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STATE ODDS AND ENDS.

POLITICAL SENSATION.

Col. Thos. E. Moore Denounces Desha Breckinridge, and Suggests a Left Handed Duel.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 10.—A political sensation is caused by the publication of a letter from Col. Thomas E. Moore, of Bourbon county, leading silver democrat, denouncing Desha Breckinridge, son of Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, editor of the Herald, and suggesting a duel to settle their differences. Col. Moore is an ex-confederate and is paralyzed in his right-arm. He suggests that both use left arms.

The feeling between the men was engendered in the Breckinridge-Owens congressional contest four years ago. Col. Moore was recently suggested as a penitentiary commissioner and the Herald ridiculed him. This led to the challenge. Breckinridge is in Frankfort and will probably answer Col. Moore Thursday. Col. Breckinridge declined to discuss the challenge.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 10.—Mr. Desha Breckinridge, manager of the Morning Herald, and Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, his father, are disposed to treat the challenge of Capt. Thos. E. Moore, of Shaw han, rather lightly. Judging from the tone of an editorial which will appear in the Herald Wednesday, under the caption "Once a Man—Twice a Child," there will be no duel so far as either of the Messrs. Breckinridge are concerned.

STRUCK OUT

Testimony as to Husband and Wife—Must Be From Other Parties in Divorce Cases.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 14.—The senate had nearly as many new bills as members in attendance Saturday. The following bills were passed:

Relieving stockholders in newspapers of double liability; concerning jail physicians in Louisville; house bill making Wickliff, Ballard county, a fifth instead of sixth-class city; house bill fixing a penalty for failure of county school superintendents to comply with the law as to informing each county school as to the manner of sending pupils to the A. & M. college.

The house bill changing the code as to testimony was also passed, after the senate had amended the measure so as to strike out the provision allowing husband and wife to testify against each other in divorce cases.

The bill, as amended, makes no change in the law except to allow depositions of convicts in certain cases.

The senate act, allowing school trustees to employ sheriffs to collect school tax.

DESPERATE DUEL.

One Man Dying, Another Badly Wounded and the Third in Jail.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 14.—A desperate duel was fought with knives and pistols between George Vogt and Arthur B. Waldron, Sunday, at Fourth avenue and K street. Fred Vogt, the son of George Vogt, was also drawn into the encounter. As a result, Waldron is lying at the city hospital in a precarious condition and is not expected to live. Fred Vogt is at the Gray street infirmary badly wounded and the elder Vogt is in jail charged with malicious shooting.

The primary cause of the trouble was a murder case tried in the Jefferson county circuit court about eight years ago. The elder Vogt was up charged with murder and the father of Arthur Waldron was one of the principal witnesses for the state. In consequence a bitter hatred has always existed between the two families and finally culminated in Sunday's affair.

They Played "Hog Killing."

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Feb. 14.—A game of "hog killing" came very nearly ending in the death of a child of Rev. B. F. Page. Two children, one aged 2 and the other aged 4, were playing in the lot, when they decided to play "hog killing," having seen the hands around the farm kill hogs a short time before. The little fellow placed his head on a log and the older one came down upon it with an ax. Luckily, the blow was a slanting one, and while the child was pretty badly hurt he is in a fair way to recover.

Took the Only Child.

HENDERSON, Ky., Feb. 14.—Isaac Feast, living at Robards, is charged with assaulting his wife Friday night. He took the only child, his wife says, and left, threatening to return and shoot his father-in-law, William Biggerstaff. The wife came to the city Saturday and swore out a warrant against her husband, at the same time filing suit for divorce.

Heavy Shipment of Scrap Iron.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Feb. 14.—Dahl & Grossinger of this city, are loading 600,000 pounds of old scrap iron on cars for shipment to Indianapolis, Ind. The consignment represents the accumulated purchases of several years and it will require 15 cars to carry it. The special freight train left over Louisville, Henderson and St. Louis railway Saturday night.

Only Routine Work.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 14.—The Kentucky house, with a small attendance, spent the day's session in routine consideration of committee reports and did nothing of importance.

WILL NOT YIELD.

The Seven Covington Councilmen Prefer to Remain in Jail.

INDEPENDENCE, Ky., Feb. 10.—A. Niemaber, cigar manufacturer, J. L. Ruh, saloonkeeper, Michael Messingschlager, tobacco broker, H. B. Huelefeld cigar manufacturer, John Dorsel, retired distiller, Charles Avery, iron roller, F. C. Niemeyer, butcher, the seven imprisoned councilmen of Covington, were before Judge Tarvin Wednesday at 10 a. m., in the hearing of the habeas corpus writ issued by Judge Hodge at Newport Tuesday.

An effort to swear Judge Tarvin off the bench in the case on the ground that he was an interested party failed. The judge said his only interest was to prevent certain persons from acting as "anarchists."

Then there were legal tilts on the writ. Attorney Fiske cited legal authorities. Theodore Hallam retorted to the judge, who spoke of his presence: "You are offering me an insult and I can not respond."

The judge refused to release the men on Judge Hodge's writ and said he would allow the prisoners to make a new appeal in habeas corpus before him.

His ground for refusing Judge Hodge's writ was that it had been issued before the imprisonment of the councilmen.

The councilmen were recommitted. Theodore Hallam was told that he was in contempt.

All the prisoners show evidence of close confinement, several requiring the attendance of a physician and all appearing in need of rest. It was this which probably induced Judge Tarvin to urge them, before adjourning court Wednesday afternoon, to end the unfortunate affair and give him opportunity to let them return to their homes and families. His address, however, couched in the friendliest terms, passed unheeded and they were again remanded to jail.

INDEPENDENCE, Ky., Feb. 11.—The seven recalcitrant councilmen passed an easy night behind the bars, and were aroused about seven a. m. Thursday. With the exception of Councilman Ruh, who is slightly indisposed, they all seemed to enjoy the prison fare and breakfasted in a hearty manner on Kentucky corn bread and coffee. Some one smuggled in some cigars and they all enjoyed an after breakfast cigar. The services of a barber were secured and cleanly shaven they awaited the usual summons to the courtroom.

Court convened in the usual manner at 10 o'clock and the seven rebellious ones were again called on to face the judge whose authority they have so persistently defied. None of them show any signs of yielding.

NO APPEAL

Can Be Taken If the Court Records Have Been Properly Kept.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 11.—Lawyers here are of the opinion that Judge Tarvin's court can not be appealed from, provided that he has not exceeded the limit of the law in his contempt proceedings.

"In this case," said Attorney Webb, "council has a right to appeal."

Ex-City Judge Falconer, who showed himself to be one of the original kind by his decision in dismissing Harris, the slayer of Merritt, his wife's paramour, said: "If the records in this proceeding have been properly entered no appeal can be taken. I do not know if the court of appeals would take the matter up on simply the notes of a stenographer. The councilmen certainly have the right to habeas-corpus proceedings."

The Smallpox at Middlesboro.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Feb. 14.—Annie Gaines, colored, is the only new smallpox patient Sunday. She will be taken to the pest house, and the house she has been living in quarantined. Work was commenced Sunday on new buildings to accommodate patients, the old one being more of a barn than a dwelling for the sick. Wholesale vaccination will be commenced Monday. Total number of cases under treatment 20.

Held for Burglary.

PARIS, Ky., Feb. 12.—John Shannel, Ed Washington and Luther Jones, colored, charged with burglary, were held to the circuit court in $250 bond each by Judge Purnell. They were remanded to jail.

Mrs. Treacy Sues for Insurance Money.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Mary Treacy, Friday, filed sued against the Standard Life and Accident Co., of Detroit, for $5,000, on a policy held by her on the famous horseman.

Election Bill Passes the Senate.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 11.—The Goebel election ("force") bill passed the senate Thursday by a bare constitutional majority after the hottest fight of the session.

Sent to the Penitentiary.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., Feb. 14.—Doc Chapman, white, and Ambrose Stevenson, colored, were sent to the penitentiary for two years each Friday for murder.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE

Regular Session.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 9.—SENATE—The Bronston resolution to appoint a committee to reply to Senator Lindsay's speech was the first thing taken up in the senate Tuesday, and it was adopted without further debate by a vote of 20 to 0; the Frazier bill to regulate the manufacture and sale of food was passed by a vote of 28 to 0; the house bill to amend the laws in regard to admission of testimony by allowing the husband or wife to testify for or against each other in divorce case was defeated for lack of a constitutional majority. Bills introduced: To amend "and concerning guardians," by authorizing the county judge to appoint the sheriff to act as guardian in certain cases; to punish burning or poisoning stock.

HOUSE—Bills introduced: Providing that no primary election shall be held on the same day that a special or general election is held; authorizing the sale of the Northern Kentucky normal school property and to dispose of the proceeds thereof; to compel steam engineers to pass an examination and obtain a certificate before taking charge of an engine; providing for installment payments of property holders for street improvements; exempting road overseers from service on juries and from poll tax for road and bridge purposes. After passing the Mallory bill, repealing section 1312 of the Kentucky statutes relating to confession of judgment, and the Robey bill, to regulate the analysis of fertilizers, the house took up the Chinn school book bill. Representative Chinn made a strong argument in favor of the bill, which provides for the contract system, besides fixing a maximum price for all school books. Passed.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 10.—SENATE—The senate passed the bill continuing for two years longer the stenographers for the judges of the court of appeals. The Bennett bill to ascertain the heirs in cases of intestacy and otherwise was passed, but was reconsidered and recommitted on request of Senator Brown. Bills introduced: To restrict and license glove contests or exhibitions, and to repeal all other acts in conflict therewith; to prohibit any one from handling, buying or shipping any clothing that has been worn or used.

HOUSE—The Weatherford bill, providing for a reduction of salaries of certain state officers, came up, and produced a lengthy discussion. An amendment by Pullam, of Louisville, to cut down the per diem of legislators to $2 per day and mileage to five cents, was overwhelmingly defeated. All amendments were voted down, and the bill passed by a vote of 76 to 4.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 11.—SENATE—The local option bill, seeking to make the county the unit in voting on the liquor question instead of the precinct, came up as a special order in the senate. Senators Goebel, Shanks and Alexander asked that the bill be referred back to a law committee for further hearing and to consider the constitutional questions in the bill. After an hour's wrangle the friends of the bill agreed to recommit the bill to the committee on religion and morals, with the understanding that the committee will give the opponents of the bill a hearing and report next Tuesday. The Goebel election bill providing for a board of election commissioners to appoint election officers came up as a special order. An amendment was adopted providing for settling contests in races for governor and lieutenant governor by selecting a board of control by lot from the senate and house. Passed by a vote of 20 to 15.

HOUSE—Bills reported favorably: To authorize trustees of sixth-class towns to construct streets and sidewalks; to authorize superintendents of public works in cities of second class to order sidewalk repairs at the expense of abutting property owners; for benefit of pauper idiots and lunatics by paying for time lost in failing to hold inquests at proper time; providing that a county judge can not grant an injunction except when the circuit judge is out of his district. The house committee on public health decided Thursday afternoon to report favorably the bill to require the osteopath healers to obtain a certificate and pay a license like any physician. Some of the osteopaths are here fighting the bill, and hope to have a substitute offered in the way of a compromise.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 12.—SENATE—In the senate the bill to transfer Whiteley county from the Third appellate court district to the Seventh district was amended by a substitute offered by Senator Goebel which provided for transferring Bell, Harlan, Leslie, Letcher and Perry counties from the Seventh district to the Fifth district, and also putting Whiteley in the Fifth district. The bill as amended passed. The bill to prevent discrimination by common carriers in the delivery or receiving newspapers was passed unanimously, 22 to 0. The bill to create a state board of pharmacy and make the pharmacy law apply to smaller towns was discussed, but recommitted without a vote. The bill to prevent the seining of private lakes and ponds without the owners' consent was passed.

HOUSE—Bills introduced: Authorizing the mayors and county judges of each county to fix the hotel, boarding house and restaurant rates for their county. It provides that the maximum rate for first-class hotels shall not exceed $1.50 per day, boarding houses 50 cents per day and restaurants 25 cents per meal. The food supplies shall be "pure and wholesome and cooked in a first-class manner." The beds and bedding shall be kept clean and neat and as plentiful as the weather demands.

FRANKFORT, Feb. 15.—SENATE—The following bills were introduced Monday: To amend section 428 of civil code by adding the following words: "But no such actions shall be brought by an heir, devisee, legatee or distributee within nine months, or by a creditor within six months next after the first personal representative qualified;" to authorize the auditor to relinquish claims for taxes on property due since 1889, in order to prevent clouding of title; to amend section 71 of the charter of Louisville by striking out of said section after the words "one board to the other." Senator Shanks called up the bill to allow trust companies to be organized and operated in any county, and it passed unanimously. Senator Goebel called the bill to authorize cities of the second class to condemn any parts of the turnpike roads in the city limits for street purposes. Passed—yeas 22, nays 0. Senator Johnson's bill to require the circuit clerk to give the sheriff the jury list 20 days before court, and requiring the names of jurors, both grand and petit, to be drawn by lot instead of the present method. Passed—yeas 23, nays 0.

HOUSE—The committee on constitutional amendments reported favorably Monday on the bill proposing an amendment to the constitution to allow the people to vote on the proposition to move the state capital from Frankfort to Lexington. Representative Chinn moved to suspend the rules and take up the McChord railroad freight rate bill. It takes a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules, and the opponents of the bill thought they could defeat the motion, but it carried by 61 to 22, and the bill was taken up. Representative Mocquot moved to make the bill a special order for Thursday. This was defeated by a vote of 25 to 19, which was regarded as a test vote on the final passage of the bill. Representatives Bradburn, Melvan, Saunders, Cantrill, Wheeler (rep.) and others spoke for the bill, while Ogden (rep.), Jarnigan (rep.) and other republicans opposed it. The amendment to allow the railroads or the shippers to appeal from the railroad commissioners' finding to the court of appeals was defeated along with all other amendments, and the bill passed as it came from the senate by a vote of 64 yeas to 22 nays.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

First Regular Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—SENATE—Three propositions were presented to the senate for the relief of the Cuban insurgents. Mr. Allen (Neb.) offered as an amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill a resolution recognizing the belligerency of the insurgents, and said that he hoped thus to afford the senate an opportunity to vote on that proposition. Mr. Cannon (Utah) offered a resolution urging the president to notify the kingdom of Spain that if it did not recognize the independence of the Cuban republic before March 4, 1898, the United States would recognize the belligerency of the Cubans and within 90 days thereafter would assert the independence of the Cuban republic. Mr. Mason (Ill.) followed with a resolution requesting the president to notify Spain that the Cuban war must cease at once and declare the intention of the United States to restore and maintain peace on the island of Cuba. The right of Hon. Henry W. Corbett to a seat in the senate from Oregon occupied the senate's attention for two hours. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in executive session.

HOUSE—The house Tuesday entered upon the consideration of the Aldrich-Plowman contested election case from the Fourth Alabama district. The majority of the committee reported in favor of seating the republican contestant on the ground of the conspiracy, an allegation vigorously denied by the democratic minority. Mr. Plowman's plurality on the face of the returns was 2,967. The majority revised the figures so as to give Aldrich a plurality of 242. Two speeches were made Tuesday on each side, by Messrs. Taylor (O.) and Mann (Ill.), and by Messrs. Fox (Miss.) and Settle (Kan.) for the minority. It is expected that a vote will be reached Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—SENATE—For more than three hours Wednesday the senate chamber rang with eloquent appeals in behalf of the Cuban insurgents. Announced speeches were delivered by Mr. Cannon (Utah) and Mr. Mason (Ill.) in advocacy of the adoption of resolutions which they presented to the senate Tuesday. Following Mr. Cannon's speech, Mr. Hale (Me.) addressed the senate briefly, urging the senate to uphold the policy of the administration. He pointed out that much had already been accomplished by President McKinley not only for the cause of peace on the island but also for the protection of Americans and American interests, and for the relief of the reconcentrados and pacificos. He maintained that it would not be good policy by the adoption of any drastic declaration to place the administration in trending strings that might interfere with the carrying into effect of a defined policy. Mr. Mason followed Mr. Hale in a long and at times fiery speech in which he urged the president immediately to intervene in the Cuban war and end the struggle which on both sides had become so brutal as to shock the sensibilities of the civilized world. He did not believe war would result from intervention, but thought if it should it would be a war of glory and of honor.

HOUSE—The republican majority was increased Wednesday from 49 to 50, when the house by a vote of 143 to 112 unseated Mr. Plowman (dem., Ala.) and gave the seat to Mr. Aldrich (rep.). This was the first contested election case decided by the present house and the seventh member. Those who spoke against the case Wednesday were Messrs. Settle (dem., Ky.), Hamilton (rep., Mich.) Bartlett (dem., Ga.), and Taylor (rep., O.).

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—SENATE — During almost the entire session of the senate Thursday the Indian appropriation bill was under discussion. The reading of the bill was completed and all of the committee amendments were adopted. Subsequently several amendments of a minor character were attached to the measure. Mr. Allen (Neb.) enlivened the proceedings a few minutes before adjournment by making an attack upon Speaker Reed for preventing the enactment, as the Nebraska senator declared, of meritorious legislation sent to the house of representatives by the senate. He denounced the speaker's action in this regard as "disgrace" to congress and to the American people. When a point of order was made against him for the use of improper language concerning the other branch of congress, Mr. Allen said he was stating only the truth and that he was responsible here or elsewhere at any time for his statement.

HOUSE—The house was in a very bad temper Thursday and the whole session was consumed in filibustering against two bills of minor importance, one to issue a duplicate check and the other to make Rockland, Me., a sub port of entry. Neither got further than the engrossment and third reading. The trouble arose over the enforcement of the rule against the discussion of irrelevant subjects when Mr. Handy (dem., Del.) attempted to reply on the floor during the consideration of those bills to a letter recently written by Thomas F. Bayard, secretary of state under the Cleveland administration, in denunciation of the free silver democracy. Roll call followed roll call all day long and partisan feeling reached a high pitch. Finally when it became evident that no progress could be made with the bills presented, an adjournment was taken until Monday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—SENATE—Consideration of the Indian appropriation bill was resumed by the senate Friday and after being amended to some extent the measure was passed. The most important amendment to the bill was that offered by Mr. Pettigrew (S. D.) which, if finally enacted, will restore the free homestead law so far as it relates to Indian lands ceded to the United States for which lands the settlers have been obliged to pay the purchase price paid to the Indians. The bill carries appropriations aggregating nearly $8,000,000.

HOUSE—Not in session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—SENATE—The senate devoted four hours in executive session Monday to the consideration of the Hawaiian treaty. The principal speech was made by Senator Pettigrew, this being the third instalment of his remarks upon the subject. Senator Morgan's resolution was passed calling on the president for copies of the report of the consul general and of the consuls of the United States in Cuba written and received since March 4, 1897, which relate to the state of war in that island, and the condition of the people there; also whether any agent of a government in Cuba has been accredited to this government, or the president of this government with authority to negotiate a treaty of reciprocity or any other commercial agreement with the United States.

HOUSE—Considerable unnecessary excitement was caused among the members of the house Monday by the rumor broadly circulated before the house convened that important action relative to Cuba was to be taken. It turned out to be simply a resolution of inquiry unanimously reported by the foreign affairs committee last week calling on the state department for information as to the condition of the concentrados in Cuba and the progress made in Spain's effort to induce the Cubans to accept autonomy. The resolution was adopted without division. Another resolution was adopted calling for the correspondence relating to the exclusion of our fruits, beef and horses from Germany. The remainder of the day was devoted to District of Columbia business.

For Street Purposes.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 15.—Goebel's bill allowing second-class cities to condemn turnpike property for street purposes passed the senate Monday.

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