

FOUR MEMBERS MORE IN SENATE

Newly Elected Ones from Arizona and New Mexico Will Join Upper Body.

EQUALLY DIVIDED AS TO PARTY

Two Democrats and Two Republicans Are Among Number.

ONE SENATORSHIP IS VACANT

Colorado Still Has a Member of Body to Select.

MONETARY COMMISSION ENDS

House Today Will Pass Wool Tariff Revision Bill and Will Await Action on Tariff by the Higher Chamber.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Four senators from the two new states of Arizona and New Mexico will this week enlarge the membership of the upper branch of congress to ninety-six. The new men, all lawyers, are Marcus Aurelius Smith of Tucson and Haney F. Ashurst of Prescott, Ariz., democrats, who will be sworn in at the bar of the senate tomorrow afternoon; and Thomas Benton Catron of Santa Fe and Albert Bacon Fall of Three Rivers, N. M., republicans, who may not arrive from New Mexico in time for installation tomorrow.

Both senators-elect Smith and Catron have already served as delegates in congress. Mr. Fall was an associate justice of the territorial supreme court under President Cleveland, but differed with his party during that regime and has since been an active republican. Mr. Ashurst has been a state senator. He is 36 years old.

These four new senators will change the political strength of the senate to consist of fifty-one republicans and forty-four democrats. One senatorship from Colorado is vacant.

The new members will draw lots to determine which shall serve the long term and the short term. Under this legislative lottery two of the senators will serve until 1917, one until 1915 and the fourth until 1913.

End of Monetary Body.

The national monetary commission after framing a plan of reforming the currency system which will not be adopted until some subsequent session of congress, went out of existence today. Headed by former Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island the committee made an exhaustive investigation of the monetary situation here and abroad and recommended legislation to develop the clearing house idea into a national reserve association.

The house tomorrow probably will pass the wool tariff revision bill as framed by the democratic leaders and that measure will then join the accumulation of house tariff revision bills in the senate, where the only tariff activity so far has been in hearings before the finance committee. That committee tomorrow will begin hearing cane sugar interests on the house free sugar bill.

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Teachers Criticise Distribution of Funds

Special Committee Orders that Iowa Make Butter Inquiry

ORDERS ON RATES PLACED IN PERIL

State Railway Commissioners' Jurisdiction at Stake Before U. S. Supreme Court.

HEARING TO COME UP TODAY

Representatives of Many States Are in Washington.

VITAL TO STATES
Rulings Depend on Decision.

MAXIMUM RATE LAWS IN POINT

Two-Cent Passenger Laws Included in Acts that Will Come in Scope of Tribunal's Action When Finally Given.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Their bulk and importance rank the group of state rate cases to be taken up for consideration tomorrow by the supreme court as the biggest cases to come before that tribunal this term.

State rate laws and orders in Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, Oregon, Minnesota, Arkansas and Ohio will stand or fall by the decision of the court. State rate orders in practically every state of the union will be swept out of existence if the court finds that the orders and laws now in question burden interstate commerce.

The record in the Missouri cases alone covers ten thousand pages. This represents more words than have been uttered in both the house and senate during the present session of congress. The judges are each opposed to digest this record and the thousand pages of briefs besides.

The Minnesota cases are almost as bulky and have been referred to as the most comprehensive. The validity of practically all maximum freight rates in the state as well as the two-cent passenger law is involved. Two big questions are before the court.

The first, likewise, arising in cases from the other six states, is whether the reduction of state rates would require the railroads to reduce similar interstate rates and if such reduction of state rates would be a burden on interstate commerce. The Minnesota federal court held that it would be such a burden. The other question is whether the rates confiscate the property of the railroads.

In answering the latter question in the affirmative, the lower court adopted the "reproduction cost new" of the railroads as showing their fair value. The state claims that was a wrong basis. The state also objects to the use of the gross earnings as the basis for dividing the value between interstate and intrastate business between passenger and freight rates.

The resolution is the outgrowth specially of conditions in western Nebraska where the school districts on the railroads are in flourishing financial condition while the more remote districts must call for state aid.

Fifteen Thousand Miners to Go Out

KEARNEY, Neb., March 31.—(Special)—Foremost among the resolutions presented by the resolution committee and accepted by the West Central Nebraska Teachers' Association was one stating that there was a grossly inequitable distribution of taxes on school levies by the railroad of the state.

A committee consisting of Ernest F. Monroe, Shelton; Superintendent Wilson Toot, North Platte, and Anna Gunn, Lexington, was appointed to memorize the state department of education and to take such further steps as deemed best to secure a more equitable distribution of education's share of the tax money paid by the railroads of the state.

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New York Artists Meet Death by Gas

NEW YORK, March 31.—Two artists met death by gas today, one victim being the octogenarian, Robert Layton Weston, and the other Miss Louise Schoenfeld. Both were well known in their profession. Newman for his skill in color and Miss Schoenfeld as a landscape painter.

Newman was found dead in his studio by his son, among a large number of paintings and sketches. One canvas—a desert scene—to which the old man had been giving the finishing touches last night, is said by his friends to have been received as his final effort. Gas escaping from a heater had asphyxiated the old man.

Miss Schoenfeld was found dead in her West Side studio. It is believed she started to get breakfast on her gas range, but fainted and was overcome by the gas. She was 38 years old.

Sign of Re-election.
HARTINGTON, Neb., March 31.—(Special)—Hartington will hold its annual city election next Tuesday at which time Mayor Wala and all of the other present officials will be elected without opposition. There is but one ticket in the field and all of the candidates on the ticket are the present office holders who were put in nomination by petition. The license section will not be submitted to vote in this city this spring and little interest is being taken in the approaching election.

Senator Taylor of Tennessee Dead

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Robert Love Taylor, senior United States senator from Tennessee—"Fiddling Bob" to all the south—died here today unable to withstand the shock of an operation for gall stones performed last Thursday.

Scott's Expedition Reaches Akaroad

WELINGTON, N. Z., March 31.—Captain Robert F. Scott's south polar expedition has arrived on the steamer Terra Nova at Akaroad, a harbor in Banks peninsula, New Zealand.

GRAIN OPERATIVES WANT WAGE CLAIMS CONSIDERED

NEW YORK, March 31.—Organization of officers representing the carmen, telegraph operators, dispatchers, signal men, trainmen, clerks and agents employed by many eastern railroads met here today and issued a statement declaring that their claims for better pay should be considered before the railroads grant further increases to higher salaried employees.

Earl H. Morton of Boston, president of the Order of Railroad Station Agents, who gave out the statement, said it referred particularly to the situation caused by the recent demand of the engineers for higher wages. He and his associates, he said had addressed no communication directly to the railroad companies, but probably would apply within two weeks for a general advance.

Hastings Woman Wants Divorce.
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The Weather

For Nebraska: Fair; warmer.
For Iowa: Unsettled.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	33
6 a. m.	33
7 a. m.	33
8 a. m.	33
9 a. m.	33
10 a. m.	33
11 a. m.	33
12 p. m.	33
1 p. m.	33
2 p. m.	33
3 p. m.	33
4 p. m.	33
5 p. m.	33
6 p. m.	33
7 p. m.	33

Comparative Local Record.

	1911	1910	1909	1908
greatest yesterday.....	33	37	37	49
lowest yesterday.....	31	31	35	49
mean temperature.....	33	34	32	39
total rainfall since March 1.....	.50 inches	.50 inches	.50 inches	.50 inches
deficiency for year.....	1.32 inches	1.32 inches	1.32 inches	1.32 inches
deficiency for year, period 1901-1910.....	1.32 inches	1.32 inches	1.32 inches	1.32 inches
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L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

NORTH NEBRASKA TEACHERS ELECT WEST POINT MAN

NORFOLK, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram)—The North Nebraska Teachers' Association adjourned here yesterday after electing the following officers: President, O. R. Bowen, West Point; vice president, J. F. Gilliver, Bloomview; secretary, Lettie Robertson, Plainview; treasurer, N. A. House, Madison.

EXPRESS AGENTS ARE FINED FOR LEAVING "EMPTIES" OUT

BEATRICE, Neb., March 31.—(Special)—For blocking the sidewalk with empty express cases, Frank Collett, local agent for the Adams Express company and E. S. Lakin of Lincoln, road agent for the company, were each fined \$2 and costs Saturday by Judge Ellis. The "empties" had been left in front of the express company's office and Collett's arrest followed.

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Some folks still "put a sign in the window" when they have a room for rent.

The number of such people is constantly diminishing.

In these modern times,

when there is a Room for Rent in an Omaha home,

the Want Ad columns of

The Bee are used. The

"Rooms for Rent" column of

The Bee offers the best

way to bring together

those in search of Rooms

and Board, and those who

have rooms for rent.

Telephone Tyler 1000.

Madison Bank Change.

MADISON, Neb., March 31.—(Special)—

F. A. Peterson, ex-county treasurer, has

bought E. O'Shea's interest in the First

National bank of this city. Mr. Peterson

has already assumed work in the bank.

O'Shea has not yet definitely decided as

to the future, however, it was his inten-

tion to make Madison his home.

The total cost of the building, aside

from the furnishings, is close to \$7,000.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair; Warmer

Worst of the Three Days of High Water is Evidently Over.

MANY BRIDGES HAVE GONE

But One Railroad Bridge Remains Across the Platte.

WAGON BRIDGES WASH AWAY

But One of These Left in Eastern Nebraska.

TRAIN SERVICE DEMORALIZED

No Effort is Being Made to Handle Freights.

LAST CONNECTION CUT OFF

Burlington is Forced to Take Passengers to Lincoln via St. Joseph

—Teachers Taken to Their Homes in Handcars.

No freight trains to the west are being run.

Over the Platte river rises four feet in two hours.

But one wagon bridge is left standing over the Platte river.

Burlington trains run to Lincoln via St. Joseph.

Burlington's northwest line is out of commission.

Union Pacific has a washout between Sidney and Julesburg.

Roxie Island to the west is out of commission.

The crest of the Platte river flood, which crippled railway service and inundated thousands of acres in eastern Nebraska, the last three days, yesterday passed into the Missouri river.