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EICHT HOUR BILL NOT YET A LAW---MINORITY REPORT ON IKE STODDARD'S RAKE-OFF

MINORITY REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Reported that Record Book of Fees Had Been Destroyed—Perquisites of Office at $4,000 Per Annum

(Special to Review)

Phoenix, Feb. 28.—As indicated in dispatches last night, Friday was red letter day in the history of the twenty-second legislature. There was the resolution passed by the council endorsing the proposition of statehood with New Mexico under certain conditions; the eight-hour law, as amended, passed both houses; two committee reports on the Cowan bill created a furore, and taken altogether, there was something doing all day.

The minority report presented by the committee that investigated the office of the secretary, did not mince matters, but stated conditions as they found them. Your correspondent secured a copy of the minority report this morning, which is as follows:

"In compliance with paragraph 2045, (sec. 48) of the Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1901, the secretary of Arizona should keep a fee book and should enter therein all fees charged for all services rendered. To our request for such fee books, we met with a refusal from the assistant secretary of the territory, who was acting under instructions received from the secretary, and the statement that the fee books for periods past were not kept in the office, but destroyed. We then asked for the fee book which was being kept of fees now coming in, and upon examination thereof, and upon examination of copies of the letters that the secretary of Arizona has written, we find the fees that the secertary of Arizona collected during the twenty-five days of the month of January, 1903, amounted to more than three thousand dollars, and that during the present month, (February) he has already collected in fees, for 18 days, more than fifteen hundred dollars. These amounts do not cover the sums that the secretary has received for his service as agent for corporation or for the publication of articles of incorporation, but for fees along, for filing and recording copies of incorporation, making certificates of in- [illegible] according ap- [illegible] affidav- [illegible] the month [illegible] first 18 days of F[illegible] index of the amount of [illegible] to the office, we would estimate [illegible] the secretary of Arizona is collecting in fees alone about forty thousand dollars a year. This sum does not include the amount he collects for agent services which amounts to several thousand dollars more.

Besides the fees received by the secretary, he receives about six thousand dollars a year from the United States government, or the territory of Arizona for salary for himself, salary for his assistant or payment of office expenses, such as clerks and messenger, and also has all the expnses of his office, such as lights, fuel, stationery and office rent paid for by the United States government.

We would respectfully recommend that action be taken by this house that will compel the secretary of Arizona to produce all fee books of the fees collected by him during his term of office, for we believe that the same are in existence."

After the reading of this minority report, Cowan, of Pima county, was on his feet in an instant and securing recognition from the speaker, introduced the following resolution, which was passed with a whoop!

RESOLVED: That the Speaker of this House appoint a committee of five members of this House, of which the speaker shall be the chairman, to examine the report of Isaac T. Stoddard, secretary of the territory, transmitted to the house by the governor, relative to the fees collected by said secretary in connection with the articles of incorporation filed in his office, and to examine and investigate the office of said secretary of the territory in respect to all fees collected by him under the authority of any act of the territory of Arizona, and that in the discharge of such duty the said commitee is hereby empowered to send for books, papers and persons, and administer oaths and examine witnesses under oath, and report the result of such examination and investigation to this house.

Besides the speaker, the members of this second investigating committee are Cowan, Williams, St. Charles and O'Connel. Rowe, of Yavapai county is leading the opposition to the bill, but it is now almost certain that it will pass when it comes to a vote.

(Special to Review.)

Phoenix, Feb. 28.—Although the eight hour bill passed the house twice yesterday amid enthusiasm and confusion, it is found to be replete with errors, and will be returned to the council for correction of the notations.

Then it must pass the house again before it will be in regular form for the governor's signature.

Unless the bill is now used as a club to further or impede other legislation, which seems improbable, ultimately it will become a law. This is believed on all sides.

INSANE OVER LOSSES

FRITZ SHOOTS TWO PEOPLE THAN KILLS HIMSELF

Invested in San Francisco Real Estate tate Firm—Wife and Children of Killed Were Present at Tragedy

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Maddened by an unfortunate investment of his savings, Joseph Fritz tonight shot and killed M. J. Morrison, seriously wounded Miss Lou Yarnell and then committed suicide.

Three months ago Fritz paid $600 for an interest in the real estate firm of Morrison & Co.

Later he accused Morrison and the stenographer, Miss Yarnell, of conspiring to cheat him.

The shooting tonight was deliberately planned. He wrote a letter to his wife, explaining the motive for the deed.

Morrison's wife and children were present when the shooting occurred. Miss Yarnell will recover.

WILL NOT RUN AGAIN HILL

Judge Parker Not a Candidate if the Former Governor Runs

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Chairman Frank Campbell of the democratic state committee, who was in this city today, is quoted in an interview as follows:

"How do you and the state organization stand on Parker for president?" he was asked.

"It is not known that Judge Parker will be a candidate," replied Chairman Campbell. "If David B. Hill is a candidate, Judge Parker will not be a candidate for president," he said.

"What if Hill and Parker both are candidates?"

"That will not be," said Chairman Campbell.

"As I first said, if Hill becames a candidate, Judge Parker will not be a candidate. That is certain."

HE FAVORS MISCEGENATION

Bishop Hamilton Not Averse to Inter-Racial Marriages

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—The Post says:

Bishop Hamilton, by declaring before the Young Men's Methodist league that he does not oppose intermarriage between blacks and whites or Chinese and whites, and is not averse to officiating at such marriages, has created much comment among the Methodists of this city.

"You may shudder," said the bishop to his hearers, "at the idea of such inter-marriages, and it is natural you should, but such unions are an illustration of the sweeping away of caste lines, which should not occur in the church and which are occurring in the world."

WAREHOUSE DESTROYED

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 28.—A fire supposed to have originated from a cigar stub thrown into loose furniture packing resulted today in the loss of the New Pere Marquette warehouse and contents. The total loss is $126,000.

TO REDUCE REVENUE

Senate Passes Some Appropriation Bills—Considers Others

Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate today 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 to consideration of the Aldrich bond deposit bill, which was debated at length, bt upon which a vote was not reached.

While the bill was under discussion, Aldrich said the republican party party would undertake a reduction in revenue at the next session of congress, provided there was a surplus.

The senate took a recess until 11 o'clock tomorrow (Sunday) when a session will be held for the purpose of delivering eulogies.

SPRING FRESHETS

Result in Several Deaths and Injuries in Kentucky

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 28.—The annual spring freshet, which yearly does damage to the railroads and crops, and at times causes loss of life, has left this season's impression on many parts of the outh, after tremendous rains for two days with an accompaniment of high winds.

Accidents last night and this morning, directly attributable to the elements, resulted in the death of nine persons and injury to twenty-nine.

Three deaths and a long list of injured was brought about by an accident on the Southern railroad early this morning near Leonore City, Tenn. Six persons drowned while crossing the Ohio near Hickman, Ky.

TOMBSTONE STAGE GOES OVER BANK

The tipping over yesterday of the stage that runs between Tombstone and Fairbank early yesterday morning will probably result in a damage suit, which will be brought by Gerald Lyons, who was painfully injured in the accident.

The accident occurred a short distance out Tombstone a grade. The low bank. Lyons was seated on the left side, and when the stage overturned was caught underneath.

There were several passengers aboard, and all of them escaped with aboard, and all of them escaped with slight bruises except Lyons. It was necessary to take seven stitches in the side of his face. He came on to Bisbee, and was seen last night at the Copper Queen hotel.

Lyons says that the accident was due either to carelessness or criminal negligence. He feels that he is justified in bringing a suit for damages against the company. He said that they not only bruised him badly, but endangered his life.

The accident is said to be due to the wheels on the right side of the stage climbing a bank, and before the driver could prevent it, the stage was tipping over.

The driver came near being seriously hurt. In some manner he was caught underneath the vehicle, and held fast until relieved by the passengers. Several others received slight bruises, among them being John Twomey of this city.

The stage was righted and proceeded on its way to Fairbank to catch the El Paso and Southwestern passenger train which was on its way to Bisbee. Some of the passengers refused to ride in the stage, and walked back to Tombstone.

STAFFER ACQUITTED

Given Preliminary Hearing Before Judge Brown

William Shaffer was given his preliminary hearing before Justice Brown yesterday morning for killing Jesus Lopez at Glance Siding Friday morning. Justice Brown decided that the deed had been committed in self-defense, and released the defendant.

The testimony brought out yesterday showed two important features of the case that have not been fully understood before this. One of them goes to show that Lopez was trying to run a bluff, and the other that he was not in a posiliton to do Staffer any harm except with his fists.

When Justice Brown and Constable Casad made a search of the remains they found no weapon of any kind on the dead man. He had two greasy packs of cards, $10.10 in cash and a bottle of vile looking stuff that is supposed to be "mescal."

When Lopez was killed he wore a new suit of clothes, under which was a rough pair of overalls, and a shirt, which the deceased used around the quarry during the time he worked there. He had nothing else at the quarry that was of any value.

After Staffer knocked Lopez down with a revolver, the latter ran to the quarry, and there put on his best clothes. This leads to the theory that he intended to return to Glance, and after doing Staffer injury in some manner make his escape.

At the preliminary hearing there was nothing to show that Staffer was in any way at fault in the killing of the Mexican. He warned him several times to leave the place, and was finally forced to strike him before he would leave. Later Lopez returned and was killed.

Lopez was buried yesterday from the International Undertaking parlors. The two greasy packs of cards were interred with the dead man.

In the Colony of Queensland there are 60,000 more men than women, and in New South Wales 90,000 more men than women.

At Tokio the Japanese postal authorities are considering the advisability of purchasing motor cars for the conveyance of mails.

On an average, each Englishman writes forty letters a year, each Scotchman thirty, and each Irishman sixteen. The average Italian only posts six and the American twenty-one.

FAIRBANK NEWS

Interesting Notes From that Prospectous Section

Fairbank, Ariz., Feb. 27.—Two [illegible] loaded with lumber have arrived [illegible] cars and a force of carpenters are expected to arrive in a day or two to begin work on the new E. P. & S. W. depot, which is to be erected here.

Ben Heney and party, who have been down in Sonora for several days looking at their new mining acquisition below Nacozari, are expected to return this evening.

The horses and mules belonging to the Ormand & Cook grading outfit have been brought in from the pasture and are now being shod preparatory to being used on the work of track laying on the Tombstone road.

Mrs. Dan Crimmings, of Huachuca, is reported as being seriously ill at her home and Dr. Bacon passed through here this afternoon on his way there to attend her. It is the sincere hope of her many frinds that her illness will not be of long duration or result seriously.

Deputy Joe Larrieu returned this morning from Huachuca, where he went in search of the men who held up Clark's store on Wednsday night. The trail was followed to the government post where all trace was lost. He states it is now a question for the United States authorities to investigate.

Contractor May and J. L. Larrieu, of the Montezuma house, were called to Tombstone today as witnesses in the Crane trespassing case.

H. H. Shaw, a commercial traveler from Boston, stopped here today on his way to Nogales. Mr. Shaw enjoys the unique distinction of having helped a U. S. marshal in Cleveland, Ohio, in serving a subpoena on John D. Rockefeller, the oil magnate. It is now a matter of history how the Standard Oil company burned their books and how Coal Oil Johnny's memory failed him when he was testifying before the congressional committee.

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE

Rich Ore Discovered on the Desert, Eighty-five Miles from Tonopah

Grass Valley, Cal., Feb. 28.—A party of Grass Valley men claim to have struck fabulously rich ledge on the desert near Pactoles, Nevada. Mike Owens, one of the party has just returned here and made the find known.

The ledge was discovered by William Shea, deputy sheriff of Nye county, and assays from surface croppings are said to go into the thousands.

The ground is now covered with snow and it is impossible for outsiders to file on new laims. The find is eighty-five miles from Tonopah.

COMPROMISE RESOLUTION SENT TO SMITH--TIRESOME DAY SPENT BY HOUSE

(Special to Review.)

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 28.—The joint resolution relating to the statehood merger passed by the council, but, which according to indications will not be treated favorably by the house, has been wired to Mark Smith, nevertheless, and has occasioned considable comment in Washington today.

If there was any life in the omnibus statehood bill this resolution assisted in its complete demise today.

The democrats throughout Arizona oppose a compromise on any conditions, and the council's action is seldom approved.

AGREEMENT REACHED

SANTA FE AGREES ON TERMS WITH EMPLOYES

Will Give Them Advance in Wages of Fifteen Per Cent—Settlement Has Bearing on Other Troubles

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—The Senta Fe this afternoon reached an agreement with the conductors and trainmen, regarding the new wage scale.

It is understood that the advance is 15 per cent, but a definite statement will not be made until tomorrow.

Officials admit the agreement has been made, and that it wil be ratified at a meeting to be held tomorrow morining.

Third Vice President Kendrink left for Chicago this afternoon. He said the conference was finished, and that the settlement is perfectly satisfactory to both sides.

The action of the Santa Fe in this particular will have an important bearing, it is thought on the negotiations now being carried on by the Denver and Rio Grande.

FATAL FIRE IN MASSACHUSETTS

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 28.—One life was lost and six persons suffered severely from burns and smoke at a fire which partially destroyed the Burband block yesterday. The victim was Mrs. Sarah Kittredge, sixty years years old. The building was occupied by seventy-six lodgers, some of whom had narrow escapes from death by flames or suffocation.

RAILWAY CLERKS ON STRIKE

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 28.—Clerk employed in the freight and passenger departments of the Canadian Pacific went on strike yesterday afternoon to compel recognition of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employes. The telegraphers also struck, a clerk discharged yesterday was made the subject of the ultimatum.

OHIO WIFE KILLER

Indianapolis, Feb. 28.—It was reported today that, Knapp, the Hamilton, Ohio, wife murderer had shipped the body of his murdered wife from Hamilton to this city. This is being investigated.

DIPHTHERIA EPIDEMIC

Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 28.—An epidemic of diphtheria has broken out in the village of Morristown on the St. Lawrence river. All business is temporarily suspended and the schools are closed. Twenty deaths have occurred and many new cases are reported daily.

Washington, March 1.—M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, and Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuelan plenipotentiary, signed the proctocol yesterday afternoon for the settlement of French claims against Venezuela by a joint commission to meet at Caracas, and for reference to the Hague tribunal of the contention of the allied powers of a form of preferential treatment in satisfaction of their demands.

The French protocol, which is the sixth convention Bowen has signed, is identical save as to parties with that the United States recently signed by Secretary Hay and Bowen.

When you go to Tombstone stop at Hotel Nobles. 2-21-tf

HOUSE FINDS THAT DEMOCRATS CAN FILIBUSTER SOME

Nine House Spent and Little Done—Rebellious Democrats Insist on Having Everything Read in Full

Washington, Feb. 28.—The democrats stuck to their filibustering program in the house today, and even under operation of special rules, adopted yesterday by the majority, progress with the appropriation bills and conference reports was exceedingly slow and laborious.

The democrats forced a roll call on every proposition, and compelled the reading in extenso of everything presented.

Every parliamentary expedient was seized upon to delay matters and at the end of a session of over nine hours the house was completely worn out.

At 8 o'clock tonight the house took a recess until tomorrow (Sunday). There is no sign of the democrats abating their opposition. The reading clerks were tonight exhausted by the day's strain, in trying to make themselves heard above the ceaseless din and confusion on the floor. There were fifteen roll calls today.

The feature of the day was the passage of the senate omnibus public building bill with house amendments, which later increased the total carried by the bill to over $6,000,000.

Gaines, democrat, of Tennessee, during the discussion on the conference report bitterly arraigned the authorities for the "selling of sacred relics" of the White House, including, he said, the sideboard which had been presented to Mrs. Hays by the W. C. T. U., and which he declared, is now reposing in a Washington brewery.

Grosvenor of Ohio denied these charges, saying he noticed "but second hand furniture" had been sold.

The new result of the day's session was the sending to conferene of the naval and fortifications appropriation bills, adoption of the conference reports on the railroad safety appliance bill and the military academy appropriation bill, the post office omnibus public building bill and the bill to settle the accounts of officers who served during the Spanish war period.

MORE TRAINMEN KILLED

New York Central Limited Crashes Into Freight Train

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 28.—The Southwestern limited on the New York Central road westbound was wrecked at the East Syracuse yards tonight, colliding with freight cars.

Three trainmen, a conductor and two brakeman, were killed. Three others were severely injured. All were from Albany. They were asleep in the caboose in the freight yards.

KANSAS SUFFERING

Effect of Heavy Snow Has Not Yet Passed Off

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 28.—The railroads have not yet recovered from the severe snow storm in western Kansas.

That portion of the state is covered to a depth of from fifteen to twenty inches on the level, and the roads have had more trouble than for twenty years. Feed is scarce and the stock is suffering severely.

NEW POST OFFICE

(Special to Review.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—A new postoffice has been established at Chin Lee, Apache county, with Charles L. Day postmaster.

British Guiana is enjoying a diamond boom. In 1901-2 the number of stones found was 91,206 against 4,981 in the preceding year.

Augustus C. Carey of Boston claims to have operated a system of wireless telegraphy on the Marconi plan as early as 1886.

What is stated to be a spring giving forth a liquid resembling essence of violet both in perfume and chemical composition, has been discovered in a valley near Millau, Aveyron, France.

Eighty-five per cent of the Boers who have been repatriated in the Orange river colony have started work on farms.