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THE SILVER BILL

Failure of a Quorum in the Senate.

Walcott the Silverite Falls Down.

Almost Insurmountable Obstacles Appear.

The Gila Valley Globe and Northern Railway Gets a Right of Way.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The senate adjourned at 9 o'clock tonight after a determined but fruitless effort on the part of the silver men to pass a bill for the unrestricted coinage of silver. Mr. Jones himself made the motion to adjourn after it had been made evident that a voting quorum of senators could not be held in the senate chambers for an all night struggle.

One of the surprises immediately preceding adjournment was a resolution submitted by Mr. Walcott, one of the most active silver leaders, declaring that while the welfare of the country required unlimited coinage, the early adjournment of congress and the pressing demand of appropriation bills it was inexpedient to enter upon a consideration of the silver bill at the present session of congress.

No action was taken on the resolution, but it was regarded as significantly foreshadowing the course of the silver bill when it comes up tomorrow.

Its Chances in the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The probability that the Jones silver bill will secure a hearing in the house if it is passed in the senate is very small.

An apparently passable barrier stands before the first step necessary to bring it before the house, a favorable report from that committee.

The bill will be referred to the coinage of weights and measures committee, of which Mr. Bland, the silver advocate, is chairman. But unfortunately for the silver men that committee is very narrowly divided on the question of free coinage with a probable majority against it. With a full muster of the seventeen members there are eight to be listed on all sides of the question with Mr. Kilgore, of Texas, holding the

balance of power. Mr. Kilgore was formerly accounted a free silver advocate, but he has been recently thought to hold views antagonistic to free silver. An additional advantage for the opponents of free silver is found in the absence of Mr. Sweet, of Idaho, who is engaged in a contest for the senate at home, so at the best the silver men could only hope for a tie vote in the committee.

Chairman Bland says he will exert every influence in his power to secure a quorum if the Jones bill is sent to the house but he does not entertain strong hopes that he can secure a report on the bill. If it could be reported he could call it up as privileged in the house and that body would be compelled to place itself on record on the silver question, unencumbered by other issues, a proposition that it has not yet been called to vote upon.

Arizona Gets Something.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The president has approved the act granting to the Gila Valley Globe and Northern company a right of way through the San Carlos reservation in Arizona.

WOMEN'S SMILES.

Female Suffrage in California.

The Bill Passes the Lower House by a Strong Majority.

By the Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 19.—In the assembly today the woman suffrage bill came up under a special order for final passage. A large number of advocates of the measure assembled early and encouraged the legislators by occasional conferences and engaging smiles.

When the question came up an effort was made by Bettman of San Francisco, to adjourn, but it was defeated. The bill was then passed without debate by a vote of 46 to 29, the ladies applauding when the vote was announced.

HE NEEDED THE MONEY.

A Stage Robber's Excuse for a Crime.

OROVILLE, Feb. 19.—Martin Meyers, the aged ex-convict who was the robber of the Forboston stage coach on Saturday last and who was captured yesterday, pleaded guilty today and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

As an excuse for his crime he stated that he had been unable to sell mines located in British Columbia, but he concluded that the quickest way of obtaining money which he badly needed was by robbery. He is 65 years old.

RATHER TENSE.

The Relations Between House and Council.

A Demonstration Broke Out Yesterday.

Assembly Reform Measures in Rough Weather.

A Proposed Law to Give Four More Years' Protection to Female Virtue.

The relation of the council and the assembly toward each other is becoming tense, almost strained. It threatens to clog a great deal of legislation which would otherwise be agreed upon. It came to the surface yesterday by the indefinite postponement in the council of two more or less noted house bills, both of which have easily passed the assembly.

One was Mr. Hunt's measure to repress Pinkertonism, and the other was Mr. Marshall's Sunday closing bill. The latter was turned down with so great facility that the disposition of it augurs ill for the other reform measures which have originated in the house.

After the adjournment of the council, but before the members had time to leave the floor, Mr. Hunt crossed over from the assembly hall to express himself upon council methods. His bill, he said, might not have been infallible. Though the house thought it was a meritorious measure, there might be honest objection to it. Had the council arrayed its opposition in a regular manner and had the bill been defeated after proper consideration and debate, he could have only regretted that such an adverse, but honest view had been taken. He wished, though, to condemn the hidden warfare which the council had made, not only on the bill, but upon other house bills, which had been asphyxiated in committees. He urged and challenged the council to put itself on record. His remarks were closed with a threat that a retaliatory course might be entered upon by the house. Other house members expressed dissatisfaction with this summary method of disposing of house measures and described it as a sort of legislative lynching by which house bills had been done to death without a fair hearing.

The governor signed council bills No. 3 and No. 1. The first repeals the merchants' license tax and the latter makes it a felony to remove or alter a legislative bill after it has passed into the hands of the enrolling and engrossing committee.

The Council.

In the council yesterday morning all were present at roll call.

House bill No. 41, introduced by Mr. Hunt and prohibiting the maintenance of armed bodies of men in the territory was taken up. The report of the committee on territorial affairs, who had it under consideration, was that it do not pass. Upon motion of Mr. Dunlap further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Council bill No. 43 was introduced by Mr. Edwards, relating to collection of debts, credits and other personal property by attachment. It was referred to the printing committee and 100 copies ordered.

Council bill No. 38, by Mr. Babbitt, was placed upon its final passage and passed the council unanimously. It requires the recording of conditional sales, the purport of the bill as explained by Mr. Babbitt in a brief speech being to prevent complications arising from the sales of leased articles.

Council bill No. 23, by Mr. Kemp, repealing title 1873 revised statutes and relating to recorded instruments as evidence, was placed upon final passage and passed the council unanimously.

House bill No. 24, by Mr. Marshall, prohibiting the keeping open of certain places of business on Sundays, was taken up. The judiciary committee had reported it without recommendation. Upon motion of Mr. Nugent it was indefinitely postponed, ayes—Edwards, Jones, Kemp, Lake, Nugent, Packard, Scott; nays—Aspinwall, Babbitt, Davis, Dunlap and Doran.

House bill No. 35, by Mr. Peterson, relating to trials of certain causes, which had been reported with recommendation of the judiciary committee that it pass, was taken up and made a special order for this morning at 11 o'clock.

The council then resolved itself into a committee of the whole and considered council bill No. 7, the board of control bill. Section 9 relating to the territorial prison and reform school received special attention, and the subject of letting out prison and reform school labor to work in mines, fields and for private companies, was discussed at length. Several amendments were submitted and adopted by the committee. At noon progress was reported to the council and leave asked

to continue consideration of the bill at another sitting.

The council adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning for the purpose of giving the members an opportunity of participating in the duck dinner and inspection of the insane asylum yesterday afternoon and evening.

The House.

When the assembly convened yesterday morning Mr. Finley added to the mass of documentary matter on the subject of county division by presenting a protest signed by citizens of Pima against the creation of the county of Papago. Referred to the committee on memorials and petitions.

The report of the printing committee including house bills No. 55, 56, 59 and 65.

Judiciary committee house bill No. 75 to repeal sub division 4, sec. 4, title 56, chap. 2, revised statutes, recommendation that it be transferred to the committee on ways and means; house bill No. 82, to amend act 22, session laws 1891, favorably; house bill 78 to amend certain portions of act 83 Seventeenth Legislature favorably; house bill 49 to amend chapter 5, title 13, penal code, favorably as amended; house bill 21 to amend act 77 of the Seventeenth Legislature, unfavorably; house bill No. 51 to provide for the payment of territorial and county taxes semi-annually, favorably; council bill No. 22 permitting non-resident corporations and surety companies to become sureties on bonds and undertakings within the territory, returned to the council for proper engrossment.

Ways and means committee, house bill No. 69, exempting unpatented mining claims and mining outputs from taxation, favorably.

Committee on education, reported that suggestions in that portion of the governor's message under consideration had been covered by bills already before the house; house bill No. 80 in relation to high schools favorably; house bill No. 79 to repeal chapter 13, title 60, without recommendation; house bill No. 70 making military instruction a part of the public school course, favorably as amended; house bill No. 73 to amend act 21 of the Sixteenth legislature favorably.

There was a single bill introduced; none worthier has been before the legislature and none worthier will be before it. It is calculated to add four years more of protection to female chastity. The bill is house bill No. 91, by Mr. Barnes, raising the age of consent from fourteen to eighteen years.

House bills 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 83, 80, 90, and council bill No. 15 were given second readings and referred to appropriate committees.

A message was received from the council that house bills Nos. 24 and 41 had been indefinitely postponed.

Council bill No. 11 to amend sec. 344, chap. 6, of the penal code, was put on its final passage and passed by a vote of 18 to 5.

Council bill No. 26 in relation to the Territorial university, unfavorably reported by the judiciary committee was lost, ayes, 8; nays, 15.

The speaker announced his signature to council bills Nos. 3 and 31.

Council concurrent resolution No. 11 introduced by Mr. Wright, with reference to the printing of the report of the territorial health officer, was laid on the table.

Council concurrent resolution No. 10, in relation to awarding contracts for printing reports of territorial officials, was removed from the table, placed on its passage and lost. The assembly soon after adjourned for the day.

Capitol Notes.

R. N. La Dow, special United States treasury agent, was introduced to the members of the upper house by Judge Edwards.

Mr. Marshall's bill requiring the closing of certain places of business on Sunday, was in the council indefinitely postponed.

Councilman Kemp went to Gila Bend Saturday night and returned Monday morning after two nights of almost utter sleeplessness.

After considerable rumbling the matter of a possible removal of the prison from Yuma to Prescott erupted in the council committee of the whole.

The Henry Bergh of Arizona is Will C. Barnes, the member from Apache. His bill relating to cruelty to animals is comprehensive and reflective of a tender heart.

Twenty dollars for a homicide case and ten dollars for all other felony cases is what house bill No. 44, by Dr. Wright, provides for attorneys appointed to defend indigents.

If house bill No. 62 shall pass, the boys will have to roll their own cigarettes. It absolutely prohibits the importation, manufacture for sale, or buying or selling of the death dealing pets. Cigarette papers are exempt.

Rev. Fr. Queti, pastor of the Roman Catholic congregation of Prescott, accompanied by a couple of clergymen of the same faith, one from Flagstaff and one from Los Angeles, paid the council a visit.

Scott and Edwards are doing most of the debating for the council. The president has taken the floor effectively two or three times. Messrs. Babbitt, Davis and Aspinwall have at least one speech each to their credit. The balance are sawing wood.

Under the provisions of house bill 55 regarding the sale of liquor, druggists must keep in a book conspicuously displayed a register showing date, to

whom sold, kind, quality, and for what purpose all liquor was dispensed.

The anti-gambling house bill by Mr. Moore, includes "whist," "poker," "seven up," "hearts," "euchre," "faro," "monte," "chuck a luck," "dice," "A B C," "rouge et noir," "craps," "keno," "pool," and "lottery."

A bill taxing express companies, introduced by Mr. Skinner, requires agents of all express companies doing business in the territory to make an annual report to the auditor of all gross receipts and to pay a tax of \$2 on every hundred dollars of such gross receipts.

A RIO VERDE DAY.

An Imposing Banquet at the Opera House.

It is Authoritatively Given Out that Work will Be Begun Within Thirty Days.

Yesterday was distinctively a Rio Verde day, on which was made known more of the plans of this canal company than had ever been known before.

The gentlemen from Minneapolis, who had returned the day before from the proposed reservoir site, were as reticent as ever and local officials were in their normal condition of uncommunicativeness.

Yesterday forenoon invitations were extended by the Verde people to a banquet at 3 o'clock in the opera house. The banquet itself was magnificent but the attractive power was a curiosity concerning the movements of the Verde folks and a hope that under the influence of warm wine the seal of silence would be broken. It was so broken; the wine had nothing to do with it though for there was no wine. The Verde people simply announced that they were ready to go to work. It did not take long to tell it and that was all there was to be told and after all that was all that the visitors really wanted to hear.

Local guests were Chief Justice A. C. Baker, Gen. M. E. Collins, Chaplain Winfield Scott, Major J. W. Evans, Dr. W. L. Woodruff, Jas. A. Fleming, H. E. Kemp, Wm. Christy, Walter Talbot, N. A. Morford, Jas. McClintock, J. O. Dunbar, A. S. Mills, C. R. Hakes, J. G. Hudson, C. F. Leonard, P. J. Clark.

Local members of the company were President A. C. Sheldon, Secretary J. K. Doolittle, S. C. Symonds and Captain P. P. Parker.

Visiting gentlemen and officials of the enterprise were A. H. Linton, of Langdon Linton & Co. the great railroad contractor; Gen'l. Supt. E. Pennington, of the "Soo" road; R. B. Langdon, of Minneapolis; D. W. Grant, Faribault, Minn.; S. R. Robinson, of Langdon Linton & Co.; Frank L. Conkey, treasurer of the company; Donald W. Campbell, of Denver, the supervising engineer; Granville Malcom, of Denver; L. H. Wilson of New Brunswick and C. J. Jones, of Tacoma, Wash.

Speeches were made by several gentlemen, but Mr. Linton's declaration, "We will be here at work on the enterprise inside of thirty days," covered the ground. Another speaker whose reputation is national and who enjoys the confidence of capitalists in the United States and Great Britain, is Donald W. Campbell, in charge of the engineering work. He began his remarks with a tribute to the character of President Sheldon, after which he descended to cold, wet facts concerning the irrigation enterprise. The storage reservoir, he said, would on initial construction store enough water in one filling to cover 225,000 acres one foot deep and that the average annual flow of the river was 800,000 feet. There were felicitous speeches by Chief Justice Baker, Maj. Evans, Chaplain Scott and others.

At a meeting of the stockholders in the morning the following board of directors was elected: D. W. Grant, A. H. Linton, Samuel R. H. Robinson, Frank L. Conkey, Prosper P. Parker, Samuel C. Symonds, Augustus C. Sheldon. The board of directors thereafter organized by the choice of the following officers: A. C. Sheldon, president; A. H. Linton, vice-president; J. K. Doolittle, secretary; Frank D. Conkey, treasurer; Donald W. Campbell, supervising engineer.

Executive committee: A. C. Sheldon, Frank L. Conkey, P. P. Parker, S. C. Symonds.

The Rio Verde contractors, consisting of Mr. D. W. Grant of the firm of D. Grant & Co. of Faribault, Minn., and Messrs. R. B. Langdon, A. H. Linton, S. R. H. Robinson and F. L. Conkey of the firm of Langdon, Linton & Co. of Minneapolis, Minn., left last evening in the special car of Gen. Supt. Pennington. They will return to Minneapolis via San Francisco, Ogden and Denver.

NOT UNUSUALLY COLD.

No Frozen Oranges on the Denver & Rio Grande.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 19.—The Denver and Rio Grande authorities contradict the statement recently made in a dispatch from Florence that two carloads of oranges in transit east were frost bitten. The temperature along the line of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad has ranged no lower than on other transcontinental lines and there have been no losses of perishable fruit on account of cold.