

HAS WREAK PLACE.

Legislature Failed to Make Lincoln Birthday Legal Holiday.

Neglected to Fix Time at Which It Takes Effect.

NEW LAWS IN EFFECT.

Anti High School Fraternity Act One of Them.

Capital Punishment Act Is Formally Repealed.

An examination of the newly published session laws shows that the Lincoln's birthday act, which was intended to make Feb. 12 a legal holiday, is defective, and is probably without force or effect.

There is nothing in the act which provides when it shall go into effect. The usual section setting forth that "this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official state paper" or "in the statute book" is entirely omitted.

The constitution requires that the legislature shall fix the time for the taking effect of its acts, and since the legislature's failure to fix any time, it is to be presumed that the legislature hasn't decided yet when the law shall take effect.

This is one of the laws urged by P. H. Conroy and the Grand Army of the Republic, and its failure to get through the legislature in proper form will no doubt be regretted. It is the second of the G. A. R. laws which are found to be defective. The other is the law requiring school boards to keep the stars and stripes floating over the desks in the schools.

The publication of the session laws on May 27 included a number of state officers to draw some extra pay for the last five days of the month, and puts them regularly on the pay roll for increased compensation.

Some of the officers whose pay was raised to take effect on publication of the law in the statute book. The superintendent of the Topeka, Oswego and Parsons asylums will draw \$2,000 per year instead of \$1,800. The secretary of the state historical society gets a similar raise.

One important provision which was put into the session laws this year is that requiring all state officers to turn in to the state treasury all the fees which they received for making certified copies of documents in their offices.

The anti-fraternity act, giving boards of education the right to expel from school any high school student found guilty of being a member of a secret society in any way connected with the institution. It is not likely that this law will break up high school fraternities, but will simply require that they be conducted entirely above board.

The state automobile commission, created for the purpose of investigating and fighting San Jose scale and other orchard pests, can now start up in business, for the law creating it is in effect. Fertilizers sold in the state must also be subject to inspection before being placed on the market.

CEREMONIES IN THE RAIN.

New Song Rendered at Memorial Exercises at Auditorium.

Although the weather was bad the Memorial day services at the auditorium yesterday afternoon which were held by the members of the G. A. R. posts of this city were well attended. The program was a most interesting one.

Rev. James Reed of Council Grove, delivered the principal address. Mr. Reed was born during the closing year of the Civil war. He told the history of Memorial day and the rise of the spirit of the exercises and delivered a brief address with "Memorial Day" for his subject.

8 LOST BOTH LEGS

Holiday Crowd Caught in Trolley Car Wreck.

Seven Persons Were Killed and Ten Injured.

Elyria, Ohio, May 31.—Crowded with holiday passengers a Cleveland & Southwestern trolley car, running from Wellington to Cleveland, was struck rear end, by another car at the corner of Sixth street and Middle avenue last night, resulting in seven deaths and ten persons being seriously injured, eight of whom lost both legs.

The Dead: E. O'DONNELL, Elyria, crockery merchant; both legs cut off; died a few minutes later.

H. M. BILLINGS, Elyria, a Grand Army veteran; both legs cut off; died in the hospital.

W. C. ALLEN, Elyria, claim agent for the Lake Shore railway.

WILLIAM SALA, son of Rev. J. P. Sala.

ARTHUR HOADLEY, MISS ENKICE, WYRST, C. V. FORTER, clerk.

The Injured: Of the injured, five are expected to die.

Miss Mabel Dean of Elyria, both legs cut off.

Mrs. J. P. Sala, wife of Rev. J. P. Sala, Elyria; arm broken and gashed in.

Leslie Porter of Cottesbrook, both legs cut off.

Margaret Butler, Elyria, both legs cut off.

Home Allen, Elyria, both legs cut off.

Miss Fulton, Elyria, both legs cut off.

Mrs. Jess of Elyria, one foot cut off.

Miss Supper, both legs cut off. She is a daughter of Max Supper, manager of the Elyria office.

Conductor Avery, internal injuries.

Miss Dunn, Elyria, internal injuries.

George Chamberlain, Perry, Ohio, badly hurt.

COURT SCANDAL.

A Lawsuit Involving the Royal Family of Spain.

Madrid, May 31.—The supreme court has declared itself competent to try the suit of the heirs of Elena Sanz, the singer, against the heirs of King Alfonso XIII.

Elena Sanz was a beautiful Bohemian opera singer, with whom Alfonso XII, father of the present king of Spain, became enamored. She bore the king three children, the eldest of whom she named Alfonso.

ALL TO COME OUT

History of Domestic Troubles of the Howard Goulds

To Be Made Public When Trial Is Called.

BROTHERS TO TESTIFY

George and Frank Will Appear as Witnesses.

Defendant's Reply Will Be Filed About June 6.

New York, May 31.—When Howard Gould is haled into court by the suit for a separation brought by his wife, formerly Miss Katharine Clummons, it is likely that his brothers, George and Frank, will be called to testify in his behalf.

From present indications it seems assured that the whole history of the domestic troubles of Howard Gould and his wife will come out when the case is finally taken into court.

Howard Gould's reply to his wife's suit will be made public at least until June 6, which is the limit allowed by law.

NO MORE UNION BEER.

Brewery Workers' Organization Expelled From American Federation.

Chicago, May 31.—The last barrel of "union" beer in Chicago and the whole country, according to an edict of the American Federation of Labor, will be manufactured today.

The trouble has been growing for several years. Two months ago the national labor council met in Washington and gave the brewery workers' union until June 1 to comply with an order to oust all engineers, firemen and teamsters from its organization.

FOUR BURN TO DEATH.

Several Others Injured in a Fire at Long Branch.

Long Branch, N. J., May 31.—The factory of Walter A. Schiffer, cigar manufacturer of New York city, Marlon, aged 10, and Ruth, aged 14, and two servants, Marie Ditter and Tilly Monton, were burned to death from which last night destroyed the handsome residence of Jacob Rothschild, which Mrs. Schiffer had rented.

VICTORY FOR OIL MEN.

Standard Pipes Must Carry Product of the Independents.

Findlay, O., May 31.—The circuit court today unanimously decided that the Buckeye Oil company, a Standard subsidiary concern, was organized under the corporate laws of Ohio and as such must carry all oil offered by the independent producers at a fair remunerative rate.

HEAR THE BIG ORGAN.

Free Sacred Service at Auditorium Sunday Afternoon.

An attractive musical programme has been arranged for next Sunday afternoon at the Auditorium under the auspices of the Topeka Pipe Organ association and the Ministerial union.

The entertainment has been prepared with a view of giving the public an idea of the advantages which Topeka has in the pipe organ. There will be no charges of any kind nor will any collection be taken or subscriptions called for.

SECRETARY WILSON SPEAKS.

Praises Work of American Farmers During Last Century.

Lansing, Mich., May 31.—An address by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson on addresses by five distinguished educators made up the programme at the forenoon session today of the semicentennial celebration of the founding of the Michigan Agricultural college.

It has been said that the United States did three unique things in the last century. It built at Washington the capitol, the Washington monument and the Congressional library, each the finest of its kind in the world.

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Japanese Delegation Arrives to Make Large Purchases.

Seattle, Wash., May 31.—Representing the federal government of Japan a several of the largest manufacturing and other firms of Japan, six prominent Japanese citizens arrived in Seattle on the Kago and will depart within a few days for the east.

REVOLT SPREADS.

30,000 Chinese Rebels Under Arms South of Amoy.

Amoy, China, May 31.—An insurrection has broken out 40 miles southward of Amoy. Thirty thousand rebels are under arms and are expected to be well led.

NEW \$5,000 FACTORY.

Steel Fixture Mfg. Company Gets a Building Permit.

A building permit has been issued to the Steel Fixture Manufacturing company for a large machine shop to be erected on lots 207 and 209 on Holiday street near Seventh.

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DR. McCARTER IS PRESIDENT.

Topeka Man at Head of the Kansas Dentists.

Just before closing their thirty-sixth annual convention which has been in session nearly all of the week, the Kansas Dental association elevated Dr. W. A. McCarter of this city to the presidency of the association.

CRACKED THE SAFE.

Union Pacific Depot at Silver Lake Burglarized Last Night.

When Charles L. Alexander, agent of the Union Pacific at Silver Lake, 12 miles west of Topeka, went to his office this morning he found everything in a state of confusion.

The door of the safe was lying at one side of the room where it had been blown by the force of an explosion, which also shattered other portions of the office equipment.

It is reported that the safe crackers got but \$150 for their trouble and Sheriff Wilkerson went to Silver Lake at noon to make an investigation.

Another demonstration of the efficiency of natural gas as a method of destroying overgrown dogs was made at the Myers planing mill this morning.

THIS TEST A SUCCESS.

Humane Society Demonstrates That Gas Is a Dog-Killer.

Another demonstration of the efficiency of natural gas as a method of destroying overgrown dogs was made at the Myers planing mill this morning under the direction of Humane Officer K. W. King.

RAISED \$1,100 TODAY.

Washburn Fund Had Made a Good Increase at Noon.

Eleven hundred dollars was subscribed to the Washburn fund of \$75,000 at the noon meeting of the canvassing committee held in the Copeland hotel.

TAFT IS CHAIRMAN.

Committee Named to Promote Welfare of Government Employees.

New York, May 31.—For the purpose of improving the working conditions of federal, state, and municipal employees, a national committee on welfare work for government employees has been appointed by the War Department.

CAUGHT IN COLLAPSE.

Members of Catholic Clergy Hurt as Floor Caves In.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 31.—At the laying of the cornerstone of St. Mary's Greek Catholic church, a temporary flooring collapsed, precipitating about 40 persons into the cellar 12 feet below.

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WEEKLY INDICATIONS.

Chicago, May 31.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair tonight and Saturday, except rain in east portion tonight; cooler in east portion tonight.