

# FREE TEXT BOOKS.

## POPULISTS PROPOSE REFORMS.

### They Also Pass the World's Fair Appropriation Bill—Other Legislative Matters.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 25.—The Populist house in committee of the whole yesterday recommended for passage the free text book bill. It provides for the appointment of four commissioners to be appointed by the governor, the superintendent of public instruction to be the fifth member of the commission, which shall have the selection of books and the authority to purchase them.

The house elections committee made its report on the contest case of Gleason against Claycomb. It recommended that the Republican, Claycomb, be permitted to retain his seat, as the allegations of fraud had not been well established. Gleason's name has been on the Populist roll since the first day of the session, and he has been acting with the house since then.

A concurrent resolution was adopted fixing Thursday, March 2, as the day for final adjournment.

The senate passed the Australian ballot system law at this morning's session.

The Populist house passed the world's fair appropriation bill. The bill appropriates \$65,000 for defraying the expenses of making a Kansas exhibit.

Consideration of John Seaton's resolution to declare the seats of fifty-six Populists vacant was postponed by the Douglass house yesterday morning until 2 o'clock to-day because the supreme courts decision of the test case has not yet been announced.

M. W. Sutton introduced a series of preambles and resolutions, which were adopted, showing wherein the order of Governor Lewelling to Colonel Hughes to dislodge the Republicans from the house during the late war, was unconstitutional, and thanking the colonel for refusing to obey the order.

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