Outline of Business Transacted by the Members of Both Houses.

NATIONAL LAWMAKERS

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

Wednesday, Feb. 25.

The Senate made rapid progress The statehood riders to the agricul tural and postoffice appropriation bills were withdrawn and both bills passed The House amendments to the Philtppine currency bill were agreed to. The sundry civil bills were also completed. A large number of pension bills were also passed. There was a lengthey discussion of the appropriation of \$200,000 for Queen Liliuokalani for the loss of the crown lands in Hawaii. In the course of the day Civil Service Commissioner Foulke was severely criticised on account of a letter written by him to Mr. Spooner regarding the dismissal of an employe of the surveyor general's office, Idaho, who had been charged with receiving campaign contributions.

The House adopted the conference report on the army appropriation bill The bill to establish a union station in this city also was finally passed The Fowler currency bill was debated in a desultory way. Mr. Clayton (Ala.) delivered a mock funeral ora-

tion on the bill.

Thursday, Feb. 26. The advisability and legality of the appointment by the President as members of commissions formed the subject of considerable discussion in the Senate. The sundry civil bill was under consideration and Mr. Hale, baving in mind the amendment which was adopted authorizing the appointcommission, started the debate by calling attention to the fact that the Senate had reprobated the policy of appointment of Senators on commissions and on one occasion had refused to confirm two Senators nominated by the President for such service. During the discussion it was made clear that no reflection was inintended on Mr. Lodge and Mr. Turner, who have been selected as members of the Alaskan boundary commission. The bill was passed after a number of amendments had been ad-Mr. Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, filed an additional protest against the admission of Reed Smoot as a Senator from Utah. The Senate went into executive session and devoted the remainder of the day to the Panama canal treaty.

The House, after alibustering by the Democrats and repeated roll calls and waits while a quorum was being secured, unseated James J. Butler of Missouri and seated George C. R. Wagoner in his place.

Friday, Feb. 27. The senate passed the naval and military academy appropriation bills. Mr. Blackburn secured a vote on his motion to take up the Littlefield antitrust bill, but his motion was lost, 28 to 38. The senate from 1:45 p. m. to 5:15 was in executive session. When the doors were opened a number of bills were passed without objection The immigration bill was considered and a number of amendments made to meet various senators' views, but the bill failed of a rote on objection from New England senators, who feared it will exclude French Canadian labor.

After a stormy session of the house, during which the Democrats continued their threatened filibustering tactics, all that had been accomplished was to get the agricultural, sundry civil, military academy, and postoffice appropriation bills into conference and to adopt the conference report on the Indian appropriation

Saturday, Feb. 28.

The Senate passed the fortifications appropriation bill and the House immigration bill, with amendments. The general deficiency bill, the last of the appropriation measures to be considered, was reported from the committee. The greater part of the day was given up to the consideration of the Aldrich bond-deposit bill, which was debated at length, but upon which a vote was not reached. While the bill was under discussion Mr. Aldrich undertake the reduction of the revenues at the next session of Congress. provided there was a surplus.

The Democrats continued filibustering in the House, the little business accomplished being opposed at every point. The net result of the day's session was the sending to conference of the naval and fortification appropriation bills, the adoption of the con-

Slain in a Carnival Riot.

The trouble grew out of the fil treat-

ment of a masquerader by the guards.

Crown Prince Quits College.

Frederich Wilhelm will bid farewell

to his student days at Bonn univer-

sity at a meeting of the famous Bo-

russia corps. He will leave at once

for a trip in Eastern Europe.

Berlin cable: The Crown Prince

Vigo, Spain, cable: Two persons

New Gas Well at Kokomo. Kokomo, Ind., dispatch: A monster were killed and four were wounded in | natural gas well was opened in Kokoa conflict between municipal guards | mo by the Pittsburg Plate Glass comand people taking part in the carnival. pany. The well has a flowing capacity

> Commits Murder for Child. Noblesville, Ind., special: In a diswith murder in the first degree.

appliance bill, and the military academy appropriation bills, the postoffice, the emulbus public building bill, and the bill to settle the accounts of officers during the Spanish period, and the adoption of the Senate amendments to two other comparatively unimportant measures.

Sunday, March 1. The Senate devoted the day to culogies of the late Representatives Peter J. Otey (Va.), James Moody (N. C.), John N. W. Rumple (lows), and Thomas H. Tongue (Ore.) 'At the conclusion of the addresses several resolutions of regret were adopted, and as a further mark of respect the Senate adjourned.

The House held a four hours' session and put the District of Columbia bill through its last parliamentary stage in the face of the Democratic fillbuster. The previous question on the conference report on the Alaskan homestead bill was ordered and the vote on its adoption will be taken when the House reconvenes at o'clock Monday. The Democrats at tempted to block legislation at every stage, and it required six roll calls to accomplish what was done.

Monday, March 2. The Senate passed the general de ficiency appropriation bill. The conference reports on the fortifications appropriation bill and the Alaska homestead bill were agreed to. The House amendments to the immigration bill were disagreed to and conferees were appointed. Mr. Quay made his usual unsuccessful attempt to secure a vote on the statehood bill by unanimous consent. The Aldrich financial bill was then taken up. After a speech by Mr. Teller against the bill and against the Cuban reciprocity reaty the Senate at 6 o'clock took recess until 8 p. m. At the evening session the conference reports on the postoffice and agricultural appropriation bills and the immigration bill were agreed to. The House bill allowing Porto Rico a delegate in Congress was presented and went over. Mr. Morgan said there was evidently an arrangement made by which the Aldrich bill is to be passed through the House under a rule for its consideration, and that there is nobody in that House, particularly a Democrat, who will be permitted to have a word ment of an international monetary to say about it. Mesars. Clay, Bailey, Carmack, Patterson and Tiliman made speeches charging the Republicans with responsibility for the situation because of their statebood flibuster.

The House agreed to the conference report on the Alaska homestead bill. Mr. Grosvenor, from the committee on rules, presented a special rule to put the immigration bill into conference by direct vote and to cut off the previous question on conference reports. On the rule, which is intended to check the Democratic fillbuster, twenty minutes debate was allowed Messrs. Underwood of Alabama, Will iams of Mississippi and Dearmond of Missouri bitterly protested against the action of the Republicans in forcing through measures of vast importance without debate or roll call. The previous question was ordered, 162 to 103, and the rule was adopted, 154 to 101. The conference report on the fortifications appropriation bill was adopted. The immigration bill, with Senate amendments, under the operation of the new rule. Similar action was taken on the omnibus public building bill. A bill making provision for a delegate in Congress from Porto Rico was passed. The Otjen bill to prohibit dealers in tobacco from giving prizes or prize coupons with their wares was passed. A bill to authorize the appointment of Major William Crawford Gorgas as assistant surgeon general of the army in recognition of his services in Cuba during the war was passed. The conference report on the postoffice and agricultural appropriations were agreed to.

May Leave Treasury.

Washington dispatch: Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Milton E Ailes, who was private secretary to Secretary Gage and was promoted to his present position to succeed Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, will probably retire from the government service to become a vice president of the Riggs National Bank of this city. The New York bank of which Mr Vanderlip is vice president has recently purchased a quarter interest in the Riggs Bank, and should Mr. Ailes enter it he will be the representative of

Discuss Battle Ships.

Washington dispatch: Although the senate and house conferees on the naval appropriation bill were in session for three hours the question of whether the battle ships authorized at this session of Congress shall be 12,000-ton types, as carried by the senate bill, or 16,000,000-ton, as provided said that the Republican party would in the house bill, was not touched

Major Packard Dies.

Bloomington, Ill., dispatch: Major Packard, who enjoyed the distinction of practicing law in this city longer than any other man, is dead. For nearly sixty years he had been before the courts of central Illinois. He was contemporaneous with Lincoln, Swett, ference reports on the railroad safety | Douglas, Davis and other great lights.

of 1,000,000 feet daily and a rock pres

pute over the possession of his child Benjamin Anderson shot Bert Lane, with whom the child was living. Anderson is in jail and will be charged

sure of 250 pounds to the square inch.

Measures Under Considera tion in the Capitol at Springfield.

ASK STATE AID FOR BOYS' HOM!

Judge Tuthill and Other Trustees of St. Charles Institution Appeal the Legislature to Appropriate \$785; 000 to Carry on the Work.

The trustees of the St. Charles Home for Boys have asked the legislature for \$785,000. Judge Richard S. Tuthill and T. D. Hurley of Chicago, with the other trustees, excepting John W. Gates, are in Springfield lobbying for the appropriation. They claim that the home needs every cent it can get. They had a conference with Governor Yates concerning the needs of the institution, and they will appear before the house and senate appropriation committees and plead for the amount asked. In speak-

ing of the matter Judge Tuthill said: "This looks like a good deal of money, but every cent of it can be used to the very best advantage in making provision for the delinquent boys of the state. We are not asking for one cent more than we actual-

Judge Tuthill expects to help along the McManaman bill to regulate the transfer of children. He considers it one of the most important measures that can receive the consideration of the general assembly. "This bill throws the same safeguards around the person of a child," he said, "that it does around any money that may be left to it."

Visitation Bill.

Mr. Hurley has a bill to provide for the visitation of children placed in family homes. The bill makes it the duty of every association incorporated for the purpose of caring for dependent, neglected or delinquent children, which is supported in whole or in part by public funds, to report to the state board of charities at regular stated times the name, age and sex of every child placed or replaced in a family home by such association, together with the name and address of the family with which such child is placed. The state board of chari- time. ties is authorized by the bill to appoint not to exceed five visitors, whose duty it shall be to visit and report upon the homes in which the children are placed. The bill calls for an appropriation of \$7,200 nually.

Many Absentees.

Only four members were present when the senate was called to order Monday, and an adjournment

members present. In the absence of Speaker Miller Representative Lindly presided. The following house bills were ordered to second reading: Mr. Curtis-Appropriating \$3,000 to

meet a deficiency in the expenses of the state board of arbitration. Mr. Chiperfield-Appropriating \$1.

000 per annum in aid of the illinois Firemen's Association. Mr. Haines-To prevent the licens ing of foreign corporations to do busi-

ness in Illinois under the same name used by a domestic corporation. Mr. Backus-To regulate the licens-

ing of barbers and barbershops.

To Pay Attorneys.

Representative Bonlware introduced a bill to compensate attorneys who are appointed by the court to act for impecunious defendants in criminal cases. Mr. Boulware also has a bill providing that the poffs shall be kept open until 7 o'clock in the evening a all elections, except in Cook county.

Representative Black introduced bill compensating owners of sheep killed by dogs.

Representative Burgett introduced a bill striking coal and mining companies out of the list of corporations whose capital stock is exempt from assessment by the state board of equalization.

Civil Service.

All the civil-service bills now pending before the General Assembly will be considered at a joint meeting of the House and Senate civil-service committees to be held Wednesday evening. Much interest attaches to these bills and advocates of state civilservice and representatives of reform organizations will be present in great numbers.

In order to accommodate as many persons as possible at the hearings, the meeting will be held in the Senate chamber. It is expected that nearly all of the members of both houses of the Assembly will be present. subject will be discussed in detail and every one of the proposed measures

will be given consideration. Among the speakers who will ad- grant may provide.

New Rural Route.

carrier will have a circuit of twenty-

three miles. An additional route from

Tamaroa will be established on the

Spring Is Coming.

The professional baseball season

will open in Decatur on May 1, when

the Rock Island team will play the

local team. The season will close Sep-

same date.

On April 1 a rural mail route will

Federal Building Bids. be established out of Spanwick. The Washington Tuesday on business connected with the advertising of bids for the erection of the \$150,000 ad-

> Vandalia M. E. Conference. at Pt. Elmo on April 8, 9 and 10,

pointed by Governor Yates to consider the question of civil service in the state institutions. The commission has proposed a bill and its m will explain the nature of its provisions and give the committees such information as they gained during their investigation of the subject. Representatives of the Civil-Service Re- Big Four Railroad Rewards Farmer form league, which indorsed the Parker civil-service bill, will explain the merits of that measure and there will be a general discussion among the members.

Local Option. The local-option bill of the Minois Anti-Saloon league is to be taken up reward for his herolam. While on his rous and lined up on in the Senate committee on license this week. The committee is to hold a meeting Wednesday and Triends of the measure are to be heard during the afternoon. A week later, the opponents of the bill will be given a hearing. The bill is before the election committee in the House, and it will also come up in that body this week. If it is possible to do so, a joint meeting of the committees will be held for the purpose of considering the bill.

Convict Labor. Members of the subcommittee of the joint committee on penal insitutions and labor and industrial affairs,, which has in charge the matter of preparing a convict-labor bill will hold no formai hearing, as the committee has already expressed itself in relation to its wishes. The members expect to put in the greater part of their time in the interest of the bill, to remove or raise the limit of death damages and the fellow-servant bill.

Railroad Legislation.

The railroad committee of the House will hold a meeting this week and it city blocks and which has on it the state such an object may be obtained is understood that it has practically [Episcopal residence, St. Agatha's by taxation if approved by a vote of agreed to report with favorable recommendation, the bill placing electric railways under the control of the railroad and warehouse commission. Under this act, the electric roads will be required to go before the hoard to secure crossings over steam roads. Representatives of the electric lines are protesting this on the ground that recent decisions of the board, requiring railroads to elevate their tracks when crossing another road, would prevent the construction of many interurban lines if applied generally.

Appropriations.

During the week, twenty subcommittees which were appointed by the appropriations committee to look into the needs of the various state institutions, will report to the main commit-This body is pushing its work as rapidly as possible, and it expects to begin the compilation of the omnibus appropriation bills within a

Abandonment.

Representative S. E. Erickson will introduce a bill to punish the abandonment of a wife or minor children "in destitute or necessitous circumstances." The bill is said to have the indorsement of prominent lawyers. is intended to cure defects in the existing statute on the subject.

The bill provides that every person who shall without cause abandon his wife and neglect and refuse to main-The house met with only twenty tain and provide for her, or who shall abandon his or her minor child or children in destitute circumstances, and wilfully neglect or refuse to maintain and provide for such child or children, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500. or by imprisonment in the county jail. house of correction or workhouse not less than one month or more than twelve months, or both. And should a fine be imposed it may be directed by the court to be paid in whole or in part to the wife, or to the guardian or custodian of the minor child or children, provided that instead of imposing the punishment hereinbefore provided, or in addition thereto, the court shall have the power to pass an order directing the defendant to pay a certain sum weekly for one year to the wife, guardian or custodian of the minor child or children. If the court be satisfied by information and due proof, under oath, that at any time during one year the defendant bas violated the terms of such order, it may forthwith proceed with the trial of the defendant under the original conviction, as the case may be. Street Railway Bill.

A bill authorizing municipal ownership of street railways was introduced in the house by Mr. Clettenberg.

The bill provides that every city in the state shall have the power to own, construct, acquire and operate street railways within its limits, and to lease the same or any part thereof for period not longer than twenty years, on such terms and conditions as the city council shall deem for the best interests of the public.

"It is provided that no city shall operate street railways unless the proposition first is submitted to the electors and approved by three-fifths of those voting on it. It is made lawful for any city to incorporate and grant to a private company a franchise with a reservation of the right on the part of the city to take over the street railway at or before the expiration of the grant, upon such terms as the

Postmaster Wheeler has gone to dition to the Springfield federal build-

Dr. J. W. Flint, presiding elder of Vandalia district Methodist Episcopal church, has announced that the annual district conference will be held

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NINETY-NINE YEAR PASS, I BOYS BOMBAN

Glasscock for Herolem. Ewing S. Glasscock, who prevented the wreck of a Big Four passenger train near Harrisburg recently, has re- | a party of afteen ceived a pass on that road for himself and family over the entire system | Alton. The boys t for a period of ninety-nine years as a way to Harrisburg Mr. Glasscock, who across the street with is a farmer, discovered a rail missing of stones and mission, wa in the track, and, although a blizzard | one attempted to e was raging with mercury below zero, or any of the inmates be awaited the arrival of the passenger train and prevented what would have been a fatal and disastrous wreck. The train was over one hour late and was loaded with passengers. When he saw the train, though nearly frozen, he took of his red-lined overcost and flagged it. When the train reached him he was so nearly frozen he had to be assisted into the car.

TO HAVE EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Committee Acts on Bishop Seymour's

Offer of Springfield Site. A meeting has been held by the committee which was appointed at the synod of the diocese of Springfield of the Episcopal church, held in Springfield last December to consider the proposition of Bishop Seymour to turn over his valuable property, south of Belleville held a conference, when the statehouse, which comprises two school and five tenant residences, for the people at a general election, and cathedral purposes, the diocese to pay four-fifths of the appraised value, the bishop donating one-fifth. Plans of the property will be drawn up and preparations made for the building. A meeting will be called at a later date.

Congressman to Build.

Congressman T. J. Selby has selected a design for a handsome cottage of the colonial type and as soon as the weather will permit the carpenters will begin work. The cottage is to be erected on the highest pinnacle of the Selby bluff north of Hardin, an elevation of about 300 feet, overlooking the Illinois river and commanding a magnificent view for miles into Greene and Jersey counties and up and down the river. On this bluff are two mammoth prehiatoric mounds, one of which will be leveled for the foundation of the structure. Within the past few years neveral costly dwellings have been erected on the high bluffs and hills along the Illinois river near Hardin.

Keeps River Open.

The Illinois river at Hardin has been open all winter and only during the recent cold weather has the ice been heavy enough to stop navi- of a showing within one year's time gation. Zero weather before the waters from Lake Michigan were turned into the river, always blocked but since the opening of the Chicago drainage canal the blocking point has been about 15 degrees below zero.

Alexander County Births. According to the reports made to

County Clerk Miller, the births for the year 1902 in Alexander county numbered 374. Births were most numerous in January and October, although February and August were They want to duplicate their Ohl very close. The fewest births oc- plant, which employs from 400 to 500 curred in December, when only 17 hands in the season. were reported. Of the reported deaths 198 were in Cairo and 176 in the

Get Money From State.

Mayor Shilling and Comptroller Frank Robbins visited Springfield and received fro mState Treasurer Busse \$1,041, a sum standing to the credit Decatur as excess payments through a term of many years the bonded indebtedness of the city.

Judge la Stricken.

Judge Fredolin Bross has been stricken with partial paralysis and his condition is causing his family much unessiness. Judge Bross president of the Alexander county nas tional bank and one of Cairo's most prominent citizens.

Metallic Circuit Phones.

The directors of the Calhoun county telephone company met la Hardin and perfected arrangements for a metallic circuit from the northern boundary of Calhoun county to Grafton in Jersey county.

No Peaches at Chester.

J. H. Hindman, the peach king of Chester, says that from an examination of his orchard, he is quite certain that there will be no peach crop here this year, except a few seed-

Institute Programs. Secretary Charles Temple has issued programs for the farmers' in-

Babe Eats Strychnine. Vivian Mercer, infant daughter of J. F. Mercer of Decatur, swallowed a number of strychnine pills and died before a doctor could reach the house. The mother was cleaning out a closet | be made, over a hundred and threw the pills on the floor, where

March 13.

To Teach Indians. Miss Connie Hogan of McLeansbor who has been teaching in the Bente rublic schools, has received an pointment as teacher to the in schools at Ouray, Utah,

the child was crawling around.

leave the place the h the doors with stones. sages were sent to the quarters for officers to b scene and raise the sie the officers appeared the be to flight and allowed the ber mates of the saloon to b being held prisoners several A large number of men steed by saw the boys taking their novel. venge on the saloon keeper and t men inside the salpon, but they clined to interfere and allowed boys to have their own way in a

ting revenge until the police arrive Monument Taxation. The committee having in charge the matter of the erection of a monument on the public s was learned that by a law steps will be taken to have the must ter voted on after which the or board of supervisors can make an appropriation to cover the cost of the monument. By levying a tax of cents on each \$100 worth of property in the county the sum of \$16,500 car be raised in one year, a sum sufficier

to erect a suitable monument. Annual Building Boom. The annual spring building has commenced at Trenton. transfers of real estate have taken place. Eight new residences are in course of construction or nearing completion, and contracts for a score of new buildings are in the hands of builders. The Turnverein will bu an addition to its hall, to cost about \$3,000. The building will be two story, the lower part to be fitted up as a saloon and clubroom and the uppe

Railroad Fever.

part as a banquet hall.

The railroad fever has again struck Calboun county. A year ago the Quin cy Southeastern electric railroad e pany secured a twenty-year franc on the public highway in the e ty and promised to make some kind So far nothing has been done and there is a move to induce the Chi cago and Alton to build a branch into the county.

New Canning Plant A movement is on foot to estab fish a canning factory in Mount Ver non. The Jersey Canning of of Hamilton, O., through its preand treasurer, Mesars, Ramany an Gibbins, agreed to build a factory 600 acres of tomatoes are guaran

Taken for Coal Thief. Chas. Dees was shot in the Wabash, Chester and Western railros yards at Mount Vernon. He had been in the south part of the city and was returning home when Watchman Mi ry, who is in the employ of a company, mistook him for a coal thief and fired at him. Fortunately the ball did not strike a vital spot and

he will recover.

Justice Lectures Boys, Mrs. Susanna Schneider of caused the arrest of nearly all the

children of her immediate neighb whom she accused of disturbing he peace. It developed that the chil about fifteen of them, threw snowbe at Mrs. Schneider. All the children were taken into the police court as the police magistrate gave them a lecture on preserving the peace.

Threshers Organiza. A movement to organize the thresh er men of Madison county has be started at St. Jacob, the Intention ing to affiliate with the threshers tional protective association. promoters claim that the move is no means made with the intention raising the price of threshing.

To Extend 'Phone Line The Lebanon Telephone company making arrangements to extend service to Summerfield and an sion is contemplated north of so that connections may be stitute which meets at Batchtown, throughout the north and north portion of the township.

Building Active. The coming spring will t greatest building activity tory of Carbondale. to be erected, s

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already contract