

NEBRASKA LAWMAKERS

Will Investigate the State Penitentiary Officials.

BILL TO REGULATE STOCKYARDS.

House Recommends That It Pass—Suter's Measure to Fix Commissions For Selling Live Stock in the State Was Favorably Acted On—Convict Jones Has Left the State—Iowa and Nebraska News.

LINCOLN, March 10.—The resolutions for an investigation of the alleged cruelties practiced at the state penitentiary were adopted in the house and senate Friday. The resolution was introduced by Crane (Douglas) as follows:

Whereas, Grave charges have been and are being made in the press of the state against the warden, Hon. A. D. Beemer, and the contractor, W. H. Dorgan, charging cruelty to convicts, attempted bribery and mismanagement of the penitentiary, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to investigate said charges, with power to send for persons and papers, and report the result of their investigations to the senate at as early a date as possible.

The house resolution was offered by Brady (Buffalo) and although worded somewhat differently seeks to accomplish the same purpose.

It is feared, however, that the proposed investigation comes too late in the session to produce practical results. The senate has but 14 working days and the house 11. But little more can be accomplished in this time than a surface investigation.

Two years ago the senate appointed a committee to investigate charges of extreme cruelty on the part of attaches of the penitentiary toward the convicts, but nothing came of it. Convict Jones, whose stories of terrible cruelties in the pen was the primary cause of the trouble, went to Council Bluffs Thursday night.

The house devoted nearly the entire day to a discussion of the stock yards bill No. 328.

The bill as it was recommended to pass provides that the governor shall appoint a live stock inspector, who shall inspect all stock and determine which are piggy sows and which are stags, and who shall allow a dockage of not to exceed 40 pounds for each piggy sow and not to exceed 60 pounds for each stag. The inspector is to receive for compensation 15 cents per car for inspecting the same, to be paid by the shipper.

Maximum rates are fixed for stock yards as follows: For yarding and weighing cattle, 20 cents per head; for yarding and weighing hogs, 6 cents per head; for yarding and weighing sheep, 4 cents per head.

It is declared to be unlawful for the owners to charge a greater price for hay and grain than double the wholesale market price of the same on the day furnished in village or city where said stockyards are located. It is also declared to be unlawful for the owners of stockyards to sell less than 100 pounds of hay for 100-weight, or less than 50 pounds of shelled corn or less than 70 pounds of ear corn for a bushel.

It is also declared to be unlawful for the owners of stockyards to prohibit the owner of any dead stock in such yards from selling to any person or persons to whom the owner of the dead stock may desire to sell the same.

The penalty for violation of the act is a fine for the first offense of not more than \$100; for the second offense not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and for each subsequent offense not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.

The house also recommended to pass Suter's bill to regulate the charges of commission men. This bill fixes the maximum charges for commission as follows:

For selling cattle, 40 cents per head and not to exceed \$8 per car; for selling hogs, 6 cents per head and not to exceed \$5 per car for single deck and \$8 per car for double deck cars; for selling sheep, 4 cents per head, but not to exceed \$4 per car for single deck and \$7 per car for double deck cars.

The penalty is a fine for the first offense of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100; for the second offense, not less than \$100 nor more than \$200, and for each subsequent offense not less than \$200 nor more than \$500.

Carlton Must Hang.

LINCOLN, March 10.—The supreme court refused to grant a rehearing to Charles Carlton, the Fremont man condemned to death. The supreme court in January refused to grant Carlton a new trial and fixed the date for his execution on April 26. Judge Maxwell applied to the supreme court for a rehearing, which is denied. The date of execution remains unchanged.

Says His Son Is Insane.

NEBRASKA CITY, March 10.—Reuben Church swore out a warrant for the arrest of his son, Reuben D. Church, charging him with insanity. Church gained some notoriety a year ago by commencing suit against the State university for refusing to grant him a diploma.

Victory For the Associated Press.

LINCOLN, March 10.—The supreme court reversed the judgment of the dis-

trict court of this county giving the Lincoln Daily Call \$900 damages against the Western Union for discrimination in furnishing the Associated press report, Judge Norval dissenting.

Returning to Nebraska Farms.

NORTH LOUP, March 10.—A number of families who left this place last fall on account of the crop shortage are either now on their way back or have signified their intentions of returning as soon as the close of cold weather.

Seed Bonds Are No Good.

BUTTE, Neb., March 10.—The county commissioners received a message from Auditor Moore notifying them that the seed grain bonds recently voted by this county could not be registered because the attorney general deemed the law unconstitutional.

PENSIONS INCREASED.

Official Notification of the Taking Effect of the New Law.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 10.—Charles Robinson, pension agent for the district of Iowa and Nebraska, received official notice from Washington today to the effect that all pensioners receiving less than \$6 per month receive that amount in the future. There are over 3,300 of them in the district and the yearly expenditures of the agency will be over \$110,000 more, because of the recent act of congress authorizing the increase. There are 2,600 pensioners who receive \$4 a month and 6,000 who get \$2, and the remainder of 3,300 receive odd rates. The pensioners affected will be rerated and the agency will look out for them and send vouchers upon the new rating at the April payment.

To Welcome Bryan.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 10.—The Jefferson club of Lincoln has engaged Funk's opera house for the evening of March 19 for the purpose of giving a reception to Hon. W. J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan will arrive in Lincoln in the afternoon of that day, and in the evening he will be accorded a very lively reception. It happens that March 19 is Mr. Bryan's 35th birthday.

Injured in a Football Game.

ASHLAND, Neb., March 10.—E. E. Hays, "half back" of the Ashland football team, has been confined to his bed for several days from the effects of an injury received in the Beatrice-Ashland football game. It is feared it may prove serious.

Heavy Suit Against a Bank.

SIoux CITY, March 10.—Two suits were commenced against the First National bank by D. H. Talbot, for an aggregate of \$194,000.

Mrs. Peaney's Husband Released.

TOLEDO, O., March 10.—There was a new sensation in the mysterious murder of Mrs. Peter Peaney at Tontogany when the dead woman's husband, who has been arrested for the crime, was released and D. R. Edmond and his hired girl, Nellie Harting, were taken into custody. Dr. Edmond is one of the foremost citizens of the town.

Two Brothers Murdered.

WICHITA, Kan., March 10.—News is received here of a double murder which occurred six miles from Newkirk, O. T. In a dispute over a land claim Cyrus Cowan shot and instantly killed Burt and Willie Coleman, brothers, aged respectively 22 and 16 years. Cowan surrendered.

Three Councilmen Indicted.

NEW ORLEANS, March 10.—The jury returned three separate indictments against Councilmen O. Desforges, Thomas Haley, P. B. Caulfield and others not yet known, for conspiracy to receive a bribe from Charles Marshall, superintendent of the Louisville and Nashville.

Abilene Waterworks Sold.

ABILENE, Kan., March 10.—The Abilene waterworks plant, one of the leading Kansas properties of the American Debenture company of Chicago, was sold at master's sale to the bondholders' committee for \$20,000. It was bonded for \$150,000.

Horseman Brown's Funeral.

CHICAGO, March 10.—The funeral services of the late Samuel A. Brown of Kalamazoo, Mich., who died at Los Angeles, Cal., will be held in this city.

NEWS TOLD IN A FEW WORDS.

In a speech at Canton, O., Senator Peffer predicted that the Populists would be absorbed by an anti-monopoly party.

Michigan senate has passed a factory inspection bill which remedies serious defects in the former system.

Commodore Elbridge T. Gerry was summarily ejected from the New York legislative floor for lobbying for a whipping post.

Charges of recklessness and incompetency have been made against the receivers of the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis road.

Two boys at Los Angeles were poisoned, one of them fatally, by cakes containing strychnine, given by a neighbor.

Three members of the Detroit fire department, while responding to an alarm, were run down and injured by a train.

Henry A. Wing, for 38 years cashier of the Grafton, Mass., National bank, killed himself by shooting.

Worried by his daughter's marriage troubles, John Townsend of Lynchburg, O., committed suicide by drowning.

Three hundred negroes have started from Mississippi and Arkansas to found a colony in Liberia.

First Baptist church of Cincinnati has sued the ministers' conference of that city for \$50,000 for alleged defamation.

A suit involving between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 has been filed at Denver for one-half interest in the capital stock of the Victor Coal and Coke company.

A mass meeting was held at Denver to arrange for the holding of an international mining and industrial exposition in that city next year.

Ex-Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania has abandoned politics and will resume the active practice of law.

T. T. Thighpon, tax collector of Ware county, Georgia, attempted suicide. He is short \$4,500.

The reorganization committee of the Distilling and Cattle Feeding company in New York will perfect the plan of reorganization.

The directors of the American Sugar refiners have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent on the common stock.

The lemon crop of California promises to exceed that of many recent years.

Adjutant General Prime has written Colonel J. H. Guest, commanding the Second regiment, Iowa National Guards, that he has decided to transfer Company H from Burlington to Chariton.

John L. Crall of Farmington was found dead at the McCutcheon hotel in Burlington, having left a gas jet open unlighted. He was 50 years old.

The annual meeting of the Hardin County Farmers' institute is being held at Iowa Falls.

WHIP AND SPUR.

The late Alarm was the first horse to go a mile in 1.42 1/2.

Last season Ramapo won \$21,000 in the all aged division.

Eugene Leigh's Strathmore, out of Spinaway, is entered in the Epson Derby for 1896.

John R. Gentry will probably knock a second or two off the stallion record in 1895.

Historic old Jerome park has been acquired by New York city for reservoir purposes.

Mascot will be campaigned again the coming season in the free for all pacing events.

"Lucky" Baldwin says that the horses he will send east this season are the best he has ever shipped.

If Alix goes right, she should come very near being the two minute trotter before another season closes.

There are only 30 nominations for the Brooklyn Handicap of 1895, about one-half the usual number.

The first authorized shop for the sale of horse meat was in Paris and was opened to the public on July 9, 1866.

Recently the St. Louis Fair association received an offer of \$1,000,000 for its fair grounds property and racing plant.

German cavalry horses are being shod with shoes made of compressed paper. They are cemented to the hoof.

During the siege of Paris in 1870-1 the consumption of horseflesh reached 64,802 horses, 635 asses and three mules.

Joseph Seagram, "the master of Waterloo," heads the list of Canadian owners for 1894, his string having won \$20,680.

Robert J. if he can stand the severe training that is, of course, absolutely necessary, should be the two minute pacer of 1895.

The man who owns the great pacer Saladin, 2:05 1/2, is a very modest gentleman and declines to be recognized as a horseman. He has bought Trainer Green's interest in the horse.—Horseman.

THE SOCIAL ARBITER.

Ward McAllister was a thorough American and at all times upheld whatever was American.—Rochester Union and Advertiser.

Ward McAllister, the first of America's society autocrats, is also the last, and this is more than immortality.—New York World.

He gave distinction to his mission, such as it was, and his name will be remembered long after many other members of the Four Hundred are forgotten.—Indianapolis Journal.

Ward McAllister was one of the characters of this generation. His name will be remembered as long as the social history of the country is written and preserved.—Baltimore American.

Altogether he showed himself a shrewd observer of human nature and a firm believer in Barnum's famous dictum that the American people like to be humbugged.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

His only regret upon leaving this life probably was that he could not take his cardcase with him and would be under the painful necessity of entering heaven unaccompanied.—Buffalo Enquirer.

He did his part well. He has made wealth in New York city more worth while and has given hundreds of the wives of rich men a wholesome diversion and an honorable ambition.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

No buyer in the world knew more about wines than Ward McAllister. And, then, his dinners! They were perfect in every detail and the delight of bon vivants. The bitterest enemy he had in the world once said of him, "Well, he can give dinners."—Boston Herald.

West Virginia's legislators are to wrestle with the subject of woman suffrage. We will now soon discover who builds the fires in that state.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The lyceums, young men's debating clubs and literary societies are all debating woman suffrage this winter. This question never attracted so much attention in this state before.—Lewiston Journal.

Women are able now to exert a strong influence upon public thought and public affairs, and to take the ground that they need the ballot as a defense against men is to underrate one sex and vilify the other.—Boston Journal.

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