

The Legislature.

Now is the time when it is often written that "a sigh of relief has gone up from the people," upon the adjournment of the legislature, and the "political tricksters" come back to their "disgraced constituents," etc. Nevertheless, there has been some honest legislation, some jobbery, and much attempted jobbery, which has been partially coped by our intelligent and conscientious executive. Some return with "their brows bound with victorious wreaths" from successful labors in the interests of their constituents; others retire with the price of their offices. They have all made their records; and thus endeth the Ninth session.

Among other things, we notice that our county seat has not been moved, although an Argus, from A. W. Edwards (with the blue pencil mark attached), informed us that there was no doubt of the bill passing the house. The act to legalize the tax in ranges 56 and 57 failed.

Gov. Pierce vetoed the woman suffrage bill. He assigned specific reasons, but was evidently "agin it," in any event. In a bill of this nature, the merit of which no man can determine, it was generally supposed that Gilbert would respect the young Dakota "idea," but he did not.

The wheat bill, the text of which we shall shortly publish, is a law; and in spite of a modification in some of its original provisions, all people of Dakota, whose prosperity must depend upon that of the farmer, have reason to congratulate themselves. The Richardson amendment, which was intended to defeat the purposes of the bill, and which was supported by Councilmen Richardson, Twomey, Nickeis and La Moure, was too rank to be approved by the majority of statesmen about to face their constituents. A representative can do no better thing than carry out the wishes of his constituents, whether he agrees with them or not.

Richardson seems to have secured the unmitigated condemnation of his constituents in the late unpleasantness; and Steele does not seem to have cut the wide swathe that was anticipated.

The electors' qualifications are changed so that a residence of sixty days in the county will hereafter be a requisite.

Griggs county is now in a legislative district, composed of Traill, Steele, and Griggs,—a change for the better.

The total amount of appropriations is \$439,438.80.

Uncle John Van Dusen's erratic course at Pierre, and the subsequent proceedings, is accounted for by the creation of the county of Stanton, with Van Dusen as county seat.

The school bonding bill died, and therein was lost much labor.

We learn that certain parties in Cooperstown are bringing every influence to bear to urge and assist Flittie in getting a bill passed disorganizing Steele county. Is it not time for those interested to be up and at work? We have drawn attention to the matter before. This is nothing more nor less than a scheme on the part of Griggs county to compel the citizens of Steele county to help pay the Griggs county debt of between \$60,000 \$70,000. We have spoken with numbers of citizens from the northern and other portions of Steele county, and one and all express great indignation towards Flittie, and even his Norwegian brethren say that should he introduce the above bill they are done with him forever.—Hope Pioneer.

According to the Argus of March 13, chapter XXXVI, of the laws of 1883, creating the county of Steele has been repealed, which is hardly credible.

The Wheat Bill.

The bill creates a board of three commissioners to be appointed by the governor—one from North Dakota, one from the central part of the territory and one from South Dakota. The board will watch the condition of the roads, the rules and regulations of the companies and the charges made for carriage of freight and passengers and will recommend to the companies such improvements, changes and modifications as it considers expedient and for the safety or good of the public. The companies' compliance or noncompliance with such recommendations is to be reported to the legislature.

Annual reports are required, which will show the financial standing of each company, its earnings and expenses in gross and partly in detail.

Discriminations between shippers are forbidden; farmers or others may require a car to be conveniently placed for loading from wagons or sleighs; and on approval by the commission, any mill or elevator near the right of way must be allowed to make side track and switch connection.

In other respects the bill aims at making a free market at each station

and the board, whose powers are otherwise limited, may institute prosecutions for violations of the mandatory provisions of the act.—Ex.

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Road Petition.

Territory of Dakota, County of Griggs ss. To the Board of County Commissioners of said county:

The undersigned freeholders residing within the immediate neighborhood of the route hereintofore mentioned and described for a public road, do hereby petition you to cause to be laid out and opened a public road of the width of 60 feet, as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of section 1, township 146, range 58, in said county, and running from thence in a westerly direction on the most eligible route to the quarter stake on the north side of section 1, township 156, range 59, said road to follow the township line between 146 and 147, as nearly as possible.

The names of the owners of land over which the same is to pass are, John E. Quale, John Arneson, A. C. Knudson, John M. Dahl, Theodore F. Kerr.

And your petitioners pray that the said road may be laid out and opened according to law.

Syver Syverson. Esten Johnson. H. E. Hoble. Gilbert Olson. Ole Olson. Osmund Nelson. Endre J. Vikner. John H. Eagan. Nels Nelson. Rufus Pinkerton. Robert Pinkerton. James A. Ames. Allan Pinkerton. 8-10

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 3, 1885. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof on the 25th day of March, 1885, viz: Ole Olson, D. S. No. 11,103, for the n-w 1/4 of sec. 14, twp 147, n. range 58 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Carl A. Eljseram, Andor A. Anderson, John Johnson, Knudt Halderson, all of Bonness, Griggs county, D. T. The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 23d day of March, A. D. 1885, at his office. HORACE AUSTIN, Register. Jacobson & Oie, attorneys. 4-9

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