

PINANCE COMMITTEE CUTS TO THE BOTTOM

Recommendations Allow Appropriations Only for Buildings at Asylums of the State.

DEPARTMENTS CONSOLIDATED

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special.)—This is a long, long road to Tipperary, especially if it lies in the same direction which the house finance committee is traveling, and the way is so rocky and full of sinkholes that in many cases the destination is never reached.

The house finance committee also concluded if the disclaimers which it attended the Vicksburg reunion this summer they may walk, as they did fifty years ago when they visited that locality, the appropriation of \$15,000 asked for being cut down until not even the dollar mark remains.

Departments Consolidated. Consolidation of state departments is also provided for. The fire commissioner will have to go back to that dear old Alliance, while Labor Commissioner Coffey will take over the duties of the fire commissioner.

Abraham Lincoln still will have a monopoly on the state grounds, the democratic legislature refusing to appropriate \$20,000 for a monument to Thomas Jefferson.

No Advertising of State. Exhibits from Nebraska to the Panama-Pacific exposition will have to be taken there in wheelbarrows or packed on the backs of democratic donkeys, the committee refusing to approve any measure to assist in advertising the state.

The action of the committee is told in the following tragedy with four acts and twenty-three scenes:

Plan for Consolidation. The finance committee boosted economy a little further along by reporting out for passage the three bills which it introduced earlier in the session to consolidate some of the appointive departments.

On a motion by Chairman Horton they were made a special order for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. These bills are:

H. R. 67.—Consolidates station registration bureau with the state veterinarian's office.

H. R. 68.—Consolidates fire commission with the labor bureau.

H. R. 69.—Consolidates hotel commission with the food, drug, dairy, and oil commission.

Money Hopes Dashed. The special appropriation bills indefinitely postponed by the finance committee were:

H. R. 11.—Reformatory for women, \$15,000.

H. R. 12.—Expenses of veterans attending Vicksburg celebration, \$15,000.

H. R. 13.—Thayer monument at Vicksburg, \$25,000.

H. R. 14.—Jefferson statue on state house grounds, \$40,000.

H. R. 15.—Exhibits from Nebraska at the San Francisco exposition, \$25,000.

H. R. 16.—Forestry commission, \$2,000.

One other appropriation bill was indefinitely postponed on a report of the claims and deficiencies committee. It was H. R. 22, allowing \$5,000 for the relief of Hurt Latour, a state farm employe who was injured by falling from a wagon.

These Are Favored. The finance committee has recommended for passage three special appropriations for state institutions for a total of \$70,000. These are:

H. R. 17.—Appropriates \$400 for sewer at the Hastings insane hospital.

H. R. 18.—Appropriates \$50,000 for a new building at the Norfolk insane hospital.

H. R. 19.—Appropriates \$5,000 to finish the new building at the Orthopedic hospital at Lincoln.

Bryant's Claim Is Allowed with Bureau's Items

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special.)—A kick on allowing W. F. Bryant \$30 for three days' work drafting bills in the legislative reference bureau was registered in the house Wednesday by Representative Korf of Cedar county.

Mr. Korf wanted to know how Bryant came to be in Lincoln working for the legislature when he holds a job of county judge in Cedar county and draws the salary of that office.

This claim, however, went through along with others, aggregating \$4,800 or more incurred by the legislative reference bureau in excess of its appropriation.

Chairman Fries of the committee on claims and deficiencies admitted that the service of the bureau in costing the state a good deal, but he did not see how the legislature could get along without it.

All of the reference bureau items were added to the regular deficiencies bill, on Mr. Fries' motion.

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STATE SICKNESS BENEFITS

Senators Pass Piller's Measure to Raise Fund to Aid Those Who Are Ill.

NOW GOES OVER TO THE HOUSE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special.)—With only three votes in the negative the senate this morning passed on third reading a bill for state sickness and death benefits, one of the most comprehensive bills of legislation before the legislature this session.

The bill, S. F. 238, was introduced by Piller of Butler. The measure was his pet bill, and for that matter about the only one introduced by him. It is simply the German system of state insurance transplanted to American soil.

How Tax is Levied. It levies a tax of 3 cents a week upon each able-bodied person, male or female, within the state; a like tax upon each employer for each employe, and a millage tax upon the state at large.

The administration of the law, the tax having been collected, falls upon the state insurance commissioner. He is empowered to appoint a physician as health inspector in each county.

Payments in Case of Death. In case of death there shall be a "simple" funeral, paid for by the state under similar conditions as the sick benefits.

Only three senators voted against the bill. They were Bryan, Grace and Wessner. The other twenty-nine present voted for it.

In the committee of the whole yesterday the bill was advanced to third reading without opposition and little debate, Beal of Custer supporting it in a brief speech.

The bill now goes over to the house. Its reception there is a matter of conjecture.

BUSINESS MEN ATTACK ELECTRIC LIGHT BILL

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special.)—A number of telegrams were received tonight from prominent business men of Omaha by members of the house urging the defeat of the bill.

The most enthusiastic of the Emerald Isle around the state house today is Colonel Harry Bradley, the colored janitor. When the senators arrived at the chamber this morning they found every desk in the room flying the Irish flag while the pillars which hold up the gallery were flowers with green cloth.

Everybody caught the spirit and green flowers, flags and other buttonhole decorations were on every hand. One young woman employed in the state house caught the enthusiasm and, seizing a big Irish flag, mounted the stairs which lead to the dome and planted the standard near the top of the building.

She came back and dashed off the following: Here's a toast to the Michaels, a toast to the Pat's.

To the Noras and Bridgets, and off wid yer hats And three cheers for the Irish, this God's blessed day, And three cheers for the friends of the Sure, if all of the Irish could get in a line, And the people that love all the Irish combine, Wid the people that wish they was Irish, by gorry.

Sure, we'd lick the whole world and put an end to the war! But today's the kind and big-hearted day, And let's toast every soul in this buildin', and let's drink to the friends of the Irish, I say!

For the love of St. Pat we'll forget our back bits! Be genuine Irish—wid no taste for the green! And let ye in turn pass the good word around, Untill this old state house will ring wid the sound, And each grouch divil be wearin' the green, And be blazin' St. Patrick this nineteen fifteen!

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CONDRA "SHOOT" SOLONS

Conservation Expert Takes Films of Senators and Representatives While at Work.

SIPTS THEM OUT IN GROUPS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special.)—Dr. Condra of the Nebraska Conservation and Welfare commission, with Colonel Ray Lindsay, his chief photographer, were at the state house today taking motion pictures of the senate and house for the purpose of exhibition purposes.

The pictures will first be shown tomorrow evening at the legislative banquet, but will be later made a part of the collection which will be shown throughout the country.

The two bodies were taken in different stages of activities and in the senate the photographer was able to catch ex-Governor George Sheldon and Lieutenant Governor Pearson in conversational attitude.

As a Mutt and Jeff production it has its great value. Groups of members, according to terms served, were taken and disclosed that there were thirty-eight second termers in the house, eleven three termers, four four termers, Taylor, Mockett, Fries and Fuller.

Taylor dropped out on the five termers, and when it came to the sixth termers Fries was the only one left standing.

In the senate Saunders proved to be the dean of that body, having served five terms.

In the house a group of bachelors were taken, disclosing an even dozen, Greenwald, Reiser, Howard, Lundgren, Langdon, Nesley, Reelin, Reynolds of Red Willow, Liggett, Barrett, Matteson and Tibbets.

St. Patrick's Spirit Incites to Poesy at The State House

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CHANGE COMPENSATION BILL

Senate Strikes Out Provisions that Sought to Include Farmer in Scope.

HOW THE MEASURE NOW STANDS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special Telegram.)—It may be justice, but nevertheless it can't be done. Mallery of Box Butte said that he recognized this fact in the senate this morning, and in order to save other features of the bill, offered to strike out the amendment offered in S. P. 202 to the workmen's compensation law, proposing to bring the farmer within the operation of the law.

Friends of the bill saw that its death was certain with the farmer clause left in. Mallery proposed that the bill be recommitted to the understanding that the proposed changes be stricken out, leaving only an amendment known as the "finger-and-toe" amendment, fixing the compensation as to losses of these members, as regards to which the present law is silent.

The present law now applies to employers with more than five employes. Another proposal was to reduce the limit from five to one. This bill will also be stricken. It was evident that there was a rock-ribbed opposition to changing the law in any vital matter at the present time before it has had time for a real try-out.

Monday Is Last Day For Senate Bills in The Upper Chamber (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special.)—A motion to postpone indefinitely all senate bills not reported out of the standing committee today was carried in the senate this morning.

Buhrman's motion originally read "ay Friday," but Howell of Douglas thought that this was too short a time and that important bills might be unduly killed. So the motion was amended to read Monday.

Between fifty and sixty bills now remain with the standing committee. The original number was 226. This blanket execution order spells the beginning of the end of the Thirty-fourth session more clearly than anything else.

Apparently in anticipation of such a ruling, standing committees reported out a large number of bills this morning. Four of the number were recommended for indefinite postponement and the recommendation concurred in. These were:

S. P. 196, Mallery of Box Butte—Requires all vehicles to carry lights after dark.

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S. P. 198, Mallery of Box Butte—Requires white posts at each end of bridge culverts.

TRESPASSING UPON RAILROAD TRACK TO BE MISEDEANOR (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special.)—Despite some spirited opposition Mallery's bill senate file 233, to make trespassing upon railroad tracks a misdemeanor, was advanced to third reading by the senate committee of the whole this morning.

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Douglas Member Gives the Candy Trade a Big Boost

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special.)—A choice bit of gossip has been floating around the legislative halls for several days past. It concerns a house member of the Douglas county delegation, who has long been noted for his gallantry.

As in all affairs of gallantry, however, there is always a party of the second part. In this case there are three parties of the second part—three young women, all of them young and pleasing fair. The fact that there were three renders it clear that this was only an "affair of gallantry" and not an "affair of the heart."

The three were seated at one of the lunch tables in close proximity to the candy counter. The member from Douglas wandered by and compelled them to

stopped. "Expect to the sweets," he murmured, "and a box of candy for a kiss," he added as a bantering afterthought.

"The motion prevails," said the three in unison. The committee of the whole thereupon rose to report, and it was up to the gentleman from Douglas. It was the candy business began to pick up at once.

AVIATOR ST. HENRY VISITOR AT CAPITAL (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, March 17.—(Special.)—Colonel A. H. Hollinworth of Beatrice visited the state house today accompanied by Henry C. St. Henry, one of the leading aviators of the west.

Mr. C. St. Henry was born and brought up in Alvo, Neb., but now lives on the coast. He expects to make several flights in Nebraska before returning to his home.

A going business can be sold quickly through "The Bee's" "Business Chances."

Annexationists See Bill Passing with Emergency Clause

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The Omaha annexation bill will come up tomorrow morning, as it stands sixth from the top of the list. That it will pass is a good guess.

Friends of the bill claim changes in its favor as late as 9 o'clock the evening, while its opponents do not appear to be feeling sanguine.

Members of the Douglas county delegation say tonight that it will secure sufficient votes to pass with the emergency clause.

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