

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Mr. Hoblitzell, committee on civil service, reported adversely bills to repeal the civil service act. They were laid on the table. The report says: The committee have diligently investigated the workings of the commission appointed to execute the law, and heartily recommend it for the intelligent and efficient administration of an important branch of executive power. The report then sets forth and reviews the evils of what is known as the spoils system of appointments to office, and continues as follows: Since the organization of the civil service commission, great good has been accomplished in many directions, and better feeling prevails; dominant public sentiment on the subject of reform in the civil service, inspiring the hope that at no distant day the benefits of similar laws may extend throughout the United States, and by harmony of sentiment and action march of that which now contributes to the bitterness of political contests and scandal of our free institutions shall be eliminated and destroyed. Your committee, entirely satisfied with the thorough conscientious and non-partisan work of the civil service commission, are justified in the belief that its continuance will aid to a large degree in eradicating prevalent evils of the civil service of the government, remove just complaint and restore public confidence in work performed by the subordinate officials, and can see no wisdom in the proposed repeal of the law. Your committee unanimously recommended the adverse report.

The judicial bill which passed by the house increases the minimum of jurisdiction of the circuit courts from \$500 to \$2,000 takes away from those courts the jurisdiction in favor of assignees of promissory notes and bills of exchange, and also of a civil nature, arising between corporations and the citizens of any state in which the corporation may have been carrying on business at the time the cause of action accrued, and restricts to defendant the right to remove the cause from the federal court.

The Mexican soldiers' pension bill was taken up in the senate on Monday. The pending amendment was laid on the table, being Biddleberger's amendment to strike out the phrase "for the suppression of rebellion," from Hoar's amendment providing pensions for soldiers who fought in the late war for the suppression of the rebellion. Mr. Williams moved to lay Hoar's amendment on the table. Carried—yeas 53, nays 15. Hanley, Miller, and Platt (rep.) voting with the democrats.

In the house, bills were introduced amending the act authorizing the formation of national banking associations and repealing the internal revenue tobacco tax. Representative Dingley's bill regarding national banking associations provides that in all suits at law or in equity now pending or hereafter brought to enforce the liability of shareholders in national banking associations for contracts and debts and engagements with such associations to the extent of their stock therein at par value thereof in accordance with the provisions of the revised statutes, shareholders shall have the right to set up in defense thereof a equitable discharge of the liability by voluntary payment before the assessment is levied upon said stock by the controller of the currency to enforce said liability, or any other equitable defense which such stockholders may have to such suits.

The house Tuesday considered bills coming from the committee on Indian affairs. Most of the session was devoted to Mr. Nelson's bill to open the Red Lake Indian reservation in Minnesota. Mr. Nelson made a very clear and comprehensive explanation of his bill. He said he thought there was some misapprehension in regard to it. It had been charged that the bill was in the interest of pine land rings, and gotten up to defend the Indians. He emphatically answered this charge by showing that this bill has been so carefully drawn as to prevent any fraud upon the Indians whatever, and that it was against the interest of pine land speculation. His doubtful whether it will come up again this season, but Mr. Nelson says he will avail himself of the first opportunity to call it up again.

In considering the river and harbor bill in the house on Tuesday, the following items of interest to the northwest were agreed to: Improving harbor at Ahnapee, Wis., \$15,000; Green Bay, Wis., \$10,000; Kenosha, Wis., \$5,000; Kewaunee, Wis., \$18,000; Manitowish, Wis., \$15,000; Menominee, Wis., \$10,000; Milwaukee bay, Wis., \$85,000; Oconto, Wis., \$13,000; Stockholm, Lake Pepin, Wis., \$15,000; Port Washington, Wis., \$10,000; Racine, Wis., \$7,000; Superior Bay and entrance, Wis., \$45,000; Sheboygan, Wis., \$28,000; Sturgeon Bay canal, Wis., \$10,000; Two Rivers, Wis., \$8,000; Ice harbor, Dubuque, Iowa, \$20,000; Duluth, \$45,000.

The house has passed a resolution reported by the committee on ways and means, for an adjournment on the 30th of June, but it is not probable that the necessary business can be completed by that date. The appropriation bills are very far behind, and could not be completed, even if the house should hold session night and day. Of the thirteen regular appropriation bills only two have become laws.

The senate Wednesday went into secret legislative session on the item in the consular and diplomatic appropriation bill appropriating \$250,000 to cover the necessary expenses attendant upon the execution of the neutrality act. The bill passed.

The house passed the bill providing for the construction of the Hennepin canal.

The following nominations were made to the senate by the president: Patrick B. Simol of Oregon, agent of the Indians at Grand Ronde agency, Oregon. Registers of land offices: A. W. Rothert of Coma, Cheyenne, Wyo.; O. P. Chisholm, Illinois, Bozeman, Mont.

Current Paragraphs.

This is an unusually cold year for syndicates. The latest to come to grief is the Brazilian crowd who went in to bull the coffee market, and get left to the extent of \$10,000,000.

Seventeen persons were seriously poisoned at Pennsylvania recently by eating ice-cream. The can in which the cream was frozen was carefully examined and found perfectly clean. There seemed to be no opportunity for any poison to find its way into the cream, either through the ingredients used or process of manufacture. An analysis by a competent chemist disclosed the fact that a partial decomposition of the milk or cream had occurred, producing an irritant similar to that found in spoiled meats, which was the poison in the present instance.

One of the oldest blocks in the Strand, London, has just been torn down. In one of the houses Daniel Defoe wrote part of "Robinson Crusoe." The house next, that in which Jack Shephard served his apprenticeship; the house next again, that wherein Mistress Nell Gwynne, the actress, lodged, and where Charles II., with his friends, Rochester and Killigrew, would sit with the fair frail one in the wooden balcony and exchange repartees with the masquer of the period; and the fourth, that were local tradition has it that Ben Johnson, Alvey and the divine William himself had a sort of a club, although it is more certain that Dick Steele wrote many a paper for the Spectator there.

DAKOTA NEWS NOTES.

The Mandan street railway company has been incorporated with a capital of \$10,000.

Allen Barton, twenty-one years, either committed suicide or accidentally shot himself near Woonsocket.

There will be a teachers' institute for Red River valley at Fargo, commencing June 24th, to continue several days.

Mrs. Nellie Johnson, between seventy and eighty years of age, proved up on her Bon Homme county property the other day.

The Missouri river is now swelling from the melting snow of the mountains, and from this date until late in the fall there will be a high stage of water.

W. T. McKay, one of the pioneers of Bismarck and at one time a representative of this district in the territorial legislature, recently died in Deadwood.

Robbie, fourteen-year-old son of John Jones of Sioux Falls, was killed by being run over by a train he was attempting to board while in motion.

Work has been commenced upon a 50,000-bushel elevator for Pillsbury & Hurlbert at Devil's Lake. Over half a million bushels of wheat will be marketed there this fall.

The tenth annual meeting of the Dakota Sunday School association closed a three-days session at Huron. It was the largest religious gathering ever held in the territory.

While two men named Anderson and Hardy, were working in a ditch laying pipes for the waterworks, at Huron, the bank caved in, killing Anderson and severely injuring Hardy.

James Bannan, station agent at Portland, was arrested for embezzlement. He waived examination, and was bound over to the next term of the district court in the sum of \$2,000.

The suit at Kimball against L. A. Foote, formerly cashier of the bank of Kimball, charging him with having embezzled \$172 of a depositor's money, resulted in his prompt acquittal.

The citizens of Chamberlain have held a secret meeting to organize an anti-horse thief society; and if some of those fellows don't look sharp the vigilance committee will be after them uncomfortably close.

Work has been resumed on the capitol at Bismarck, with a large force of men and teams. The legislative halls will be completed and the dome erected before the next legislative assembly convenes. The capital commission meets in this city on the 20th.

An event of social importance occurred at Watertown, it being the marriage of Miss Kate A. Williams, daughter of Hon. C. G. Williams, ex-congressman from Wisconsin, now register of the land office at Watertown, and Dr. R. F. Campbell of this city. The ceremony was performed at 11 a. m. by Rev. S. G. Updyke, at the residence of the bride's parents. There was a large number of presents, many from friends at the former home of the bride, Janesville, Wis.

Tin has been found in immense quantities in the Black Hills, and promises to be of more true advantage and wealth to the country than all the gold and silver mines ever discovered there. Prof. Bailey has investigated the matter and made a most flattering report. The papers of the Black Hills say on his authority that there is tin enough in the "finds" to supply not only this country, but England. The stream tin, which can be obtained by sluicing, will yield about 75 per cent of pure tin.

Gen. Terry has issued orders relieving Companies G (Steelhammer's) and K (Hartz's) Fifteenth infantry, from the duty at Fort A. Lincoln, and directing them to proceed to Camp Poplar River, Mont., and there take station, relieving Companies B and F of the Eleventh infantry. The movement will take place as soon as transportation can be provided and upon the arrival of the detachment of the Fifteenth at its destination the companies of the Eleventh will change station to Fort A. Lincoln.

The firemen of North Dakota had their first meeting in the opera house in Fargo. Addresses were made to the body at the opening of the session by Waldo M. Potter, H. F. Miller and other prominent citizens. Permanent organization was effected. Matters of general interest and the formation of a firemen's insurance company were discussed. Officers were elected as follows: W. D. Fenton, Fargo, president; J. Ryan, Grand Forks, vice president; F. W. McKinley, Bismarck, secretary; J. Binghampton, treasurer.

Truth is Mighty and Must Prevail

Is a good old maxim, but no more reliable than the 'oft repeated verdict of visitors that

COOPERSTOWN, DAKOTA,

is the Queen City of a magnificent county and the most beautifully located of the many new and prosperous places of North Dakota. It is the

Permanent County Seat of Griggs County, and, though only a few months old, already has a representation in nearly every branch of business and each man enjoying a profitable trade. Plenty of room for more business houses, mechanics or professional men. Cooperstown is not only the

TERMINUS OF THE S. C. & T. M. R. R., but is also Headquarters thereof. In short, the place is, by virtue of its situation

The Central City of the Central County of North Dakota.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL CENTER! THE COMMERCIAL CENTER!
THE FINANCIAL CENTER! THE RAILROAD CENTER!

and the outfitting point of settlers for fifty miles to the North and West. The energetic spirit of Cooperstown's citizens, who in most cases have not yet reached the meridian of life, the singleness of purpose and unity of action in pushing her interests, have resulted in giving her an envious reputation for business thrift even this early in her history.

GRIGGS COUNTY

is the acknowledged Eden for settlers and home-seekers. Its soil is unsurpassed; its drainage the very best; its climate salubrious, and its railway advantages par-excellent. Public land in the county is becoming scarcer every day, yet there are still thousands of opportunities for the landless to get homes.

GREAT STRIDES

toward Metropolitan comforts have been made in Cooperstown and the wandering head of the weary traveler can here find rest and entertainment at an

BEAUTIFUL AND ELEGANTLY APPOINTED HOTEL,

erected at a cost of \$21,000. The man who becomes a citizen of Griggs county's thrifty capital can have, without price or waiting, the advantages of

GOOD SCHOOLS AND SPLENDID SOCIETY.

The rapidly growing embryonic city of Cooperstown is surrounded on all sides by the very richest lands in North Dakota. Cooperstown, situated as it is in the very heart of a new and fertile region, must boom to keep pace with the

UNPARALLELED RAPID DEVELOPMENT

of the surrounding country. When you stop and consider the facts you will realize the advantages this new town enjoys. It being the terminus of a railroad, the entire country makes it a

UNIVERSAL TRADING POINT,

a fact demonstrated by the merchants already established and enjoying big trades. Cooperstown is not an experiment but is built on the solid rock of commercial industry. Sound investments can be made in Cooperstown city property or Griggs county farm lands by applying to the

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