that representatives of the American Meat trust have been visiting Australia ostensibly with the object of extending its operations here. The government is determined to take immediate and drastic action to discourage and, if necessary to prohibit its operations in Australia. It is not proposed to wait until the combine has secured vested interests in this country."

The minister of trade and customs in consulting with the attorney general with the view to bring the full force of the present law into operation and if necessary obtaining further legislation.

The action of the government will extend to trust operations in Australia whether conducted directly or indirectly and will not permit the repetition in Australia of the scandals and merciless methods characterizing monopolies in other parts of the world.

Germany Objects to American Stocks. BERLIN, Feb. 27.—The American invasion of the German investment market was a subject of discussion in the diet today.

Herb Sadow, Prussian minister of commerce and trade, said the production of foreign stocks to the total investments had risen from 5.3 per cent in 1905 to 15 per cent in 1910-1911 and that measures to regulate the matter were demanded. He added that he definitely informed the bankers that Prussia would oppose any attempt to list the stocks of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad on the Berlin bourse.

THIRTY MEN FROZEN TO DEATH

Derelict Vessel Found on Captain Sea with All Members of the Crew Dead.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A news dispatch from Odessa says a tragedy of the sea was revealed in the discovery in the Caspian sea a few miles off Astrakhan, of a derelict vessel, the whole crew of which, numbering thirty, had been frozen to death. The ship was a mass of ice.

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The Reciprocity Issue Reaches Squash Center



From the Washington Evening Star.

Eight Indians Killed in Battle by Officers Protecting Stockmen

Company of Nevada Police Attacked Sunday by Natives Near Golconda.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 27.—In a battle yesterday, sixty miles west of Tuscarora, eight Indians were killed and the balance captured. One member of the police was killed. The battle took place at Kelly Creek, Humboldt county, about twenty-five miles from Golconda in a northerly direction.

The Indians commenced the battle, which started at noon and lasted three hours. Edward Hoffe of the state police was wounded in a running skirmish which extended over a mile. The remaining Indians lay in the brush and continued to fight.

Four Indian bucks, two squaws and two children were killed, and one young squaw with her child were captured.

Edward Hoffe of Eagleville, a member of Captain Donnelly's posse was killed. None of the others was wounded.

Another Indictment Against Geo. B. Cox

Cincinnati's Political Leader Charged with Perjury in Connection with Treasury Scandal.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 27.—A new indictment, charging George B. Cox, the political leader of Cincinnati, with perjury, was returned today by the Hamilton county grand jury. It alleges that in addition to the receipts of \$300 interest money paid by banks to former County Treasurer John H. Gibson, as charged in the first indictment, Cox was given \$12,500 from the same source by Tilden H. French, when the latter was county treasurer.

Subotic Plague at Amoy.

AMOY, China, Feb. 27.—Six deaths from subotic plague and five from cholera were reported in this city and suburbs during the fortnight ending last Saturday.

Two Hundred Divorced Couples Learn They Are Still Married

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Justice Michal of the supreme court has today announced that Wednesday next there will be a calendar of marriages, divorces, and other legal matters, which have not been fully entered in the office of the county clerk, and which should be entered in the records in about twenty days in answer to bills on this day to make final disposition of the same. The announcement created some thing of a sensation among the lawyers who make a specialty of divorce cases.

BUSINESS CLUB SENDS MESSAGE

Omaha Commercial Club Asks Legislature to Consider Stock Yards Legislation Well.

PETITION READ TO THE SENATE

Body Says Chance Exists to Create Great Cattle Market.

RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS BUSY

Court Inspection of Work Done Toward Physical Valuation.

UNIVERSITY REMOVAL UP MARCH 1

Senate Will Then Discuss Report of Special Committee to Place Buildings on State Farm Campus.—Frisco Commission.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—A protest against the proposed stock yards legislation now being considered by both branches of the legislature was received in a telegram from the Omaha Commercial club today.

The telegram was read in the house but no action taken upon it. The message reads as follows: "The Honorable House of Representatives: The Commercial club of Omaha in the interest of all patrons of the South Omaha live stock market bespeaks your most serious consideration and caution in connection with the bill. The effort to arouse attention to the stock market rather than retard it by burdensome legislation. The substantial and permanent improvements made within the last two years are but indicative of greater improvement in prospect. If unhampered by the present and periodical agitation for stock yards legislation the South Omaha market will become second to none in the country. We leave the matter in the hands of our lawmakers, believing in their fairness and judgment."

The message was signed by David Cole, president; executive committee, by George E. Haverstick, chairman; W. R. Wood, secretary; H. Hugo Brandels, W. H. Eichel, Thomas C. Byrne, David Cole, Gould Dietz, F. W. Jackson, George H. Kelly, Charles T. Korman, John L. McCague, C. C. Rosewater, H. A. Tucker, M. W. Wilhelm, W. M. Burgess, J. A. Sunderland.

The only comment Senator Ollis would make on the message when it was shown to him was "Well, I guess, they haven't investigated that much as we have." He believes that his bill can be got through the senate in some form other than its present weakened version and will not allow it to come to a vote until he has a chance to recommit it and change it back to its original form to some degree.

Senator Jansen of Gage introduced a resolution in the senate this afternoon recommending the appointment of a commission to visit San Francisco and investigate the advisability of taking some part in the exposition of 1915. The commission is to consist of seven men from the two houses and is to be appointed with the consent of the members, who are to stand their own expense in a trip to San Francisco next summer. The exposition boosters in California are trying to get such commissions from all the states so that the exposition may be really a national one and represent national ideas and interests. The resolution was passed without dissent.

GRIFFITH OF PAWNEE IN RACE

Former Postmaster Decides He Wants His Office Another Term.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—There is trouble and then some more for Senators Burkett and Brown. Hardly are they out of one situation when they are plunged into another.

The last embarrassment comes from the postoffice at Pawnee City. John Griffith, present postmaster at Pawnee, announced he would not be a candidate for reappointment, but if nobody else came along he could be persuaded to take the job for another four years. This started a number of candidates after the place.

The leading candidates being Vernor Hasworn, J. M. Miller and John Calhoun. Miller has the largest number of signatures on his petition, with Calhoun next.

The senators were about to make a selection when they received word on Saturday from Griffith that he would not withdraw from the race, but should be regarded as an active candidate. As Griffith has made a good record in office and is an old soldier the decision of the local Nasby at Pawnee City has put the senators in a hole, particularly as the postmaster general has sent word to Griffith to become an active candidate.

Senator Burkett and Brown realize they cannot move without the postmaster general and the best guess is that Mr. Griffith will hold his job.

In this connection it may be out of place to say that many of the patrons of the Pawnee City postoffice endorsed two candidates and in a number of instances patrons endorsed three candidates.

Obviously these endorsements could have no weight with the senators and after going through the endorsements the senators found that one candidate had a majority of signatures and they should ready to appoint him when Griffith notified back his decision not to be a candidate and he had already entered the race. That decision has completely changed the situation.

Shawnee's M-Block Bill

The house spent both afternoon and morning in the consideration of bills, some of them arising from an implied debate and all of them of minor importance.

A bill to give Omaha a chance to escape the 5 o'clock closing law was introduced in the house of representatives by the measure by Representative Thompson. It gives the city a chance to decide whether to have the law or not. The bill will be introduced and a majority vote can decide against enforcement. If the law is enforced the council is to fix an hour for closing not later than 12:30. The law will not have any opposition from Omaha county legislators because it does not interfere with the business of the city. It is the desire of the city to have the law changed to give the city a chance to decide whether to have the law or not.

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