The Topeka State Journal.

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LAURA JOHNS THERE.

She Stands Up For Kansas at Washington,

At the National Woman Suffrage Association

IT LEADS NEW YORK.

Susan B. Anthony Opens the Convention

Representatives from Seventeen States Present.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The National American Woman Suffrage association began its 26th annual convention here this morning in Mezerot Music hall, which has been tastefully decorated for the occasion.

In the rear of the stage were hung United States, Turkish, British and National Woman suffrage flags. The latter has two stars in the blue field, representing Colorado and Wyoming, which have granted suffrage to women and outlines of two other stars, intended to represent New York and Kansas, where the woman suffragists hope to accomplish much.

The severe weather of the past few days has interfered somewhat with the arrival of the delegates and as a consequence when the roll was called, it showed that only seventeen states were represented, which Miss Anthony considered very good for the first day as many of the delegates were snowbound.

The convention was then called to order by the venerable president, Miss Susan B. Anthony, who asked Rev. Anna Shaw to offer prayer, after which Miss Anthony in a brief speech formally opened the proceedings of the 26th annual convention.

She recounted the efforts that have been made before the national and local legislatures for the procurement of suffrage for women and predicted that success for woman's cause shall have been finally accomplished and women are enfranchised, people will wonder that it had not been granted long ago.

The report of the executive committee recommended that special effort be concentrated upon the campaign in Kansas and New York, the two states where there is to be a test vote this year. Mrs. L. D. Blake, the member of the executive committee from New York, spoke of the work there and predicted success for woman suffrage in the coming constitutional convention in New York.

Mrs. Laura M. Johns of Kansas said that the work for the enfranchisement of women had progressed further in Kansas than in New York.

MORE FOR MISSIONS.

Not to Convert Heathen but to Keep Up Our Foreign Embassies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The secretary of the treasury has sent to congress a letter from the secretary of state, urging the necessity of providing the full amount of his estimates for the contingent expenses of foreign missions.

For the fiscal year, 1895, Secretary Gresham asked for $195,000, an increase of $15,000 from 1894 and also requested a deficiency appropriation of $15,000 for the current year. There are thirty-six missions, among which $71,140 is divided for expenses and $20,000 for stationery. Considering that all clerical assistance, messenger service and office rent, except for the legations of China, Japan and Spain, come from this fund, the secretary considers the allowance very meagre.

He recommends a contingent fund from which unforseen expenses may be made, referring to the item of cablegrams for the Brazilian legation, when on account of the difficulties in Brazil it reached $4,156.45 recently.

FLOOD IN RED RIVER.

The Water Reaches 29 Feet and Live Stock Are in Peril.

FULTON, Ark., Feb. 15.—Red river is now out of its banks above and below this point and thousands of acres of valuable lands, together with fences and houses, must give way.

Thousands of head of stock that belong in the bottom and also hundreds that are driven from the hill lands to winter in the cane brakes of the low lands, will be driven to high points for safety from the flood that is now at hand.

All stock in and out of the bottoms is in an extremely bad and emaciated condition this winter, and but a few hours without food is all that will be necessary to cause the death of thousands. The river is now crowding twenty-nine feet.

WHITE BRUTES.

They Horribly Maltreat a Black Man and Leave Him to Die.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 15.—From Oglethorpe comes a story of such a horrible murder that Gov. Northen has doubled the usual reward for the criminal.

Bob Coldes, a respectable negro, was dragged from his home by seven white men, stripped, beaten with a buggy trace, scraped and cut with a blunt knife and left naked nearly seven hours in a freezing atmosphere. He died just after being found.

CRANK RIKER.

Judge Bradley Refuses to Grant Him Some of the Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Judge Bradley of the district supreme court, today refused to grant the petition of Carroll L. Riker of Chicago for a mandamus to compel Secretary Carlisle to issue to him a pro rata share of the $50,000,000 bond issue on the basis of the proposals submitted by him.

Judge Bradley in denying Riker's application said that he had no authority to grant the application, and that Secretary Carlisle's power in the premises was discretionary.

GOVERNOR MUST GET UP.

Mrs. Lease Has Knocked Him Under the Ropes and is Waiting.

J. A. Smith, the Kansas City Populist leader, has been arrested on a second charge of criminal libel. This time the complaining witness is Chief of Police Quarles, who says Smith lied about him in saying that he paid Governor Lewelling money at Excelsior Springs for the purpose of protecting the gambling interests of Kansas City, Kas.

Smith gave bond for appearance at his trial on the 19th. Mrs. Lease was subpoenaed as a witness, she said the arrest of Smith was a bluff on the part of the administration.

"If they wanted some vindication," said she, "and were anxious for a libel suit, why didn't they take some notice of the statement that I made in public when I told them that they had taken bribes from three railroad companies. Why wasn't I called upon to answer to a libel suit in this case?

"The fact is that the whole machinery of state has been turned upon Smith to force a conviction on him as a halfway vindication of the administration.

"I will not take part in the fight, as it is virtually against Governor Lewelling, and you know I gave him a knockout blow some time since, and according to the Marquis of Queensberry rules, you are not allowed to strike a man when he is down. If the governor wants any more he ought to get up so the fight can go ahead."

DAWES ASKS MERCY.

Which Judge Riner Considerately Grants in the Contempt Case.

F. B. Dawes, F. P. Harkness and Sheriff Landis of Clay Center appeared before Judge Riner in the federal court today to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of court.

Mr. Dawes had agreed with Charles Blood Smith, of the other side in the case, on a statement of the facts involved and the only question was that of the dates of the federal writ of attachment and the state's writ of replevin. This point was settled by the records which showed the federal attachment to be several days prior to the order of replevin.

Mr. Dawes stated in defence to the court that he and the other defendants involved had looked up the law with their limited facilities at Clay Center, and they thought they had authority to act as they did. Upon coming to Topeka and looking up authorities in the state library, they discovered their error. They admitted their wrong, and asked that the judge would drop the case with as much leniency as possible.

The Judge Riner did. He ordered the goods seized by the sheriff returned at once to the United States marshal, in as good condition as they were found, or their appraised value, and he ordered further that Sheriff Landis should pay the costs in the case, amounting to less than $80.

M'KANE GUILTY.

Nothing But Judicial Clemency Stands Between Him and Prison.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 15.—The jury in the McKane trial filed into the court room this morning and five minutes later the prisoner appeared in charge of a deputy sheriff. He was surrounded by his counsel and his faithful friends from Gravesend. Mr. Shepard not the counsel for the prosecution sat around their tables.

Clerk Byrne asked the foreman of the jury if they had agreed upon a verdict.

"We have," was the answer.

"What is it?"

"Guilty."

The prisoner sat quiet but his friends were much affected. The verdict may mean an imprisonment in state prison for two years or ten, at the discretion of the court.

McKane is now in the Raymond street jail awaiting the sentence which is to be pronounced upon him on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Only the clemency to which the jury so earnestly recommended him, stands between the ex-czar of Gravesend and a term of incarceration in prison.

IS MADE GUARDIAN.

Mrs. T. Dwight Thacher Given Charge of Minor Children Today.

Mrs. Emma E. Thacher has been appointed guardian of the two minor children of the late T. Dwight Thacher. This appointment was confirmed by the probate court in order that some life insurance due the children might be collected.

An administrator has not yet been appointed for the estate, but it is understood an application for an administrator will be filed in the district court as soon as a brother of Mrs. Thacher's arrives from New York. The brother is an attorney, and he will assist in the management of the estate.

VERDICT FOR $3,000

Awarded by the Court to Tom McGrath's Three Children.

William Lyttle must pay each of the three children of the late Tom McGrath $1,000, or $3,000 in all.

The jury in the McGrath Lyttle case was only out a short time today, when it returned a verdict in accordance with the foregoing statement.

The case may be appealed.

SHOT HER SISTER.

A Kentucky Girl Makes a Dreadful Mistake.

PADUCAH, Ky., Feb. 15.—At Baldana, Ballard county, last night, Ida Powell, aged 30, thought she heard a burglar at the window and drawing a pistol from beneath her pillow, fired. A cry and a fall followed.

Investigating she found that she had shot and killed her sister Polly, aged 28, who had risen and gone to the window for some purpose. The two had been sleeping together and Miss Ida had not missed her sister from her side.

Miners Burn All the Houses.

MIDDLESBOROUGH, Ky., Feb. 15.—All the houses at Mine No. 2, Mingo mines, were burned last night. The work was of incendiary origin, supposed to be from striking miners. Loss $3,000, partly covered by insurance.

HALF A MILLION

Subscribed by the Associated Press Members,

Of Which the "State Journal" Contributes $10,000.

A FUND CONSTITUTED

To Maintain the Associated Press Service

As the Greatest News Gathering Agency in the World.

A Position It Now Occupies Without a Peer.

ALL THE BIG PAPERS

Now Members of the Giant Organization,

Giving the Entire Association Access to Their News.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The annual meeting of the Associated Press in this city has given a great boom to that world famous newsgathering agency. It was held in Auditorium Recital hall. One of the most important features of the meeting was the statement submitted by Melville E. Stone of the finances of the organization.

A number of gentlemen who were not present at the former meeting when $330,000 was subscribed to a guarantee fund to carry on the fight against the United Press, asked to be included in the list, and the following subscriptions were made, bringing the guarantee fund up to a total of $515,000: The Washington Star, $20,000; Philadelphia Enquirer, $10,000; Philadelphia North American, $5,000; Philadelphia Press, $10,000; Cincinnati Enquirer, $10,000; Baltimore American, $10,000; Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, $10,000; Louisville Courier-Journal, $10,000; Chicago Tribune, $30,000; Baltimore News, $10,000; New York Evening Post, $10,000; Brooklyn Eagle, $10,000; Buffalo News, $5,000; TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL, $10,000; Syracuse Herald, $2,500; Omaha Bee, $12,000; Baltimore Sun, $15,000; Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World, $25,000, and the Buffalo Express, $5,000.

President William Penn Nixon called the meeting to order and, in a short address, congratulated the members upon the great improvement which has been made in carrying out the purpose to make the association, to widen its scope and it was today the greatest news organization in the world.

Mr. Victor F. Lawson, chairman of the executive committee, submitted report detailing at length the negotiations which had been had with the United Press looking to a protection of the interests of the newspapers of the country by a peaceful adjustment of the contract between the two organizations; the rejection of all fair proposals by the United Press and the precipitation of the struggle that has been going on for the past five months and which was practically brought to a close at this time, as was fully evidenced from the fact of the presence here of almost all the daily papers of the country.

A series of amendments to the by-laws were submitted and after discussion adopted. These provided for an increase in the number of the board of directors. A committee, with Mr. Chas. P. Taft of Cincinnati, as chairman, was appointed and submitted a list of five directors to be voted upon to fill vacancies and expired terms. The gentlemen recommended were elected unanimously. The board now consists of Victor F. Lawson, Chicago Record and Daily News; S. S. Carvalho, New York World; M. H. DeYoung, San Francisco Chronicle, Clayton M. McMichael, Philadelphia North American; Col. Frederick Driscoll, St. Paul Pioneer Press; F. B. Noyes, Washington Star; Charles W. Knapp, St. Louis Republic; E. H. Perdue, Cleveland Leader; A. J. Barr, Pittsburg Post; James E. Scripps, Detroit Tribune and News; F. H. Butler, Buffalo News.

Newspapers Represented.

The following newspapers are represented: San Francisco Chronicle, Denver Republican, Denver Times, Denver Rocky Mountain News, Washington Evening Star, Chicago Daily News, Chicago Evening Journal, Chicago Staats Zeitung, Chicago Freie Presse, Chicago Record, Chicago Daily Tribune, Chicago Herald, Chicago Inter-Ocean, Chicago Evening Post, Evansville Daily Journal, Indianapolis Journal, Indianapolis News, Indianapolis Sentinel, Terre Haute Gazette, Terre Haute Express, TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL, Topeka Capital, Louisville Evening Post, Louisville Commercial, Louisville Courier-Journal, Baltimore American, Baltimore Evening News, Baltimore Sun, Boston Traveller, Springfield Union, Detroit Evening News, Detroit Free Press, Detroit Tribune, Minneapolis Journal, Minneapolis Tribune, St. Paul Dispatch, St. Paul Globe, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Kansas City Journal, Kansas City Times, St. Louis American, St. Louis Anzeiger Des Westen, St. Louis Westliche Post, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Omaha Bee, Concord Monitor, Brooklyn Eagle, Buffalo Evening News, Buffalo Evening Express, Buffalo Commercial, New York World, New York Evening Post, New York Staats-Zeitung, New York Commercial Advertiser, Rochester Post-Express, Syracuse Herald, Cleveland Leader, Cleveland Plaindealer, Cincinnati Volksblatt, Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette, Cincinnati Times-Star, Cincinnati Enquirer, Columbus (O.) State Journal, Columbus Evening Dispatch, Dayton, (O.) Journal, Sandusky Register, Toledo Blade, Toledo Commercial, Portland Oregonian, Oil City Derrick, Philadelphia North American, Philadelphia Bulletin, Philadelphia German Democrat, Philadelphia Press, Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph, Pittsburg Commercial Gazette, Pittsburg Dispatch, Pittsburg Post, Memphis Appeal-Avalanche, Nashville American, Dallas News, Galveston News, San Antonio Express, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin, Milwaukee Sentinel, Milwaukee Herald, Wheeling Daily Intelligencer, Wheeling Register.

Last Night's Banquet.

Following the meeting of the day, the gentlemen were entertained at a banquet last night at the Grand Pacific hotel. Covers were laid for about 200. A more brilliant gathering of men has not convened here since the noted assemblages which met during the World's fair, and none of those could eclipse in grandeur and wealth of talent those that surround the press board tonight.

The western contingent included the following named gentlemen: K. G. Cooper, Denver Republican; T. M. Patterson, Rocky Mountain News, Denver; W. A. Bunker, Kansas City Journal; Addison Weeks, Kansas City Times; A. J. Aikens, Milwaukee Wisconsin; Horace Ruble, Milwaukee Sentinel; E. W. Coleman, Milwaukee Herald; H. H. Coleman, Milwaukee Herald; H. A. Coleman, Milwaukee Herald; W. J. Murphy, Minneapolis Tribune; L. Swift, Minneapolis Journal; W. E. Haskell, Minneapolis Journal; E. Rosewater, Omaha Bee; H. W. Scott, Portland (Ore.) Oregonian; F. D. White, St. Louis Post-Dispatch; D. M. Houser, Globe-Democrat, St. Louis; Charles W. Knapp, St. Louis Republic; John Scanlan, Anzeiger Des Western, St. Louis; William K. Kentner, St. Louis Westliche Post; J. A. Wheelock, St. Paul Pioneer Press; Frederick Driscoll, St. Paul Pioneer Press; George Thompson, St. Paul Dispatch, and Frank P. Maclennan, TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL.

The following Associated Press officers were present: Melville E. Stone, Charles S. Diehl, A. C. Thomas, John P. Boughan, Nat C. Wright and John P. Wilson.

CABLE MESSAGES

Sent to and From the Banqueters Across the Seas.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The following cable message was sent about midnight last night before the goodnights were said at the dinner tendered the delegates attending the annual meeting of the Associated Press:

BANQUET HALL, CHICAGO, Feb. 15.

To Herbert de Reuter, London, Eng.:

One hundred and one members of the Associated Press from the banquet table send greetings to Herbert de Reuter, their faithful ally and friend.

WM. PENN NIXON, President.

The following response has been received:

"LONDON, Feb. 15.—Heartiest congratulations on the brilliant, well deserved success. Reuter's agency profoundly gratified at splendid triumph of its friends and allies.

HERBERT DE REUTER."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Victor F. Lawson is Made President—Names of Other Officers.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Associated Press today, Victor F. Lawson was elected president; Horace White, of the New York Evening Post, first vice president; A. G. Belo, of the Galveston News and Dallas News, second vice president; Melville E. Stone, secretary and general manager; Charles S. Diehl, secretary and assistant manager; George Schneider, treasurer.

The executive committee—Victor F. Lawson, S. Seavalho of the New York World, F. B. Noyes of the Washington Star, Charles W. Knapp of the St. Louis Republic, Colonel Fred Driscoll.

REBELS MAKE HEADWAY.

Reports That Peixoto is Daily Losing Strength and Influence.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 15.—Senior Gavao, minister of war, has resigned, owing to disagreements with President Peixoto regarding the treatment of political prisoners.

The rebels appear to be making headway in Parana, which state is said to be in the hands of the insurgents.

Sao Paulo, the capital of the state of that name, upon which city the rebels were recently reported to be marching, after having made a landing to the south of Santos, is said to be disposed to join issues with the insurgent forces. Sao Paulo has hitherto been considered loyal.

The exact whereabouts of Admiral de Mello continue to be somewhat of a mystery. The general impression is that he is cruising off the port of Santos and co-operating in some manner with the southern forces, which recently landed near Santos.

Admiral de Mello, it is added, has so far recovered his health as to be able to resume active command of the Republica and is be taking steps to attack Santos.

RIVER LEAVES ITS BED.

The Mississippi a Few Miles Below Memphis Finds a New Channel.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 15.—The Mississippi river has cut its way into Horn lake, sixteen miles below Memphis and there is now a four mile current in what was formerly the bed of the river, but which has for half a century been a swamp, dotted here and there with lakes.

The old channel of the river joins the present channel at Norfolk, about twenty miles below where the cut-off occurred. If the river returns to its old bed, thousands of acres of cultivated land will be washed away and a corresponding quantity of new land will in the course of time be made on the west side of the river.

Movements of U. S. Cruisers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A cable dispatch received at the navy department, announces the arrival at Naples of the United States ship [illegible]. The Yorktown is reported to have arrived at Panama, on her way north, to become a member of the Behring sea patrol fleet. A cable from China announces the arrival at Shanghai of the Monocacy.

A SMART SLAP

Given John M. Thurston by Judge Caldwell.

The U. S. Judge Takes an Unexpected Position.

THURSTON REBUKED.

Says U. P. Receivers Have Been Unfair

To Their Employes and He Won't Endorse It.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—Attorneys Thurston and Corwin, who were all here to endeavor to secure an order harmonizing the contradictory opinions of Judge Dundy of Omaha and Judge Hallett of Denver, have met with a surprise at the hands of Circuit Judge Caldwell.

In an informal talk with Judge Caldwell to secure a date for a hearing, Mr. Thurston gave a resume of the existing state of affairs, reciting what the courts as well as the receivers had done, devoting himself more especially to the annulling by the receivers of the wages schedule and their order placing a new and reduced one in effect March 1, together with the order of Judge Dundy, recognizing the propriety of such action, and the action by Judge Hallett, in effect contrary to that order.

Gen. Thurston said that the failure of Judge Hallett to make an order on the subject was held as a refusal to endorse the idea that the receivers have the power to adopt new schedules, and it was this apparent clash of judicial opinion that was creating discontent along the line, and making the situation almost threatening.

After some desultory talk, Judge Caldwell said to Gen. Thurston that the receivers had taken advantage of the men behind their backs. "Go back to Omaha and revoke that order," the judge said, "then I will take your case. Prepare and advertise your schedule and give the men notice, and I think that sixty days might not be unreasonable.

"I will come to Omaha and hold the conference with your receivers and the representatives of the labor associates and we will see if we cannot agree upon a schedule that will be just to the employes, and will be such as the receivers can afford to pay."

Mr. Thurston called the attention of Judge Caldwell to the contradictory orders issued by Judges Dundy and Hallett as to the traffic contract between the Union Pacific and the Gulf branch of that system.

Judge Dundy had directed the receivers to disregard that contract and Judge Hallett said that it must be respected. This contract obligated the Union Pacific to "put up" for the bonded indebtedness of the Gulf branch to nearly a million a year, and the receivers thought prudent business management required that they be relieved of that drain.

As matters now stood, the receivers stood a certainty of being in contempt in one jurisdiction, or the other.

Judge Caldwell said that he would consult with Judge Sanborn as to whether they had jurisdiction and reply later.

PROBABLY NOT DESERTERS

Two Men Held in Jail on Suspicion by the Police.

August Williams and H. Ginn were arrested last night at the Union Pacific depot by Officers Whitney and Summers, suspected of being deserters from the army.

They say they came here from Ft. Riley together. Williams admitted that he had been in the service, but said that he had been dishonorably discharged on January 2, and had been around Ft. Riley ever since. Ginn said he lived in Nevada, Mo., and had a brother at Ft. Riley, and that he was there trying to enlist, but that they refused him on account of some lung trouble he had and also one of his eyes was affected.

He came here with Williams on his way home and stopped here to get a lunch. They were in the restaurant at the depot when they were arrested.

Williams said he was on his way to Leavenworth to accept a position there in a foundry. They were both stealing their way on freight trains and had only 60 cents of cash.

The police are of the opinion that their story is true, and said they would probably be released.

MILLS HUNGRY FOR WORK.

Volume of Iron Trade Increasing but Prices Lower Than Ever.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The Iron Age says today speaking of the iron and metal trades:

Taken all together the news of the week may be summarized as being encouraging in a modest way. The volume of the business is increasing, but the fact that prices in many lines are lower than ever, shows conclusively that there are too many mills desperately hungry for work. Along the whole line of rolling mill products with the exception of wire the tremendous competition continues and lower prices have been made than ever before.

LOCAL MENTION.

Mayor T. W. Harrison is in the western part of the state on business that will occupy several days.

The child artist with Starr's company is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Goodner, members of the company. He is very clever.

E. W. Krackowizer, the advance representative of Julia Marlowe, is in the city making arrangements for her appearance at the Grand, February 26th.

Last night at 10 o'clock the firemen were called to the two-story brick house at 128 Kansas avenue, occupied by roomers. The fire was started by the explosion of a lamp but was extinguished before the department arrived, with only a slight damage.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS.

On the Whole They Have Increased Largely Over Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The monthly treasury statement of domestic exports shows that the total breadstuffs exported during the month of January, 1894, was $13,594,708, against $18,925,161 during January, 1893. The exportations during the seven months ended January 31, 1894, aggregated $108,937,568, against $122,608,880, during the same period of last year; exportations of provisions for January 1894, $4,048,143, against $8,389,254 during January 1893.

During the seven months ended January 31, 1894, $22,182,325, against $20,695,919, during the same period 1893; mineral oil exports for January 1894, $2,415,901, against $2,788,474 for January 1893, for seven months ended January 31, 1894, $17,089,448, against $24,061,506 during the same period of last year; cotton exports during January 1894, $29,403,011, against $19,696,201 for the same month in 1893, for five months ended January 31, 1894, $146,548,727, against $120,541,912 for the same period last year.

DARE NOT OPPOSE HIM

House Democrats Aren't in Favor of Passing Bridge Bill Over Veto.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—During the call of committees for reports this morning, Mr. Wise (Dem., Va.) from the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, reported back the New York and New Jersey bridge bill and accompanying veto of the president, with the recommendation that the bill do not pass over the veto.

Mr. Cummings, rising to a personal explanation, stated that some time ago he introduced a popular loan bill. Since then members had received copies of an amendment to the bill, which they appeared to think came from him. He disclaimed all responsibility for it, and moreover expressed his inalterable opposition to it.

Mr. Bland then moved to go into committee of the whole for the further consideration of the seigniorage bill. Pending that motion, he again made a fruitless effort to fix the limit of the debate.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Senator Platt Opposes Bill Compelling Rock Island to Stop at Enid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—When the senate met today Senator Gorman presented the credentials of Senator-elect McLaurin of Mississippi, and the oath of office was administered to the new senator. A bill was presented by Senator Hoar to prevent lottery practices through the national and foreign mail service.

Senator Harris, of Tennessee, presented a bill to prevent conflict between the federal and state cases affecting private rights.

House bill to compel the Rock Island railroad company to stop its trains at Enid and Round Pond, Okla., came up at 12:30 as unfinished business, and Senator Platt, of Connecticut, took the floor in opposition to the measure.

ROCK ISLAND BEATEN.

Oklahoma Townsite Bill Passes Senate—Vice President's Vote Decides It.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A motion to lay on the table the Oklahoma bill, compelling the Rock Island railroad to stop at regular government townsites, was defeated by 31 to 25.

Peffer's amendment providing for woman suffrage in the Oklahoma townsite bill was defeated; yeas 15, nays 32.

The Oklahoma townsite bill then passed; yeas, 28, nays 27. Vice President Stevenson voting yea.

HIRAM DILLON'S REPORT

Of the Sale of the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern.

Hiram P. Dillon, as master in chancery, this afternoon filed in the office of the federal court his detailed report of the sale of the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern railway, which was made last month. The report is a voluminous one, covering a hundred pages typewritten. It says in substance that the sale was made to the Missouri Pacific for $850,000. There are a lot of claims over and above the purchasing price amounting to about $5,000,000 which the "Mo. Pac." will settle by payment of bonds and otherwise.

Pope Won't Meddle in Politics.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Rome says: The vatican has declined to adopt the suggestion that it use its influence upon the German Centrists in the vote on the adoption of the treaty of commerce, between Russia and Germany.

Mrs. Knisely Dying.

Mrs. Knisely, wife of D. C. Knisely, the veterinary surgeon, is lying at her home 306 west Eight street dangerously ill. Last noon, it was thought that she could not live till evening.

Emperor will Visit Bismarck.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—It is thought here that Emperor William will visit Prince Bismarck on Monday or Tuesday next.

TODAY'S TELEGRAPH TIPS.

James Witter & Co.'s dry goods and notions store at Columbus, Ohio, was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning. Loss over $200,000 on stock, well insured. Loss on building, $70,000.

President Goodnow of the Minnesota league of Republican clubs, has received a telegram from Governor McKinley agreeing to deliver an address before the league in Minneapolis on March 28.

It is announced that Emperor William has given his sanction to the recommendation made through the minister of war to the effect that the weight carried by infantry soldiers be reduced by fourteen pounds.

Secretary Herbert has corroborated the statement in the West Superior, Wis., dispatch, that he had appointed a board of naval officers to examine the plans of Captain Alex. McDougall for a whaleback war ship.

The army ordnance bureau is making experiments at the Sandy Hook proving grounds, with a new disappearing carriage for siege guns. The action which returns to its place after firing is secured by a line of springs.