CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

Saturday, February 10.

SENATE. - After a brief executive session. Mr. Ingalls presented the credentials of Plumb, re-elected senator from Kansas, which was read and filed.

Mr. McMillan introduced a bill for an additional justice of the supreme court of Da-

Mr. Sawyer presented a remonstrance of citizens of Wisconsin against putting lumber

on the free list.

The pension appropriation bill passed and work on the tariff bill was resumed.

The result of the seven hours' session of

to-day was that the tobacco tax was reduced cents a pound, and the tax on cigars. cigarettes, etc., to \$3 per 1,000, while salt to be used for preservative purposes was practically placed on the free list with the understanding that there should be another vote on the proposition to put all salt on the free

Then the senate came out of the committee of the whole, wherein all the ariff debate yet had occurred, and proceeded to vote on the several amendments adopted in the committee of the whole.

To the senate bank tax amendment Platt

of Connecticut proposed an amendment in the interest of the country banks repealing the tax on circulation. This was defeated. Then an amendment fixing the tax on certain varieties of vinegar was taken up.

The discussion promised to be prolonged,

so Van Wyck carried an adjournment. House .- After routine business the tariff bill was taken up.

Mr. Dunnell, who appeared on the floor for the first time since the holidays, moved to reduce the duty on cut nails and spikes and spoke in support of his motion, but it

Monday, February 12.

SENATE.-The senate to-day, on the tariff bill, raised the rate on pig iron and scrap iron from \$6 a ton to \$6.20.

The lumber interest proved strong enough to restore the duty by a vote of nearly two to one. It has been put on the free list in to one. It has been put on the free list in committee of the whole, which would have

The nomination of James H. Teller, brother of Secretary Teller: as secretary of Dakota was sent to the senate to-day.

Confirmations; Eugene H. Plumacher; United States consul at Maricaibo; Green C. Chandler, United States district attorney Northern district; of Misssissippi. Post-masters; Squire D. How, Marshall, Lyon county, Minn.; Hattie E. Carroll, Plainview, Minn.; Charles W. Wood, Burlington, Wis.; Minn.; Charles W. Wood, Burlington, Wis.; Lyman H. Warner, Superior, Wis.; George C. Haugh, New Richmond, Wis.; James F. Parker, Parkersburg, Iowa; Charles M. Fulton, Columbus Junction, Iowa.

Nominations: Emory Speer, United States attorney, Northern district of Georgia; Joshua B. Hill, United States marshal, Eastern district of North Carolina; William H. Clayton, United States attorney, Western district of Arkansas; Robert G. Dyrenforth, Illinois, assistant commissioner of patents James H. Teller, Ohio, secretary of the Territory of Dakota.

House.-A joint resolution introduced by Mr. Holman directing the secretary of the interior to issue no more patents to land grant railroads until further action of congress. The tariff bill was taken up, and a motion to reduce the duty on trace chains not less than three-fourths of an inch in diameter from 2 to 13 cents per bound was carried.
Mr. Dunnell moved to reduce the duty on chains less than 2 and not less than 3 inch in diameter from 2½ to 2 cents, which was carried. The legislative appropriation bill was considered at the evening session.

Tuesday, February 13.

SENATE. -Mr. Kellogg presented two bills to improve the navigation of the Mississippi. The tariff bill was proceeded with. A mo tion to reconsider the vote by which lumber was struck from the free list was lost-ayes, 21; nays, 34. Sugar was the subject of discussion during three or four hours. The New England grades; the Southern who wanted reductions in the er grades, if any reductions to be made; the men from the were to be made; the men from the Middle States, who were opposed to any reductions, but preferred reductions in lower grades, made over again the speeches they had made in committee of the whole,

At times the debate was exciting.

The southern men seemed to think that being made by the finance committee to take an unfair advantage of them. They resented them in strong terms. The out-come of it all was a compromise which Bayard the peacemaker brought about. Everybody professed to be satisfied. The woolen schedule was completed, and the book schedule reached, when the senate

House .- The river and harbor bill was re-

ported. Work on the tariff bill was resumed. A charge by Mr. Townsend of Illinois that the bill was the unfairest and most opwas prepared, not by the ways and means committee but by hired agents of monopolists, precipitated a controversy which bordered on the sensational in which Messrs. Haskiil, Reed, Townshend Carlisle and others took part Townshend, Carlisle, and others took part, veral amendments to the bill were made,

but none of a very important character. Wednesday, February 14. SENATE.-A bill was introduced by Mr. Blair prohibiting the employment of convicts upon works or property of the United

The tariff bill being continued with, the action of the committee of the whole in puting books, etc., on the free list was disagreed to—31 to 33—and the duty remains in the bill 15 per cent. ad valorem.

The following nominations were sent to the senate: Joel F. Mason, receiver of public moneys, St. Croix Falls, Wis.; Michael Field, register land office, St. Croix Falls, Wis. Postmasters: George Phillips, Brooklyn, Iowa; L. S. Gilkey, Rockport, Wis.; E. F. Sever, Reedsburg, Wis.

House-The tariff bill being under consideration. Mr. Cox of New York moved that foreign built ships be admitted on payment of 30 per cent duty ad valorem. Lost —59 to 92; Messrs. Kisson, Updegraff, Deering and Farwell, all of Iowa, voted with the affirmative as did Mr. Candler of Massachu-

A motion by Mr. Anderson to strike out the whole paragraph relating to sawed lum-ber was lost, as were several amendments looking to a reduction of duties on wooden The legislative bill was considered at the evening session.

Thursday, February 15.

SENATE .- A remonstrance against any reduction of the tariff on books below 25 per cent. signed by the poets Whittier, Holmes and Aldrich, was presented.

The tariffbill was then considered.

A motion to make the duty on foreign ore

was lost—18 to 36. House-A conference report on the Japanese indemnity fund bill, providing for the return of only the original amount to Jepan, etc., was presented to be adopted. The house then addressed itself to the tarriff bill, sugar schedule. At the evening session the legislative appropriation bill was discussed.

The Great Flood in Ohio. Indiana and Kentucky.

FLOATING ABOUT IN CONFUSION.

In the lower hollows of the cotton lands the water is within a foot or two of the roofs of the houses. The entire neigh borhood is doing all it can for succor of the sufferers. There was cause of extreme individual suffering last night which the pub-lic may never know. Mothers hurried through the rising waters with babes intheir arms. In some cases sick people had to be taken through windows and thence rescued to places of safety. Several were rescued from trees to which they had climbed. Along the wharf the water is still rising at

Along the whart the water is still rising at the rate of an inch per hour, with a few inches over 39 feet in the canal, 36 and inches in the chute on the falls, and 34 feet and 2 inches over the rocks. Business is entirely suspended on the wharf from first street round to Portland avenue. The river last year reached its highest mark at 37 feet 10 inches in the canal. The houses along the wharf are in miserable condition as the water is in the second stories and people are moving higher up to escape the water. Enginees is higher up to escape the water. Business is almost at a standstill owing to the flood. The mayor is distributing food to the suf-ferers with a liberal hand. The board of trade turns over \$500 to the sustemance fund, with more to follow. The German flood sufferer's fund is diverted to home use \$716, and the Buckingham theater will give the gross receipts of the Saturday matinee to German citizens for sufferers.

TERRIBLE SITUATION AT LOUISVILLE. The greatest disaster that ever befell this city is now upon us. The flood crisis came about midnight, and to-day nearly a square mile is under water within the limits of the city. From 500 to 800 people are driven from their homes. To cap the climax there has been loss of life, how great it is still impossible to say. This morning the entire section of the city from Preston street to the cut-off, and north of the short line fill, is in cut-off, and north of the short line fill, is in the river. People living there had plenty of warning. As stated, the river all day just lapped the top of Fulton street and the cut-off embankments, and in places the water was trickling over. At 3 o'clock a consider-able break occurred at Adams street, and a hundred men worked vigorously to stop the waves, but in the face of all this the infatuated inhabitants of the old Bear Grass creek remained in their houses and most of them went to bed as usual. About 11 o'clock last night the break came. The cut-off dam, overcome by the terrific weight of water from above, gave way, and instantly with a loud roar the flood rushed over. It may be imagined with what force the waters came when they had a fall of 15 to 18 feet to the low ground. In less time than it takes to tell it, the flood was sweeping in all directions and the unfortunate people were surprised in their houses. With a mighty rush the water swept from square to square, rising in the houses and severing many from their foundations. The scene was awful. The roar of waters could not drown the screams of the people who ESCAPING FROM THEIR DOOMED DWELLINGS.

Mer, women and children waded through the advancing waters, each with what household goods they could lay hands on. Bonfires glimmered from the higher ground, which the poor outcasts had gained, and which the poor outcasts had gained, and hundreds of peop e shivered in wet clothing about the smoky fires. To an observer who stands to-day at the toot of Jackson, Shelby or Clay street it is impossible why the loss of life was not larger. The scene of last night beggars description. The people who were blissfully sleeping in foolish confidence that the embankment would shelter them were rudely awakened by the flood coming into their houses. Some were even surprised in bed. When the stroke came it was like lightning in the darkness. The entire northeast corner of the city in the stroke came it was of life was not larger. The scene of last is a picture of utter destruction. There are thirty-five squares under water. The situation may be briefly summed up. All the point is under water, and the country beyond the cut-off, comprising 150 houses, known as Bowleville, is flooded. Half of known as Bowleville, is flooded. Half of Portland and all of Shippingport are in the waves. All day long a stream of people passed down the short line track to look at the ruin. The outlook is appalling. Houses are overturned, some on their sides, some almost on their roofs. Other buildings are crushed to pieces. Most of the houses are small cottages of frail con-struction, and perhaps a third of them in the flooded locality have been swept from their foundations. Doors, windows, sashes, pieces of furniture, lumber, drift wood, hingles, are all

Bismarck.

A sketch of Prince Bismarck, in the Hour, has this interesting paragraph:

The prince is a most affectionate husband and father, and his letters to his sister, Countess Arnim, prove that he is devoted to her also. At school and at college he had many friends, but in later years they had become very few indeed. Among the friends at college whom he still names with regret was an American author of the Rise of the Dutch American author of the Rise of the Dutch Republic, John Lothrop Motley. The prince's religious principles have under-gone a change. In early years he in-clined towards the philosophy of Spino-za and Hegel, but at present he must be called a pious man in the purest sense of the word. In many letters to his wife he expresses regret at the unhis wife he expresses regret at the unbelief of his younger years, and he says that he cannot conceive how anyone who will not believe in God and eter-nal life should be able to bear mortal existence. During the night which fol-lowed the battles of Sedan and preceded Bismarck's interview with Napoleon III. his desire to obey his worldly master but his heavenly father that made him put up with so many sorrows and grievances.

"Long" John Wentworth, of Chicago, proposes to have a reunion of sixty Dartmouth classes at the commencement at that college this year.

THE LEGISLATURE.

YANKTON, Feb. 9. - The chief business in the council to-day was the discussion of the Yankion county refunding bill in committee of the whole. After several months' consideration,

was developed, except that Redfield seems to be willing to donate one section of land and \$50,000 to Huron's twenty acres and \$27,-000. In the council the following bitls were

To amend Sec. 1,735, civil code, relative to dis-To amend sec. 1,735, Givil code, relative to un-charge of mortgages on records by the presenta-tion of evidence from the mortgage stating that the mortgage is satisfied; the bill for the cancela-tion of debts by garnishment; the bill to adjust in-debtedness of newly newly organized counties.

The following bills passed: To amend Secs. 377 and 381 Civil Code regulating the fees of officers and attorneys in civil and criminal actions, fixing the amounts in civil and criminal actions; to regulate the costs of civil actions; to authorize the county commissioners of Davison county to issue bonds to fund indebtedness.

Council bills passed:

To amend Sec. 1, Chap. S6, Laws 1881, relative to the exemption of members of fire companies from services on juries; to amend Sec. 718 Criminal Code, relative to providing a penaity for the unau-thorized disclosure of telegrams; to incorporate the city or Redfield.

Council bills introduced:

By Walsh—To regulate the acts of the city of Grand Forks in contracting water works; also, authorizing John Shelly to operate for fifteen years a ferry across Red river, near Caledonia.

By McAuly—To fund the indebtedness of Spink county.

to-day the Yankton county refunding bill passed without opposition. The defeat of the amendment in committee of the whole yesterday was enough to convince the few opposed to the measure that nine-tenths of the people of Yankton county were in earnest about casting off the stain of repudiation. The bill will succeed in the house, will then be voted upon by the people, and refunding will then begin. The interest will be paid regularly, and no one will ever mistrust that taxes are higher, as only about \$12,000 have to be raised on the assessed valuation of nearly \$2,000,000. Bills passed in the council: to-day the Yankton county refunding bill these additional offers were worthy of con-passed without opposition. The defeat of the sideration at the hands of the committee. Bilts passed in the council:

Providing that no exemption shall be allowed any person against an execution issued for the parchase money of the property claimed to be exempt; to authorize Deadwood to issue \$100,000 bonds in aid of a railroad; providing that the penalty for murder shall be death or life imprisonment at discretion of the june. cretion of the jury. House bills lost:

Making the office of clerk of the court elective; allowing a judge to designate the place for holding district court when none suitable is provided at the

Council bills introduced:

By McIntosh—To authorize the construction of a court house and jail in Hughes county. By McIntosh—To incorporate the city of Mitchell. By Roberts—To amend Sec. 607 cvil code. By Nickens—Granting the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the Missouri river in township No. 124 north, range 78 west.

of few ollege as an outch. The house on interesting debate was had by the introduction of a bill by Chatcau to create the office of district attorney for counties, which was pased under a suspension of the rules, when Bowman give notice of a motion to reconsidered. Williams promptly moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered and the motion to reconsider lie on the table. The motion prevailed and the bill goes to the council. The following bills passed:

To construct a normal school, at Madison; authorizing the town of Wallhalla Pembina county, to

existence. During the high which lot lowed the battles of Sedau and preceded lismarck's interview with Napoleon III., he read for hours in a prayer-book. In a speech during dinner upon a festive occasion, Bismarck declared that without his faith in God he should have given up his post long ago. It was not his desire to obey his worldly master but his heavenly father that made him the lightly of microprise in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate practice in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the class and deaths; by Bowman, to regulate practice in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the class and deaths; by Bowman, to regulate practice in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the class and the registration of births and deaths; by Bowman, to regulate challenges of jurors in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate practice in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the challenges of jurors in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the challenges of jurors in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the challenges of jurors in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the challenges of jurors in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the challenges of jurors in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the challenges of jurors in criminal cases; by Hynt, to regulate the challenges of jurors in criminal cases; by Hy liability of miners, mine owners and mill men.

> YANKTON, Dak., Feb. 12. - Jerauld's bill creating a railroad commission was introduced in the council to-day. It is one of the most important bills of the session. It provides three commissioners at \$3,500 salary, one chief clerk at \$2,000 and a marshal at \$1,000; the principal office

at Yankton with branch offices at Huron, Grand Forks or Fargo. The members are to have no other business. The board is to have very full power to look into the management of railways and all matters of railway traffic. The opinion has been expressed by a few members that any action whatever looking toward a change in railway taxa-

Souncil to day was the discussion of the Parkellon County refunding till in committee of the whole. After several months' considerable, the whole after several months' considerable, the whole after several months' considerable and been said in repart to Yankton's so-called restory strong bond, the purmet of which not had been said in repart to Yankton's so-called restory strong bond, the purmet of which not had been said in repart to Yankton's so-called restory strong bond, the purmet of which not had been said in repart to Yankton's so-called restory strong bond, the purmet of which not had been so that the part of the failure of the division bill in the appeal to the had so the bond on to the bill on the ground that is commendations were humilisting. These individuals up in discussion. The most noticeable annual most proposed to fake the negotiation of the bonds on to the hands of the county owners and hace it in the hands of the county owners and hace it in the hands of the county owners and hace it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and place it in the hands of the county owners and the proposed owners are been brighted to the hands of the county owners and the proposed owners are been brighted to the proposed owners and the proposed owners are been brighted to the proposed owners and the proposed owners are been brighted to be looked in the case of the proposed owners are the proposed owners and the prop

YANYEON, Feb. 13.-This has been the most nteresting day of the session, especially in the council. It was known that the committee or Pervitorial affairs would report on the capital emoval bill, and it was generally conceded that the report would be adverse. The lobby was packed with members of the different delegaions anxious to citch every word. This subject has been the leading topic of conversation for nearly two weeks, and while in the first case it was brought forward merely to strengthen other measures. It gained such strength after the advent of the Huron delegation as these good peop became so sanguine of succe-s on the merit of the case that doubters began to wonder the measure might not pass after all. Th interest, therefore, was great. As soon as the committee reported, Mr. Walsh, the originator of the bill, jumped up and moved that the bill be recommitted to the special committee, which brought out a brief passage at arms. His grounds for the recommitment were that Huron had offered an additional donation of land and funds for the erection of buildings which YANKTON, Dak., Feb. 10.-In the council had not been incorporated in the bill, and

of the committee on territorial affairs, explained its action alleging the Huron delegates but not appeared before the committee nor presented their claims, though an opportunity had been given. Mr. Nickeus, a member of the committee, made a brief personal explanation. The vote on Walsh's motion resulted in its delet by the following motion resulted in its defeat by the following

Vote:
Affermative—Burdick, Neckeus, Roberts, Walsh,
Zerbact and Scocey.
Negative—Demoy, Jackson, Gerauld, McAuley,
McIntosh and Washabangh.

McIntosh and Washabaugh.

The report of the committee on Territorial affairs was adopted by the same vote, except that Seibach failed to commit himself. The bill will come up on its final passage to-morrow; and while the Huron people are depressed they are active and on the lockout for another vote it is thought, however, that no change will take place, and that Hurons chances are below par for removal this time. It is rumored that a movement will now be counties, which was pased under a suspension of the rules, when Bowman give notice of a motion to reconsider. Williams promptly moved that the vote by which the bill passed be reconsidered and the motion to reconsider lie on the table. The motion prevailed and the bill goes to the council. The following bills passed:

To construct a normal school, at Madison; authorizing the town of Wallhalla Pembina county, to construct a bridge across the Red river; providing that when the county commissioners of new comites appoint officers the latter shall hold office until the first Monday after the next general election.

House bills introduced:

By Chateau, to regulate the cross-examination of defendants in criminal causes; also to provide for the registration of births and deaths; by Bowman, to regulate challenges of jurors in criminal cases; by Hyrkt, to regulate practice in criminal cases; by Hyrkt, to regulate practice in criminal cases; by Hyrkt, to regulate practice in criminal cases; in which the United States is a party; by Harvey, to settled. Jamestown was awarded the insane asylum; Grand Forks the university, and Bismarek captures the penitentiary, notwith-standing Roberts had already filed upon it for Fargo. It was claimed that with Fargo's immense postofiles business, and with the United States court Fargo was bound to get a fine United States builting that would offset the others; accordinally. Williams this morning gave notice of a bill in the house for a penitentiary at Bismarck, and Roberts one in the council for Fargo. At this time no settlement of the question has been suggested and northern measures may be thus damaged. The following bills passed the council:

Providing \$25,090 for the construction of a west wing for the hospital for the insane; appropriating

Providing \$25,090 for the construction of a west wing for the hospital for the insane; appropriating \$25,000 for the establishment and maintenance of an agricultural cellege at Brooking; to provide funds for a normal school at Spring field; making 20 cents per description compensation for publication of tax sales; providing funds for and completion and maintenance of the university at Vermillion; pro-

viding funds for the completion of the Territorial peni entiary; providing an appropriation of \$30,-000 for permanent improvements, and purchase or lease of a stone quarry for the Territorial peniten-tiare.

tary.

Council bill No. S3, providing funds for a normal school at Spearfish passed, all voting in the affirmative.

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In the house Zeibach introduced a bill for dividing Bon Homme and Hutchins county in order to make Scotland, Sprinfield and Maxwell county seats of the new counties. Nearly nine-tenths of the voters have protested. Maj. Edwards, of the Fargo Argus, arrived last night on his return from Washington, and was to-day voted the honor of the floor of the house. Bills were introduced incorporating Pierre and Aberdeen as cities.

YANKTON, Dak., reb. 14 .- Yesterday, when the bill to remove the capital to Huron was adversely reported and the report was adopted by the council, it was thought Huron had failed to capture the prize. To-day, however, the Huron people have thrown off despondency and are feeling sanguine of ultimate success. When the question came up this morning, Nickens introduced a resolution to recommit the bill to a committee whose duty will be to inquire into the expediency of removal now, to what point it should be moved and what inducements different towns would offer the Territory The committee was to give all persons interested in the removal a full hearing. The resolution

ested in the removal a full hearing. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Burdick, McCauly, Nickens, Roberts, Schoby, Walsh and Zeibach.

Nayes—Dewey, Jackson, Jerauld, McIntosh and Wishhabaugh.

A well-informed gentlemen remarked to-night that not over four councilmen would vote for the bill, though one or two were glad to have the question pending to strengthen other measures of doubtful utility and propriety. Schoby appointed on the committee Nickens. Walsh, Zeibach, Burdick and Dewey. The council committee on counties met to-night to consider the bill for defining the boundaries of Bonbomme, Charles, Mix, Douglass, Hutchinson and Wagner counties. The committee consists of Walsh, McIntosh and Zeibach, who introduced the bill. Daboll, superintendent of public schools of Hutchinson county, appeared, offered remonstrances and asked that the matter be submitted to vote. Zeibach refused this.

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THE COUNCIL PASSED

the bill authorizing bonds for the court house of Ridder county; also the bill incorporating the city of Jamestown. The house bill taxing express companies on gross receipts was lost. House billy passed: Defining the boundaries of Hyde county; to reneal a part of the funding act of Penningten and Custer counties; to vacate the town plat of Roscoe, Moody county; to amend the incorporation act of Flandreau. The governor signed the bill making obscene language punishable. The bill allowing commissioners of counties having attached to them unorganized territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to sell liquor in such territory to grant license to following house bills passed: Authorizing Morton county to issue bonds; authorizing Morton county to bridge Heart river; incorporating the dity of Lisbon: creating the county of Nelson from parts of Grand Forks and Ramsey. Council bills passed: Amending the incorporating act of Grand Forks; authorizing Davison county to fund outstanding indubtedness; allowing fees for service of summons in justice and district courts only when served by officers. House bills introduced: By Newlin, to incorporate the city of Rapid City; also, to protect the hide and meat cattle; also, to repeal Sec. 1 of Chan. 29, entitled, Highways, Bridges and Fer

YANKTON, D. T., Feb. 15 .- When a man inquires for news nowadays it is commonly considered that he asks about the removal of the capital, for that has been the uppermost topic for several days. No new developments to-day except a rumor that Delegate Pettigrew will shortly reach Yankton to participate in locating the capital. The ground for the rumor is that a gentleman declares that he has seen a Washington letter to that effect, and that Pierre will be Pettigrew's place; this because he owns over 400 acres of land at or near Pierre, which would of course be of great value should the capital go there. The suspicions that McCauley had sold out to Huron are unjust to McCauley. While he voted yesterday to recommit the bill, he is known to have said that he would not vote for Huron. Without his vote Huron is hopeless, as it will be next to impossible to get over six votes. The air has been so full of capital schemes that some coel and clear-headed men assert that some action will certainly be taken in regard to re-moval. The least that will be done will be to appoint a commission to consider the matter in all its bearings, examine different towns, receive their proposals to give land or each for public buildings, possible to look up. a per formation. sibly to look up a new townsite and report to the next legislature. This will be conservative enough, as it will take two years to act and by that time it may become clear where is the best location. The council committee on counties to-day favorably reported Zeibach's bill for creating three new counties. Jackson and Jerould alone voted against the report (McIutosh in the chair), though others will oppose it when it comes on final passage. Bills passed:

To locate and establish the university of North Dakota at Grand Forks; to provide funds for the establishment of the university of North Dakota; to provide for the erection of a courthouse and jail in the county of Lamoure.

House holls passed the council. Housé bills passed the council:

To provide funds for building a normal school at Madison; to legalize the acts of the incorporated village of Flandreau.

In the committee of the whole the bill slicing up Brown county was favorably reported, and the bill is to be submitted to the popular vote. The bill for grading and draining and ditching was favorably reported. The leading event in the house was the defeat of the bill to provide

LOCAL TAXATION OF BAILROAD PROPERTY,
The measure was introduced by Mr. Rice,
and was argued at length by him, with Mossrs.
Cottan and Imma on the other side. The bill
was nearly the same in its effects as the one was nearly the same in its effects as the one introduced at a previous session, and defeated after a hard fight. Railroad men who have been here during the session watching legislation, feel easier. While there has been no danger of the passage of the bill, its defeat might have caused a struggle. The majority of members seem to agree with Gov. Ordway's message, that in early development railroads should not be crippled by excessive taxation, and that the tax on gross earnings is sufficient, especially as nearly \$60,000 was the amount for 1880 and 1881. For 1882 shone the tax will be about \$60,000. Never bless, members are at work on another bill which will shortly be heard from. The bill incorporating the city of Sioux Falls has passed both houses. Bills introduced in the house: house: