

CONGRESS.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The senate transacted only routine business and adjourned to enable members to attend the obsequies of General Lawton. Allison presented credentials of Gen. Jones of Arkansas, introduced a free silver coinage substitute for the pending currency bill.

Senate. Washington, Feb. 9.—After a lengthy discussion of Emmert's bill for the suppression of tuberculosis, the senate adjourned. The first bills were introduced. One by Healy provides for a deputy attorney general at \$2,000 a year; another by Penrose fixes the salaries of county recorders at \$1,500; another by Healy settles the ownership of lakes that dried up and of abandoned courses of rivers by fixing title in counties where land is located.

House. The house passed three bills. One by Payne provides that before the board of roads adds to the board of revenue of the property of any county, notice shall be served on the county auditor, stating clearly the nature and amount of the proposed increase, and shall fix a date and place for hearing. One by Wilson of Iowa Vista relates to fees to be paid by corporations for filings of articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The bill fixes the filing fee at \$5 where the capital stock is less than \$10,000, and an additional fee of \$1 per thousand in excess of \$10,000, but in no case shall the fee be more than \$200. One by Dows repeals the provision of the code which compels home insurance companies to pay a tax of 1 per cent on their premium receipts to the state. The supreme court has held that this law is unconstitutional. Among bills introduced was one by Buchanan creating a department of state to supervise building and loan associations. At an afternoon session Hatcher's bill providing for the creation of a department of fish in the Mississippi, Missouri, Big Sioux and Des Moines rivers passed, as did also the bill providing for a license of \$10 for non-resident hunters.

Senate. Washington, Feb. 10.—A resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers in their struggle against Great Britain and urging mediation on the part of the United States between the belligerents was adopted by the senate today in a fit of temporary aberration of attention. The resolution was introduced by Alton and went through without attracting the slightest comment from any one of the dozen or more senators present. A minute later, however, at the request of the chair, Alton moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution was passed and the incident passed amid much quiet laughter. The financial debate was continued during the day.

Senate. Washington, Feb. 12.—The financial bill was discussed by Elkins of West Virginia, Wolcott of Colorado, and Butler of North Carolina. Wolcott pleaded for bimetalism, but declared that Bryanism was its worst enemy. A large number of bills of minor importance were passed, among them one for the preservation of the frigate Constitution.

House. An important bill was passed by the house today which will be applicable to the law that now permits the transit of goods in bond through certain ports of the United States. Under it goods in bond can be shipped through any port of the United States to any other port of the United States to foreign ports. It is principally designed to give the transportation companies of the United States a share of the trans-continental trade to the Orient.

Senate. Washington, Feb. 13.—Allison today delivered an address in favor of the pending finance bill. In the course of his address he made answers to the points raised against the bill. Jones of Nevada declared the bill was vicious, conferring too much power on the president and fastening the country to a gold currency.

House. Resolutions on the death of Congressman Chickering of New York were adopted, and as a further mark of respect the house adjourned.

Senate. Washington, Feb. 14.—A test vote was had on the financial bill today. Chandler proposed an amendment to the committee amendment which authorized the president to appoint commissioners to any international conference called by the United States or any other country to arrange a bimetallic agreement. The amendment was defeated, 45 to 25.

House. The house took up the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill in committee on the whole. Hemenway, of Indiana, in charge, explained the bill. Payne of New York, floor leader of the majority, gave notice that he would call up the Porto Rico bill Monday.

Senate. Washington, Feb. 15.—The senate committee on military affairs today reported favorably on a measure to create a military academy at West Point. This action of the committee assures the early passage of the bill in the senate and the favorable attitude of the war department indicates that it will meet the approval of the president. The senate substitute for the house currency bill was passed today by a vote of 75 to 15. The bill to the final passage of the bill, amendments were considered under the ten minute rule. Only two of these amendments were adopted, one offered by the finance committee keeping the door open to international bimetalism, and one by Nelson, of Minnesota, providing for national banks in towns of less than 1,000 inhabitants.

House. The house completed 26 of the 124 pages of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill without amendments.

APPEAL TO HIGHEST TRIBUNAL.

Kentucky Republicans Want a Decision From the Supreme Court.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 16.—Attorney H. B. Macey, with ex-Governor Bradley and other attorneys interested in the Kentucky contested election cases appeared before the United States Circuit Judge Taft in chambers and filed notice of an appeal from the decision rendered by the latter on Friday afternoon. The appeal will be taken direct to the United States supreme court. The petition for appeal merely states that jurisdiction did not lie in the federal court and it was solely upon this ground that appeals will be taken. When Macey appeared before Judge Taft he had with him several other petitions which were brought by the other minor state officials. The prayer of each is the same. Judge Taft examined them all and allowed the appeal in each.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 16.—The clash between the democratic and republican branches of the government was emphasized last night by the prison officials releasing John Seals, a Louisville convict, on a pardon issued by Governor Beckham. Douglas Hays, a Knott county convict, recently pardoned by Governor Taylor, is still in confinement, the prison officials refusing to recognize Taylor as governor.

DEWEY'S NEW POSITION.

Assigned to Duty as Advisory Counsel to Secretary of the Navy. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Having completed his duties as a member of the Philippine commission, Admiral Dewey will be assigned to duty as advisory counsel to the secretary of the navy. His duties will not be arduous, and unless a war should occur and he be required to help frame a naval policy or map out campaigns, it is not likely that he will have much more to do than Admiral Porter. Only on the more important questions pertaining to the navy will he be called upon for opinions.

Another British "Accident."

BOER LAAGER, Near Ladysmith, Tuesday, Feb. 13.—Yesterday General Botha, with a small force, crossed the Tugela to a deserted British camp, where he encountered 50 Lancers, of whom 16 were killed, 25 wounded and 9 taken prisoners. One of the prisoners was sent to tell the British to fetch their wounded.

Roberts and Kitchener to the Front. CAPE TOWN, Feb. 8.—Fighting began yesterday morning at Sterkstroom and is now in progress. No details have been received. Roberts and Kitchener have started for the front.

NEWS OF IOWA

At New Hampton Wm. Klatt was sentenced to twenty months in the penitentiary, Samuel Kimball to sixteen, and Samuel Wilson to five years, for wholesale stealing of stock among the farmers.

Fire destroyed the brick school building at Charles City at a loss of \$15,000; insurance \$9,500. The fire started in the basement from the furnace. The 400 school children escaped without injury.

Bertha Oliver, the girl who disappeared from Washington, has been located at Hedrick, at the home of Martin Connors. She tells a romantic story of a week's travel in box cars throughout southern Iowa.

The high school building at Allerton burned a few days ago with a loss of \$25,000 and \$7,500 insurance. The school was in session but all pupils escaped without injury. They lost their books and wraps, however.

Burglars entered the dry goods store of John H. Taft & Co., of Cedar Rapids, stole \$3,000 worth of silks and satins, and escaped without leaving any clue to their identity. It was evidently the work of professionals. The robbers took nothing but the best goods, throwing the cheap silks to one side. Neither did they take any of the remnants.

Officer Beeson of Iowa City, was severely cut and bruised when he attempted to place Charles Smith under arrest. When Beeson made the attempt to secure Smith the latter struck him several vicious blows. The officer returned with several "stunners" and succeeded in overcoming Smith. Beeson was badly cut above the right eye and also sustained several other bad cuts about the face.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by the Fort Dodge Beet Sugar Company, capital \$10,000. The organization is the result of a movement that has been in progress in that community for several months. A large number of contracts have been let for beets to be used in 1901 and the financing of the enterprise is well progressed. It includes some of the most prominent business men in the community.

The Western League, which has been a matter of talk and conjecture, was organized in Des Moines a few days ago and will contain six clubs, Denver, Pueblo, St. Joseph, Omaha, Sioux City and Des Moines. Those present at the meeting were Thos. J. Hickey and J. F. Runcie, of St. Joseph; Geo. Tebeau, of Denver; Billy Rourke, of Sioux City; "Buck" Keith, of Omaha, and W. P. Chase, of Des Moines. Franchises were granted to W. P. Chase, for Des Moines and Billy Hulen for Pueblo.

Another murder case is added to the three which have shocked Sioux City since December 29 last. Flevy Davis being the last victim, his wounds being inflicted by Bert Ispey, in a brother fight, January 27. He endeavored to quell a disturbance in the place, and a number of men, who were frantic with drink and throwing bottles, breaking furniture and smashing things generally, immediately pitched upon him, beating and kicking him. His head was gashed in several places with a cuspidor. Erysipelas set in as a result of the injuries and death resulted. Ispey is under arrest.

A recent dispatch from Boone says: The Spanish gun given by the navy department to the city of Boone, to be used for decorative purposes, has arrived. Contrary to general expectations, it is not such a big gun, that is, it does not exceed over ten feet in length, but is bulky out of proportion to its length, as it weighs, according to the freight bills, about 15,000 pounds. It is an 8.5 east iron, muzzle loading rifled howitzer from the Estalla battery defenses of Santiago, Cuba. In presenting this gun the navy department says it is for decorative purposes only, and the department disclaims any responsibility should it be fired off.

Des Moines' request for one of the guns of the Spanish cruiser Marie Teresa has been granted, and one of the two-inch guns from that vessel is ready for shipment west. The gun, which is of Spanish make, will be mounted in one of the public squares in Des Moines. It is of modern construction and behind it six Spanish sailors were killed by a shell fired from one of the American ships, when the Teresa attempted to escape from Santiago harbor. The Teresa was raised by Hobson, but met disaster near Bermuda while being towed to the states. The gun that Des Moines will receive was one saved from the wreck by the American ship Vulcan.

Luther Davidson, who was on trial in the district court at Boone for shooting Alfred Thelin at Fraser last summer, withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit manslaughter. Judge Weaver sentenced him for four months in jail and a fine of \$250. He has already been confined five months. Davidson shot Thelin during the mining troubles last summer for calling him a scab. The wound was a dangerous one, and Thelin's life was despaired of for weeks, though he eventually recovered.

A head end collision on the Illinois Central a mile west of Manchester of two freight trains resulted in a big loss of rolling stock. The train crews jumped and thus saved their lives. The cause was mistaking an order.

Prof. L. A. Warwick, of the Garfield school, at Montezuma, who had occasion to chastise one of his scholars a few days ago, was arraigned before Squire Beechley. The court rendered a decision in favor of Mr. Warwick.

John Fisher, a Sioux City gambler, who was shot and instantly killed at El Reno, Oklahoma, a few days ago, after exchanging nine shots with Harry Dunbar, was a fugitive from justice in Sioux City, for whom the sheriff has been searching for the past six years. This is the first known of his whereabouts. His former home was at Fort Dodge and his brother has gone to bring the remains of the young man to his former home. Fisher had been convicted of robbery and was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary. The case was appealed but the lower court was affirmed, and then Fisher jumped his bond, which had been signed by his old mother.

Alfred B. Hughes, about 30 years of age, enroute from Burlington to Fremont, Neb., committed suicide at St. Bernard's hospital in Council Bluffs by shooting himself through the head a few minutes after he had been taken to the institution by Rev. Father Smythe, pastor of St. Xavier's church. Hughes got off the train at Council Bluffs and appealed to the priest for protection. Father Smythe took him in a carriage to the hospital, intending to turn the case over to the commissioners. The young man, while being conducted to the insane ward of the institution by one of the attendants, suddenly drew a revolver from his overcoat pocket, and before the attendant could interfere, sent a bullet crashing through his brain.

Another murder has been added to Sioux City's already long list in the death of Tom Haas from knife wounds he received at the hands of Elsie Gardner, his former mistress. Haas and the Gardner woman became involved in a quarrel in a Third street resort while getting ready for a spaghetti supper. The woman was under the influence of liquor, which so added to her madness that she cut Haas viciously in the abdomen several times with a sharp butcher knife. Haas rushed from the house upon the street, where he called for help. He was discovered by a hackman and taken to a hospital, where he kept growing weaker until his death. The Gardner woman was arrested several hours later. She says she will kill herself if she gets a chance.

A dispatch from Des Moines says: A body blow was aimed at the building and loan associations of Iowa in the introduction by Senator Healy of a measure proposing to regulate the business of these corporations. The bill is the outgrowth of the existing sentiment that the building and loan business has much in its methods, savoring of injustice and bordering on robbery, and is aimed primarily at the alleged root of the whole evil, the method of making fixed charges to defray the expenses of these corporations. It provides that the expenses of the building and loan associations must be paid out of the earnings of the association, striking out the provision that fixed charges may be made. The second object of the bill is to remove the temptation for keeping a large number of high salaried men on the pay rolls of these associations, by providing that no association shall have more than two salaried officers, neither of which shall draw more than \$3,200 annually.

Judge A. R. Dewey, of the Jasper county district court has just given an important decision on section 1374 of the code, being the new section relating to back taxes. Suit was begun against several parties at Newton by the Iowa Tax Investigating Company. The defendants filed demurrers, claiming that the law was unconstitutional and not retroactive. Counsel on both sides submitted exhaustive arguments and the demurrers were overruled by Judge Dewey, who declares the law to be both constitutional and retroactive. Under this decision, which is the first to be made on the points involved, taxes may be collected for five years prior to the demand by the county treasurer. Many thousands of dollars will thus be saved to the state, as the system has been adopted by many counties throughout the state, the Iowa Tax Investigating Company having contracts with a number of counties.

In the district court of Polk county the jury in the case of the state vs. Thos. Hargis, et al., returned a verdict of assault with intent to commit murder. The industrial building of the Iowa hospital for the insane, at Mt. Pleasant, was totally destroyed, together with its contents, a few nights ago. The building had no connection with the wards. The loss will reach into the thousands, but further loss was prevented by the fire department and hundreds of citizens. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MACRUM'S EXPLANATION.

Claims His Position in Pretoria Was Insufferable. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—In a statement issued yesterday Charles Macrum, former United States consul to Pretoria, says:

"The situation in Pretoria was such that, first, as an official, I could not remain there while my government at home was apparently in the dark as to the exact conditions in South Africa; secondly, as a man and citizen of the United States, I could not remain in Pretoria, sacrificing my own self-respect and that of the people of Pretoria, while the government at home continued to leave me in the position of a British consul and not an American consul. I want to say right here that there was not a single request made of me through the department of state in Pretoria in the name of British interests looking to the welfare of the Boers, and that of the people of Pretoria, while the government at home continued to leave me in the position of a British consul and not an American consul. 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