

ROUTINE WORK IN CONGRESS

Outline of Business Transacted by the Members of Both Houses.

WITH NATIONAL LAWMAKERS

Brief Summary of the Doings of the People's Servants in Session at Washington Cleverly Condensed by Special Correspondents.

Wednesday, Feb. 4.

In the senate Mr. Hale presented the report of the conferees on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, which was agreed to. Toward the end of the session there was a lively passage of words between Mr. Gallinger and Mr. Beveridge. The former declared Mr. Beveridge and his followers on the statehood bill were prolonging the debate in pursuance of a "deliberate and premeditated system of obstruction." Mr. Quay injected some humor into the debate after Mr. Kean, who had held the floor for some time in opposition to the bill, announced that he would postpone his remarks on account of a severe cold, by saying that the infirmities of the opponents of statehood were increasing to such an extent that he expected soon to see them all in a hospital. The general staff bill was reconsidered and passed with an amendment putting the chief of staff under the direction of the president, "and the secretary of war under the direction of the president." The senate concurred in the amendment of the house providing for a new department of agriculture building and fixing the cost at \$1,500,000.

The general debate on the postoffice appropriation bill was enlivened in the house by an interesting discussion of the tariff question. The consideration of the postoffice bill in committee of the whole was completed, but it was not passed.

Thursday Feb. 5.

Most of the time in the Senate was occupied by debate on the statehood bill, with polygamy as the chief topic. The pure-food bill passed by the House was read, and an amendment was agreed to providing that nothing in the act shall be held to apply to substances or materials manufactured and sold exclusively for use in the arts and industries, but only when manufactured and sold as drugs or foods. Mr. McCumber, in charge of the bill, detailed the efforts which have been made for the last fifteen years to secure legislation of this kind, and explained the amendments which the Senate committee inserted. The time of the House was chiefly occupied with a debate on the anti-trust bill. The bill to expedite anti-trust prosecutions was passed without debate, as was the postoffice appropriation bill. Mr. Hitt (Illinois) presented the conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, and it was adopted. The army general staff bill was sent to conference. Mr. Klutz (N. C.) announced the death of his colleague, Mr. Moody, which occurred at Waynesville, N. C., and offered appropriate resolutions, which were adopted.

Friday, Feb. 6.

The time in the senate was largely occupied by discussion of the isthmian canal question, the resolution introduced by Mr. Morgan calling on the Secretary of the Navy for correspondence regarding the military occupation of the bays of Panama and Colon being under debate in both open and secret session. A conference was agreed to on the general staff bill, and Messrs. Cockrell, Quarles and Foraker were appointed conferees. Bills were passed as follows: Senate bill amending the revised statutes so as to provide for the detail of retired officers of the army and navy to assist in military instruction in schools; Senate bill authorizing the President to reinstate Alexander G. Pendleton, Jr., as a cadet in the United States Military Academy; Senate bill incorporating in the District of Columbia the American Academy in Rome, the object being to establish and maintain an institution to promote the study and practice of the fine arts and to aid and stimulate the education and training of architects, painters, sculptors and other artists. The house amendments to the bill to expedite trials in cases under the Sherman anti-trust law was agreed to.

The day in the House was devoted to general debate on the anti-trust bill. Mr. Foss (Ill.) reported the naval appropriation bill.

Saturday, Feb. 7.

The statehood bill again claimed the greater share of the senate's attention. Mr. Kean continued but did not conclude his speech on that subject, and toward the close of the day there was a general debate on the allegation of the opposition to the bill that it does not contain sufficient safeguards against polygamy. A large

Banishes the British Oyster.

Berlin cable: It is stated that Emperor William has repeatedly suffered from eating English oysters, and he has accordingly banished them from the imperial tables and substituted Dutch and Danish oysters.

To Raise \$2,000,000.

New York special: Columbia University's effort to raise \$2,000,000 for the purchase of South Field, the university's present temporary athletic ground, will be successful.

number of bills to which there was no objection were passed during the day. By a unanimous vote—245 to 0—the house passed the anti-trust bill. The closing chapter was devoid of excitement. For three hours the Democrats offered a series of amendments, but they either ruled out of order or voted down by a strict party vote. On only one vote were the political ranks broken. It was on an amendment offered by Mr. Thomas (Rep., Iowa) to make the filing of returns incumbent upon all corporations mandatory. On that amendment seven Republicans voted with the Democrats.

Sunday, Feb. 8.

The house of representatives held a memorial session to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator William J. Sewall and of the late Representative Joshua S. Salmon of New Jersey. Mr. Parker of New Jersey presided. The eulogists of the two departed statesmen were Messrs. Gardner (Rep., N. J.), McClellan (Dem., N. Y.), Hull (Rep., Iowa), Steele (Rep., Ind.), Stewart (Rep., N. J.), Fowler (Rep., N. J.), Parker (Rep., N. J.), Flanagan (Dem., N. J.), Foster (Rep., Vt.), Graf (Rep., Ill.), Williams (Dem., Miss.), Warner (Rep., Ill.), Bansdell (Dem., Texas), Lloyd (Dem., Mo.), and Ball (Dem., Texas). Chairman Hepburn of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce laid before the house the report of the conferees on the department of commerce and labor bill, and it was ordered to be printed.

Monday, Feb. 9.

The Littlefield anti-trust bill was received by the senate from the house and referred to the committee on judiciary. The army appropriation bill was sent to conference. Mr. Carmack of Tennessee addressed the senate on the Rawlins resolution calling for the records of courts-martial of officers serving in the Philippines. The resolution went over, and the statehood bill was taken up. Mr. Kean of New Jersey speaking in opposition. He yielded to Messrs. Rawlins, Clay, Hale, Patterson and Elkins, who discussed the fitness of the people of New Mexico and Arizona for statehood and the influence of the Mormon church in politics.

The house spent practically the entire day upon two District of Columbia bills, one to authorize the government to advance \$4,000,000 to the district and the other to report on the union station bill. The former was defeated and the latter sent back to conference after a motion to recede from the amendment of the house to cut down the appropriations for the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio railroads from \$1,500,000 to \$1,000,000 had been voted down. Mr. Richardson took exception to the presentation of the conference report on the department of commerce bill at Sunday's memorial session, contending that the action was void. The speaker ruled that it was regular, as it had been repeatedly held that Sunday could be made a legislative day. Mr. Richardson protested against the ruling as a dangerous precedent, and moved to correct the journal so as to strike out the action. Eleven Republicans voted with the Democrats for his motion, but it was defeated on a rising vote, 80 to 23. Mr. Richardson demanded the yeas and nays and the motion was carried, 116 to 101. Twenty Republicans voted with the Democrats. The conference report on the bill to increase the salaries of federal judges was agreed to.

FORMER SENATOR DAWES DEAD

Aged Statesman Succumbs to an Attack of the Grip.

Pittsfield, Mass., special: Ex-United States Senator Henry Laurens Dawes died in his home in this city. He was 86 years of age. Mr. Dawes had been ill since Christmas night, when he contracted a severe cold while driving. The cold developed into the grip, which undermined his system. When President Roosevelt visited Pittsfield last fall he called upon the veteran statesman. It was while returning from the visit to the Dawes house that the trolley accident occurred in which the president figured.

INDIANA FORESTERS' ANNUAL

Thomas Hall of Crown Point is Elected High Chief Ranger. Valparaiso, Ind., special: At the annual state convention of the Independent Order of Foresters of America, just ended, officers were elected as follows: High chief ranger, Thomas Hall, Crown Point; vice chief ranger, J. E. Yocum, Roum; high medical examiner, Dr. P. G. Moore, Wabash; high secretary, J. P. Young, Crown Point; high treasurer, J. Lowenstein, Valparaiso; directors, L. G. Kramer, Michigan City; J. A. Love, Leroy, and W. C. Johnke, Hobart. The next meeting will be held at Wabash, Ind.

Leaves for Manila.

Washington special: Judge Wright, vice governor of the Philippines, who has been in Washington several weeks in connection with legislation for the archipelago, left for his home in Memphis preparatory to his return to Manila. He expects to start from San Francisco about March 10.

Fire at Lebanon.

Lebanon, Ind., dispatch: Fire destroyed \$155,000 worth of property, insured for half that amount. The fire started from a gas jet in Phil Adler's dry goods store. The telephone plant cables were burned out.

Better Wages for Miners.

Cumberland, Md., special: Nearly all of the operators in the Meyersdale (Pa.) bituminous coal region announce that a material increase in the wage miners will be made on April 1.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Measures Under Consideration in the Capitol at Springfield.

CAPITAL STOCK ASSESSMENT

Representative Murray Has a Bill That Follows the Lines Laid Down by Judge Grosscup of the Federal District Court.

Assessment of the capital stock of corporations, according to a rule fixed by law, is the object of a bill which has been prepared by Representative A. G. Murray of Springfield.

The Murray bill is an effort to crystallize into statutory form the principles laid down in Judge Grosscup's decision in the franchise tax case. It makes earning power and not face or market value of corporation stocks the basis of valuation for taxing purposes. It fixes 6 per cent as a proper return for funds invested in corporation securities, and the assessed value of capital stock is to be fixed by the state board of equalization with direct reference to its earning power.

Two years ago the Chicago Teachers' federation went into court to compel the state board of equalization to assess the capital stock of corporation at its market value. Judge Thompson of the circuit court here issued an order on the state board of equalization to so assess capital stock. The state supreme court sustained Judge Thompson's ruling.

The case was taken to the United States court and Judge Grosscup tore holes in the state court's decisions. He held practically that investors in stock of corporations are entitled to 6 per cent on their investments if the corporations earn so much.

Mr. Murray's bill follows this plan and makes a 6 per cent earning power the basis of taxing corporation capital stock. According to the Murray bill, the state board of equalization is required to take the gross earnings of a corporation, and from that amount deduct all operating and other expenses, except sums expended for permanent betterment of the property and set aside for a sinking fund. The balance of the gross earnings, the operating expenses being deducted, is to be considered the corporation's net earnings.

These net earnings are to be considered further for the purpose of taxation as per cent of the actual value of the stock without regard to its quotation. In other words, the state board of equalization is required to ascertain the net earnings of a corporation, and multiplying this by 16 2/3; to find the value of its capital stock. For example, if a corporation should show gross earnings of \$500,000, with expenses of \$350,000, leaving a net earning of \$150,000, the state board of equalization shall fix the value of its capital stock at \$2,500,000, without regard to its face or market value, the \$150,000 net earnings being considered as 6 per cent of the value of the capital stock.

Local Option.

The local option bill of the Anti-Saloon league of Illinois which has been introduced in the senate by Senator Parker, and is now known as the "Parker local option" bill, was given to the house by Representative Montellus, and the league is arranging for an active campaign to aid in its passage. Since the introduction of the bill in the senate a bitter campaign has been conducted under the supervision of the league to bring pressure to bear upon the senators. In the senate, the bill was assigned to the license committee and it is probable that similar disposition will be made of the measure in the house. Mr. Montellus is not a member of the license committee, but Mr. Stewart, the prohibition member, who will also champion the bill, is a member of that committee.

Free Text Books.

Representative Burgett is preparing a bill providing free text books in the public schools of the state. The bill will create a commission consisting of the state superintendent, the principals of the state normal schools and three women educators, to be selected by the other members of the commission. The commission will be empowered to designate the books to be used throughout the state and there must be uniformity of books in each Congressional district. Different systems may be used in different districts, but no locality can adopt a system which varies from that in force in the other localities within the boundaries of the district.

Under the proposed plan each school district is to pay for the books provided by the commission, but the bill will fix a maximum price for all publications and no more than this amount shall be paid. To provide the

Decatur Factory is Unionized.

After a week of idleness, entailing a loss of \$5,000 in wages to 600 men, the Mueller factory at Decatur was unionized in all departments. Five international union officials were on the ground several days in conference.

Pupil Aid Library.

The pupil managers of the Decatur High School Observer have presented the school a check for \$100 to be used for the purchase of the books for the library.

funds for the books the levy on school purposes will be increased one-half of 1 per cent.

Busy Week for Legislators.

The members of both houses of the general assembly have a busy week before them. Now that the house and senate committees have been named, the legislators will begin work in earnest. Many people who have propositions to present to the legislature have been waiting for the announcement of the committee assignments before offering their bills, and the week will witness an incoming of those who are interested in prospective legislation.

New members are always very zealous in committee work early in the session, and as the new members have been uncommonly well cared for this session, and constitute a heavy proportion of the membership of the most important committees in both the house and senate, there will be much activity outside the sessions of the main bodies. Indeed, pretty much all the work to be done during the week will be in committee, for there is no legislation on the calendars as yet, and it is not expected that anything of importance will be presented in the form of resolutions.

Governor is Busy.

Gov. Yates has appointed a number of conferences for the week, and members of several state boards will be at Springfield to confer with him. As all of these boards are interested in legislative matters their presence in Springfield will be significant and will have its influence on what is done later in the session.

It is the purpose of the governor to talk about legislative matters with the men who have been called, and they will, of course, discuss the matters in which they are interested with the legislators.

The first conference will be held with the state board of charities. On this occasion it is expected that the question of establishing a state board of control for the state charitable institutions will be discussed. The matter of state supervision of county almshouses and jails will also be taken up at this time.

On Tuesday the state board of pharmacy met with the governor, and the proposition to place this board on the same footing as other state boards was taken up. Under the present law this board is supported by the druggists of the state, who pay an annual license of \$1.50, and the proposition is to do away with this system and make a regular appropriation for the board.

To Fight Cattle Disease.

The state board of live stock commissioners met with the governor Wednesday, and the state veterinarians and assistants were invited to attend this conference. They discussed the needs of the commission in relation to fighting diseases in cattle, and the amount of the appropriation necessary to carry on their work.

The following day the state board of health will hold a meeting and have a conference with the executive concerning its recent recommendations to the legislature. The board has asked the assembly to relieve it of the work of supervising the practice of medicine in the state, and has recommended the creation of a medical board for this duty. This board is interested in the proposed sanatorium for consumptives, and in a number of amendments to existing sanitary laws.

State Arbitrators.

The state board of arbitration will have a conference with the governor on Friday, and so will the state commission of claims. Neither of these meetings will have to do with proposed legislation, but the work of the boards will be discussed.

There will be no conferences Saturday, but they will be resumed the following week, and will continue until the whole list of boards has been exhausted. The last conference will be held March 26, when the trustees of the hospital for the incurable insane will be held.

It is expected that the coming conference will be of considerable assistance to the members of the appropriation committees of the legislature. These committees will hold daily sessions, and will avail themselves of the information to be had from the various commissioners and other officials who will be here.

Railroad Taxes.

The various railroads in Montgomery county will pay taxes as follows this year: Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis, \$11,200.29; Wabash, \$5,393.23; Illinois Central, \$4,211.36; Toledo, St. Louis & Western, \$2,369.49; Jacksonville & St. Louis, \$2,521.69; Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis, \$271.22; Quincy, Carrollton & Western, \$34.20.

Compromised With Railroad.

Three damage suits against the Big Four railroad, involving about \$45,000, have been compromised in the circuit court at Wabash for \$1,062. The suits were filed by ex-Mayor M. R. Crabill of Wabash, Mrs. Ida Crabill of South Bend, and John Crabill, all of whom were struck by a train and several injured.

Fire Alarm System.

At a meeting of the city council of Taylorville it was decided to install a fire alarm system to connect with the sleeping apartments of the twenty-five members of the volunteer fire department.

Teachers' Convention.

The convention of the Tricounty teachers' association of Alexander, Massac and Pulaski counties will be held at Mount City Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15 and 16.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

ZIONISTS OBJECT TO PIG MEAT

Complaint Sent Through Error Causes Trouble in Dow's City. There was excitement in Zion City when it was known that a consignment of swine flesh had accidentally reached that sacred city. A dozen hams sent to a Waukegan meat dealer had been unloaded at Zion City by mistake. A delegation of residents waited on Station Agent Patterson and asked for the hams, but were refused. They threatened him with violence, but he did not yield. As quickly as possible the meat was sent to Waukegan.

TRY TO SWINDLE MERCHANTS

Well-Dressed Strangers Fail to Work the Draft Game. Two well dressed strangers, representing themselves to be agents for a circus, attempted to fleece some Cairo provision dealers by buying large quantities of meat and other provisions for the circus, presenting drafts in payment in excess of the amount of purchases and expecting to receive the change in cash. Their plan failed, but not before one firm sent out to Bridge Junction for delivery on the cars that were not there.

More Money for Postoffice.

Representative Feely has introduced a bill in the house at Washington providing for an increase in the limit of the cost of the federal building at Oak Park to \$55,000. The omnibus public building bill passed last session placed the limit of cost of this building at \$35,000, but many complaints that the amount is inadequate and many requests praying for a large appropriation for this purpose have been received by Mr. Feely. In accordance with their spirit he introduced the bill, which he hopes to have incorporated in the public building bill which is to be passed this session.

Borden Estate.

The will of the late H. Lee Borden was admitted to probate in the Marion county court. The estate is by far the largest ever probated in Marion county, the personal property being given at \$500,000 and the real estate at \$60,000. Mrs. Theresa Borden, wife of the deceased, is named as executrix, without bond, and to her the entire fortune is bequeathed. Deceased had extensive interests in Chicago and New York and other Eastern cities. He owned the large Borden plantation seven miles northwest of Salem. He was the last survivor of the late Gall Borden of condensed milk fame.

Fish Hatchery for Chicago.

Chicago will have a fish culture station if a bill introduced by Representative Mann becomes a law. The bill provides for an appropriation of \$200,000 for the establishment of such a station. The plan is favored by anglers, fishermen and fish dealers in the neighborhood of Chicago, who complain that the fish in the lake and streams are rapidly becoming extinct. If Mr. Mann's bill is passed millions of fish will be hatched at the station at Chicago, from which point they will be distributed throughout the middle west for the stocking of the lakes and the rivers.

Confesses Judgment.

The grocery store of C. F. Crum at Maroa has been closed by Sheriff Thrift on a confession of judgment for \$3,500 in favor of William Crum of Clinton. Young Crum bought the stock of Conover & Co., last November, and a few days later he had one of his feet crushed while alighting from a train at Clinton. Since the accident Crum has been unable to return to Maroa.

Miner Tires of Life.

William Baker, aged 25 years, a coal miner from Lincoln, shot himself in the head in a lodging house at Springfield. He was found in a dying condition and taken to the hospital, where he died. He left a note addressed to M. Reinhardt of Lincoln asking him to bury him, and stating that he was tired of life. On his person was found \$295.

To Sink Coal Shaft.

The coal mine meeting at Blue Mound awakened considerable enthusiasm. It was voted to proceed with the sinking of a shaft. W. H. Bean was chairman of the meeting, and L. R. Shirk secretary. The company will have a capital of \$75,000 to \$100,000. Various committees were appointed.

Quincy Pastor Receives a Call.

The Phillips church of Exeter, N. H., has extended an invitation to the Rev. Samuel H. Dana of Quincy, Ill., to become its pastor.

Injury to Rural Carrier.

Rural Mail Carrier Simpson Lovelace was thrown from his horse while delivering mail on his regular route out of Marion and was seriously injured, his leg being broken and other serious injuries resulting. He will be confined to his home for several weeks as a consequence of the accident.

Electric Light Ordinance.

Mayor Shilling has signed the ordinance granting E. H. Pratt and others the right to establish an electric lighting plant in Decatur.

FIERCE BATTLE WITH LUNATIC

Illinois Man Attacks on Officer Who Sought to Restrain Him. Deputy Sheriff George E. Blum of Salem had a desperate hand-to-hand battle with Paul Flak, a former Centralia citizen, who escaped from the Southern Illinois insane hospital at Anna. Flak had made his way to his home in Centralia, and when approached by Deputy Blum, he attacked him furiously, but by the aid of several citizens Flak was overpowered.

DR. SNYDER, NATURALIST.

Dr. J. E. Snyder of Virginia, the new president of the Illinois State Historical society, is a native of St. Clair county, Illinois, and a graduate of McKendree college. Until the civil



war he practiced law; after that he devoted himself to medicine, taking up residence in Virginia. He is devoted to natural history and possesses one of the finest private museums in the state.

Passengers in Peril.

A side rod on Wabash engine No. 407, pulling a fast passenger train into Decatur out of St. Louis, broke as the train was passing over the Hannagan river bridge, near Decatur. The train was going at full speed when the accident occurred. Ends of the rod were broken by the whirling steel beam and the fireman's side of the cab was wrecked. Engineer John Edwards applied the brakes, and with Fireman Fred Dolan, both clinging to the steps on the right side, awaiting developments. Fortunately the engine and coaches kept the rails and the train stopped at the opposite side of the river was reached. There were many passengers on the train, but few realized their peril.

Decatur Y. M. C. A.

Efforts are being made to erect a Y. M. C. A. building in Decatur. The amount of money still needed is \$20,000. The association has \$20,000 available. There were thirty citizens at a promotion banquet at the St. Nicholas, at which encouraging addresses were delivered by J. A. Montgomery, W. C. Guiton, J. Fred Givens, Charles Murphy, H. C. Schuch, Robert I. Hunt, Adolph Mueller, H. I. Baldwin and A. H. Mills.

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Coal Company Quits.

The Alton coal company, a well-known Alton business house, has suspended business. The difficulty in getting coal during the present fuel famine is the cause of the suspension. The stockholders decided to wind up the business affairs of the company and to go out of business. The company has been in business in Alton many years.

K. P. Anniversary.

Marion Lodge Knights of Pythias, will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the order at Salem on Thursday evening, Feb. 15, with a banquet and smoker.

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I. O. O. F. Special.

A special session of the Illinois Grand encampment, I. O. O. F., will be held at Centralia on Tuesday, Feb. 18. The degree team of Ashley encampment will enter the contest among forty candidates at this session.

Called for Day.

"Old Tower," the old Federal mansion of Judge J. M. Pease of Mount Vernon, has stood and will stand as a monument to the man who was one of the great statesmen of the state.