

SENATE AND HOUSE FAIRLY UNDER WAY

Former Passes Seventeen and Latter Eighty-Seven Bills.

HOW THE RECORD STANDS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Although in session but twenty-nine days, the state senate has passed seventeen bills, while the house in session thirty-four days, four more than half of its allotted time, has passed eighty-seven bills. The percentage would appear to be in favor of the house, but the facts in the matter are that the senate has been putting in but a very few hours each day so far, while the house has been running from 9 until 12 o'clock in the forenoon and from 1:30 until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

According to the records kept by Bookkeeper Gus Bershorner, Senator Moriarty of Douglas county was the busy introducer of bills in the upper body, more than 10 per cent of them being introduced by him. The records now show that the Douglas county man introduced forty-one bills and so far outdistanced all others that he stands in a class by himself. Howell, also of Douglas, came next with twenty-five. The complete record is shown as follows:

Oberlies	22	Robertson	7
Shappell	22	Spahr	7
Sandall	22	Wills	7
Deal	21	Doty	6
Adams	20	Henry	6
Tanner	19	McAllister	6
Habee	14	Wallace Wilson	4
Bennett	14	Douhott	4
Hammond	12	Gates	4
Metter	11	Bosert	4
Sayer	10	Strehlow	4
Neal	10	Buhrman	3
McIntire	10	Boyer	3
Albert	10	Kohl	3
Lubner	8		

Committee on education, 1. The bills so far passed, seventeen in number, are as follows: Senate Files 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 26, 40, 53, 66, 72, 73, 74, 85 and 133.

The senate has indefinitely postponed fifteen bills—Senate Files 8, 14, 19, 22, 32, 34, 42, 43, 68, 82, 102, 110, 114, 419 and 301. Eighteen bills on third reading; seventy-three on general file and 208 in standing committees.

Passed, 17; killed, 15; third reading, 18; on general file, 73; in committees, 208. Total, 331.

The house rolls in the senate have fared as follows: Four passed, 28, 29, 7, 8; two killed, 2, 17; fifteen on general file; sixty-four in committees.

Nobody Worries About England as a Coal Miner

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, Jan. 20.—Since the statement in Parliament last month that the government intended to take over control of all the coal mines in the country, little has been heard of the project. It is believed, however, that considerable has been accomplished behind the scenes, and that fuller details will be forthcoming early in the spring.

The prime minister has assured a delegation from the miners' union that whatever may be involved in state control, it would not be detrimental in any way to the interests of the workmen. In coal regions it is understood that there will be little or no interference with the ordinary machinery by which the industry is carried on, and that state control will chiefly affect the distribution of coal after it is brought to the surface.

Old Vass Residence at Plattsmouth is Burned

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The old Vass home, on an eminence overlooking the Burlington shops and a large portion of the city, was burned to the ground Friday evening. Joseph Tage had the place rented and his household goods were therein, but he with the family had been visiting in Iowa for the last two months. This house had stood on the hill a landmark for over fifty years and was the home of the Vass family for nearly forty years, they all having died nearly ten years ago. The family came from Virginia near a half century since, and there they lived and died, with the exception of two girls, one Mrs. Mattie Williams, the owner of the place, living in Falls City; the other, Mrs. Nannie Kietley, living in Illinois.

Collect Six Millions Tax On Estate of Oil King

New York, Feb. 17.—Lamon V. Harkness, Standard Oil magnate, who died at Paicines, Cal., two years ago, leaving a fortune estimated at \$170,000,000, was a resident of this city, according to a decision rendered in the Surrogate court today and, therefore, the estate is subject to a transfer tax here of more than \$6,000,000 if all the real and personal property are located in this state. Just how large is the New York estate is yet to be determined. The Harkness executors sought to avoid paying the tax here by maintaining the decedent's residence was Kentucky, not New York.

ONE TERM LIMIT OF COUNTY ASSESSOR

House of Representatives Refuses to Grant Right of Re-Election.

WANT NO FEAR OR FAVOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—It is not the temper of this legislature—at least the lower branch of it—to give county assessors any more secure hold on their offices than they now have. If anything, the house leans the other way. It showed this today, when the Miller bill affecting county assessors came up in committee of the whole.

The bill as introduced merely provided that when any county votes on abolishing the county assessor's office the question may be carried by a majority of those voting thereon, instead of requiring a majority of all votes cast at the election.

Question of Second Term.

Mr. Fuller proposed to do something for the county assessors by offering an amendment making them eligible for re-election for a second term of four years. This was voted down almost unanimously after several members had spoken against it. Mr. Good said he had served in the legislature of 1903, when a new revenue system was created, and at that time it was decided that a county assessor would do better work and perform his duties without fear if he were given one term only. Mr. Fries, another member of the 1903 session, corroborated Good's statement.

The bill, H. R. 354, was sent to third reading unchanged in form.

Assessing Franchises.

The committee of the whole approved the Fries' bill to assess the franchises of water power companies where their power plants are located. Its specific purpose is to make the franchise of the Central Power company assessable at Boelus, where its power plant is located, instead of at Grand Island, the business headquarters, where the transformers, switchboards, emergency steam plant and business offices of the company are.

Mr. Stubb of Hall county tried unsuccessfully to have an amendment tacked on making the same principle apply to telephone companies and other corporations whose property is spread over two or more counties.

Real Consideration in Deeds.

The first senate bill to be acted upon by the house in committee of the whole was S. F. 6, by Buhrman, providing that deeds, mortgages and other conveyances of real estate shall name the actual consideration, and fixing a penalty of \$10 to \$500 fine for violations. It was ordered engrossed for third reading.

Two bills offered by Mr. Reed, relating to divorce and remarriage, were both advanced to the third reading calendar. One provides, as amended, that any person against whom a divorce is obtained for cruelty, non-support or adultery cannot marry again within two years, while the one obtaining the divorce must wait for one year. The other declares any marriage in another state, to evade the provisions of the Nebraska law, shall be void here.

There are three newly made graves in the little cemetery where appropriation bills killed by the finance committee of the house are laid to rest. The cemetery is getting pretty well filled up and it may become necessary to provide more space for bills still to come.

Fairbury Merchants Consider Adopting New Credit Plan

Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Fairbury Commercial club held a meeting in its club rooms last night to consider the advisability of adopting a new credit system. C. L. Russ of Hot Springs talked to a large delegation of Fairbury merchants, explaining his credit rating system. Cliff Crooks, who was elected president of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers in Lincoln this week, introduced Mr. Russ.

While Fairbury has a secret credit system, the merchants favor adoption of the new public method. President J. W. McDonnell of the Commercial club presided over the meeting and decided to postpone the discussion of the proposed federal road aid.

Atlanta Farmers' Institute.

Holdrege, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special.)—The thirteenth annual Farmers' institute, held at Atlanta, closed last night, marking another very successful year. Sixty head of horses, thirty-eight cattle, some hogs, 100 head of poultry, and about twenty dogs, mostly stag and fox hounds, were shown. This exhibit and stock exhibit is a remarkable showing of what can be done by a community co-operation in a town of less than 400 inhabitants.

PAPER MAKERS ASK U. S. TO FIX PRICE

Alleged Monopoly Yields After President Threatened Extra Session of Congress.

PUBLISHERS FACED RUIN

Washington, Feb. 17.—It became known today that the print paper manufacturers yielded in their opposition to the government's efforts to restore normal prices and agreed to permit the federal trade commission to determine a fair scale only when confronted with the alternative of personal action by President Wilson and a special session of congress to pass remedial legislation.

At President Wilson's direction it was said Secretary McAdoo summoned one of the principal manufacturers, who was acting as spokesman for the others, and informed him that inasmuch as the government itself was not permitted by the constitution to impose prohibitive restraint upon the press, the administration did not intend to remain idle while an alleged monopoly through extortionate prices for print paper effectually imposed greater restraints than the government might ever contemplate.

Would Call Congress.

Mr. McAdoo, it was said, speaking for the president, informed a representative manufacturer that, with many daily newspapers of the United States threatened with being forced to close up, a special session of congress would be called, if necessary, to pass legislation to restore prices and supply to a normal level. At the same time the federal grand jury in New York was preparing to bring indictments for criminal prosecutions. The sequel was the action of the manufacturers yesterday in signing an agreement permitting the trade commission to fix fair prices.

It is understood that the administration is going further and taking steps to guard against any shortage of supply in the future. Through the forest service, which already has been at work on some phases of the problem, plans for reforestation of wooded areas now devastated for wood pulp are to be worked out, which are expected to furnish ample supplies for American publishers in the future.

State Printing Commission Boosted as Money Saver

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