

STIR IN POLITICS!

Troutman 3-Man Commission Bill a New One on Topeka.

It Would Abolish a Mess of Offices and Elect Three.

IN THE INTEREST OF ECONOMY

This Is Topeka Senator's Explanation of Measure.

Wichita and Kansas City Not Included in Provision.

What is the answer to the special "Topeka bill" which went through the state senate Saturday night, labeled a local measure which would change the present commission system of government now operative here and replace it with a triumvirate?

Here's what the Troutman bill will do if it becomes a law.

It will abolish the offices of mayor and two commissioners and put absolute control of Topeka's government into the hands of three men. It will eliminate the offices of city clerk and city treasurer, secretary of water-works and superintendent of streets, which are now filled by appointment with an eye to the selection of persons specially experienced in the work to be done.

The three men to be elected will, for their salaries of \$1,800 a year, take charge of the city treasury, do the work of the city clerk, street superintendent and secretary of water-works in addition to all the work now done by four commissioners and the mayor. They themselves will name one of their number to wear the honorary title of mayor.

Who Will Be Mayor? When the city election is held next month, if the Troutman bill goes through, nobody will be able to tell who is being elected mayor of Topeka. His election will take place behind closed doors in the city hall after the ballots have been counted.

The Troutman bill has one apparent virtue: It proposes an economy of several thousand dollars a year in city official salaries. But Mr. Troutman is the only Topekan who thus far has come out openly in behalf of the bill. The bill was not introduced on the solicitation of any local movement for the revision of Topeka's local government. Asked where he got the idea for the measure, Mr. Troutman said: "Nowhere. I conceived the idea myself. I believe it is a step in the direction of economy and I put it into form on my own account. It is my bill."

TAKE IT FROM CRANE'S

General Statutes Will Be Printed By State Provides Senate Bill.

The senate this afternoon passed the Davis bill revoking the contract which for several years has existed with the Crane & Co. printing house of Topeka for the publication of the general statutes and creating a revolving fund of \$12,000 to pay the expense of printing and \$2,500 for editorial work in putting out a new compilation of the state's laws.

Senator Davis introduced a statement from W. C. Austin, state printer, to the effect that the actual cost of printing the general statutes will be \$1.52 apiece. Under the Davis bill these volumes, which now command a price of \$6 each, will be offered to

MASONS IN TOPEKA.

Calendar and Directory Shows Membership of 2,222 Here.

The last Masonic calendar and directory, which has just been issued, shows that the four blue lodges of the city have a membership of 2,222.

The two chapters of the Eastern Star, Beulah No. 34 has 196 members, and the Eastern Star, The woman's auxiliary of the Masons.

The headquarters of the Scottish Rite for the Valley of Topeka is located in Masonic Temple, 419-421 Jackson street. There are four coordinate bodies in the Scottish Rite. The Orient Lodge of Perfection has 1,475 members who have completed the fourteenth degree. Unity chapter Rose Croix, including those who have passed through the eighteenth degree, has 1,362 members, and the Order of St. Omar Council of the Knights Kadosh has 1,160 members who have completed the thirteenth degree. Topeka consists of 33 lodges, number who are thirty-second degree Masons. The York Rite, with Topeka Chapter No. 5, has 623 members, and Topeka Commandery No. 5, which includes only Knights Templar, has 540 members.

SUIT OVER STORE.

J. P. Colville Claims Damages From Former Orphanum Management.

Suit for \$357.95 against J. H. Cooper has been filed in the Shawnee county district court by J. P. Colville, a local photographer. Colville in his petition claims that November 17, 1914, Cooper represented to him that the defendant had leased the orphanum building on West Eighth street and would run a picture show in the theater during the hours to be from noon until late at night.

On this representation, Colville claims that he rented the store room in the orphanum building and installed a photograph gallery while under the impression that the picture show was to be started and that the show would bring many people into the building. The plaintiff claims that Cooper did not open the show, but closed the building during the latter part of December and on about December 31, carpenters tore out the walls of the room which his gallery occupied rendering his dark room useless. In his petition Colville asks that the lease be annulled and judgment be given for \$357.95, the amount which he claims to have been damaged in the transaction.

TOPEKA JITNEY SALE.

Jackson-Allen Motor Company Buys Wells Service Today.

Raymond Wells, jitney magnate, has sold his service to J. R. Schmitz of the Jackson-Allen Motor company, 326 Kansas avenue.

Wells has been operating a jitney company in Topeka for nearly 23 months, maintaining offices at the Tromp pool hall. He is an actor and was formerly head of the Wells Stock company which played at the Majestic six years ago. He has not yet announced his intentions for the future, but it is reported that he is going to the Pacific coast.

The new company will make headquarters at the Jackson agency, 326 Kansas avenue.

FORSYTHE IS HERE

First Ball Player of Season Shows Up Sunday.

Says He Is Conditioned for a Strenuous Season.

The management of the Topeka baseball team made the first entry in the 1915 roll book this morning when Cy Forsythe blew into the office of Mr. Savage and announced that he was ready to begin spring training with the first bunch that goes out.



Cy Forsythe, the First Member of Last Year's Team to Report for Duty to New Management.

Cy, as all fans remember, is the man who kept the grass down in right field last season for the Kaws and Coolers. He arrived in town Sunday from Providence, Ky., where he spent the winter hunting ducks and enjoying life as much as possible in every way.

The old .316 slugger is looking fine, and says that he never felt better in his life. He expects a good season and will begin conditioning himself at once.

Savage at Commercial Club. John Savage, the new owner of the team, became a member of the Commercial club at noon today, and met most of the club's ball fans, all of whom assured him that they were anxious to see a real team here and would do everything they could to help him round up one.

Plans for launching a ticket selling campaign were informally discussed during the lunch hour and when the proper time comes a mass meeting of citizens and fans will be held at the club for the purpose of arranging details and starting things to moving.

KILL BRIDGE BILL.

County Commissioner Association Measure Lost in Senate.

The senate this morning finally killed the County Commissioners' association bill for the maintenance of bridges. This bill which was introduced to be replaced by the senate committee bill on the same subject passed at St. Joseph, Mo., September 15, 1906, and the defendant abandoned the case.

Senator Harry McMillan, of Ottawa, who introduced the commissioners' bill, made a desperate fight for its passage, but the bill fell to the defeat of the prospect of its death in the house. It was put on final passage without being given time to receive amendments which would have made it an acceptable substitute for the committee bill and was incidentally voted to death by senators who regarded its passage in the house as a waste of time.

TROUBLE IN BURIALS.

Undertakers Have to Use Small Vehicles on Account of Roads.

Topeka undertakers have had considerable difficulty in transportation to the cemeteries this winter as only one of them, Topeka cemetery, has paving to the entrance.

In some of the funerals this winter it has been found necessary to attach four horses to the carriages in order to plow through the snow and mud. The roads are so heavy that in many instances the cabs have to stop at every block to rest the horses.

It is reported that in some instances the cabs have been found impossible to use the big hearses and the local undertakers have been sending out their smallest vehicles for such trips.

The good roads campaign is now on. Shawnee county needs this campaign—the roads, too.

PORTRAITS OF JUDGES

Shawnee Bar Assn. Votes to Have Bench Pictures in Court Room.

Members of the Shawnee County Bar association, at a meeting held at the court house Saturday afternoon, voted to have portraits of Judge George Whitcomb and Judge A. W. Dana painted by George M. Stone, the Topeka artist, and placed in the first division court room with portraits of former judges of the district court.

Judge Whitcomb and Judge Dana have occupied the bench in the two Shawnee county divisions for a number of years. Portraits of former judges, painted by Stone, are now in the first division.

It is expected that the two well known district court judges will sit for the portraits during the coming summer.

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THE TREATMENT OF INFLUENZA OR LA GRIPE

It is quite refreshing these days to read of clearly defined treatment for influenza or a gripe. In an article in the "Lancet" Dr. James Bell, of New York City, says he is convinced that influenza is a severe headache, pain and general soreness.

LOCAL MENTION.

Bob Tasker, former register of deeds of Shawnee county, has resigned his position with the American Central Life Insurance company of Indianapolis and has accepted a position with the Equitable Life Assurance society here.

LOCAL MENTION.

George Rison of 414 Quincy street has gone to Miami, Florida, on business.

LOCAL MENTION.

Members of Typographical union No. 121 have voted not to assess fines of \$1 each against members failing to attend the monthly meetings.

H. R. NICKERSON DEAD

Former Vice-President of Santa Fe Succumbs to Long Illness.

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