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## LEGISLATURE--THIRD SESSION.

House--26th Day. MORNING SESSION--DEC. 5. The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. Speaker Mayhew in the chair.

Wythe reported favorably on the following bills, which had been referred to the Committee on Incorporation:

Authorizing F. Donan to construct a bridge across the West Gallatin river; incorporating the Silver Bow Ditch Company; authorizing H. Gasset and others to construct a bridge across the Jefferson river; authorizing B. F. Price and others to maintain a toll-road from Nevada city to Snake river; empowering R. Hereford and others to establish a toll-road in Lost Horse Gulch. The same committee reported adversely on the bill incorporating the Montana Ferry and Bridge Company.

Clanton reported a substitute for the bill incorporating the Little Prickly Pear Company.

Andrews introduced a bill creating the office of Adjutant General and organizing the militia. Read twice and referred.

Mimms introduced a resolution in favor of the North Pacific Railroad. Read twice and ordered to be printed.

Johnson offered a resolution that after Tuesday, Dec. 11th, no new business shall be introduced without unanimous consent. Adopted.

The bill authorizing F. Donan to construct a bridge across the West Gallatin river, was read a third time and passed; yeas 16, nays 4.

The bill authorizing B. F. Price and others to maintain a toll-road from Nevada city to Snake river was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill empowering J. Lenan and others to construct a bridge across the Hell Gate river, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The House adjourned at 12 o'clock M.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock, Speaker Mayhew in the chair.

The House then went into committee of the whole, Mimms in the chair, and considered the bill relating to licenses. After a long debate concerning the taxes on wagons, goods of merchants, freighters and others, the committee rose and the House adjourned.

## EVENING SESSION.

The House met at 6 1/2 o'clock p. m. Speaker Mayhew in the chair.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, Mimms in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the bill concerning licenses. Various amendments were adopted, and the committee rose, after which the House adjourned.

## COUNCIL--26th Day.

MORNING SESSION--DEC. 5. The Council met at 9 o'clock. President Bagley in the chair.

Without transacting any business the Council adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on the following day.

## House--27th Day.

MORNING SESSION--DEC. 6. House met at 10 1/2 a. m. Speaker Mayhew in the chair.

Andrews reported adversely on the Council bill concerning elections.

McMurtry offered a memorial to Congress, requesting that the Bannacks and Shoshones be assigned to a reservation. Rules suspended and it was passed.

The following bills were read a third time and passed: Authorizing B. F. Price and others to maintain a toll road from Nevada City to the southern boundary of the Territory; yeas 18, nays 2; authorizing J. Lenan to establish a ferry across the Hell Gate river; yeas 21, nays none; incorporating the Virginia City and Helena Telegraph Company; yeas 14, nays 7.

The bill incorporating the Legal Tender Tunneling Company was referred.

The bill authorizing S. Bressler and others to construct a toll road from Virginia City to Sterling, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill regulating licenses was considered by the House and ordered to be engrossed.

The substitute for the bill incorporating the Little Prickly Pear Wagon Road Company, was adopted.

The House adjourned at 12 1/2 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock. Speaker Mayhew in the chair.

The bill incorporating the Little Prickly Pear Wagon Road Company was ordered to be engrossed.

A bill concerning elections was read a third time and passed. Yeas 13, nays 1. Rogers reported adversely on a bill incorporating the Legal Tender Tunneling Company.

The bill incorporating the Brown's Gulch and Silver Bow Company, was called up and the House concurred in the amendments of the Council.

The bill relating to officers failing to make proper returns, was passed. Yeas 19, nays none.

The bill granting L. Orr and others the right to construct a toll road was indefinitely postponed. The bill relating to the collection of taxes in Choteau met the same fate.

A bill conferring certain powers on the Sheriff of Edgerton was passed. Yeas 17, nays none.

A bill amending the Act incorporating the Montana Bridge and Ferry Company was read a third time and passed. Yeas 15, nays 3. The bill incorporating the Silver Bow Ditch Company was passed. Yeas 17, nays none. A bill authorizing H. Ganett and others to maintain a ferry across the Jefferson river, and one authorizing R. Hereford and others to establish a toll road in Lost Horse Gulch, were read a third time and passed.

The bill incorporating the Legal Tender Tunneling Company, was indefinitely postponed. Yeas 11, nays 10.

McMannus gave notice that he would introduce a bill authorizing John Owens and others to maintain a toll road from Missoula Mills to Fort Lemhi.

The House recessed from its amendments to the memorial asking Congress to make appropriations to re-open the national road across the Bitter Root mountains.

The bill incorporating the Beaverhead Gold and Silver Mining and Manufacturing Company was rejected.

A bill, No. 52, incorporating the Little Prickly Pear Wagon Road Company was passed. Yeas 15, nays 6.

The House then adjourned.

## COUNCIL--27th Day.

MORNING SESSION--DEC. 6. The Council met at 10 o'clock. President Bagley in the chair.

A message was received from the Governor, announcing his approval of the act to incorporate the Clark's Fork and Fort Benton Wagon Road Company; also the act to repeal the act regulating the Probate Court in Deer Lodge county.

A message from the Governor was also received returning the Extra Compensation Bill with objections.

Read and referred, on motion, to a select committee. President appointed as such committee Waterbury, Phelps and Brown.

Lowry gave notice of a bill authorizing the people of Gallatin county to establish a county seat in said county.

Wilkinson introduced a memorial asking an appropriation for the North Pacific R. R. Read and referred.

Tuttle introduced a bill authorizing J. T. Henderson and others to construct a water ditch in Madison valley. Read and referred.

Orr introduced a bill in relation to running horses in cities, towns and villages. Read and referred.

Moore introduced a bill incorporating the Red Mountain Lake Ditch Company. Read and referred.

Phelps introduced a bill in relation to locating tunnels. Read and referred.

Spratt introduced a bill prohibiting the Territorial Auditor from issuing warrants without express provision of law, and for other purposes. Referred.

C. B. No. 49, authorizing J. H. Ming and others to construct a toll-road, &c. was read third time and passed.

Council took a recess until 2 p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council was called to order by the President at 2 o'clock, and went into Committee of the Whole. Spratt in the chair.

Committee arose. Council took a recess to 6 1/2 p. m.

## EVENING SESSION.

Council met and went into Committee of the Whole. Spratt in the chair.

Committee arose and Council adjourned.

## SILVER AND GOLD IN GALENA, ETC.

Dr. Perry in one of his lectures on Chemical Geology, (*Chem. News*), makes the following statements on this subject:

I was speaking to you on the last occasion of the sulphide of lead, galena, and I showed you a specimen of it beautifully crystallized by the agency of heat alone. I also gave you, I think, conclusive reason to infer that sulphide of lead may be crystallized, and very well crystallized too, by the action of liquids. The proof consisted in the fact of galena occurring in nodules of clay iron ore—a condition under which it is impossible that it can be the result of igneous action.

There are one or two other points concerning the sulphide of lead which is very interesting. I refer to the constant association therewith of certain very important metals: I mean silver and gold. It may be laid down as a universal proposition, without any exception so far as is known, that all galena contains silver—all. There are varieties which contain a very small quantity of silver, and which are therefore said to be "poor," still, if search be made for the metal, even in the poorest kinds you never fail to obtain not only traces, but far more than traces, of silver. The silver in the sulphide of lead must, of course, exist as sulphide of silver. Galena is a source of a very large supply of silver in different parts of the world. It may be laid down also, not merely as a general rule, but I believe, as a universal proposition, that all galena contains gold—all galena. Some years ago my friend and my right, Mr. Smith, and myself set to work to examine this point, and we made a great many determinations with respect to the presence of gold in the ore of lead and in various commercial compounds of lead. Forty specimens or more were examined, and every one yielded palpable, visible, unmistakable traces of gold. Still, the quantity of gold is so small as to be utterly worthless in a commercial point of view. Here are evidences of these facts. Every single specimen of gold extracted in these experiments has been carefully preserved in hermetically sealed tubes, and the condition specified. It requires rather careful manipulation. There is nothing added in the way of chemical reagent, which might vitiate the result. The process consists of taking the compound of lead and simply submitting it to the well known operation called cupellation by which silver is extracted from gold. There remains behind a very small globule of silver, and in that globule we are enabled to detect the gold by the simple action of a silvent of silver, nitric acid, which leaves the gold. It has to be taken up with great care and transferred to a piece of blotting paper. It is afterwards gummed on a piece of paper and then burnished, when the characteristic color of gold immediately appears. It is a remarkable circumstance not only that gold is detected in the ore of lead, but also in various commercial compounds of lead—white lead, red lead, sugar of lead; nay, we may have even gone further, and found it in lead tins, that is, the smoke that is volatilized from lead in the process of extraction. We may, then, I think, safely conclude that lead contains always silver and gold. Perhaps you may object to the deduction with regard to gold as not being sufficiently supported. It is founded on forty examinations under various conditions. At all events the proof is strong, if not conclusive.

## Wilkinson and the Gazette Exposed.

We desire to notice a statement made by Councilman Wilkinson in his correspondence with his paper, the *Gazette*, published at Helena. In alluding to those who voted against extra compensation, in the *Democrat*, he complains that we gave credit to Councilmen Spratt and Chiles of Madison county, for voting against it, but for some reason did not announce that Councilman Wilkinson also voted against it. When we alluded to the vote of Messrs. Spratt and Chiles, their action as representatives from Madison county was under consideration, and if the aforesaid correspondent had read the article closely, we feel sure, with all his admitted dullness of comprehension, he could not have come to the conclusion that any slight or omission was intended. But from the history we have obtained of his course on this bill, we think any statement that he was opposed in heart to extra compensation, would be spreading incorrect information among his constituents. Now, he corresponds with his own paper, and the *Gazette*, in his absence, has gentlemen of capacity to conduct it, yet it has not had the courage to come out squarely and boldly against extra compensation, and Councilman Wilkinson's opposition to the bill when it was first up before the Council was very feeble and uncertain, and no one considered the gentleman as intensely hostile to taking all the bill would give him, and pocket it with as keen a relish as any gentleman who voted for it.

Again, when the bill came back from the House amended, and the Council was called for a final vote, the aforesaid complaining editor was not to be found. We saw the door-keeper in diligent search of him, and from a statement in the *Post*, (whose reports are furnished by a member of the Council,) the editor of the bold and daring *Rocky Mountain Gazette* dodged the vote, and had not courage enough to face the music, and yet this valiant champion can't see why "Major Bruce" overlooked the fact that he, like Spratt and Chiles, voted against extra compensation.

We care very little about the dodging on the part of Councilman Wilkinson, but what we do complain of is this: The *Rocky Mountain Gazette* started out as a Democratic organ, of the untrifled stripe. Its argument was that the *Democrat* did not quite fill the bill of intense Democracy—they promised that the *Gazette* would supply all that the *Democrat* was deficient in, and they were going to "cry aloud and spare not."

Let us see how far these bold champions of Democracy have come up to their promises.

At the last election the real issue in the canvass was the legality of the Legislature. The fight was between the Federal Judges, who decided it illegal, and the Democracy of Montana, who contended that the people had the right to elect members of the Legislature, and that they could lawfully assemble in Virginia City. What course did the *Gazette* take in this matter? The chief editor of that paper was a candidate for the Council, and both he and his paper dodged that question, and had not the courage to face the music and the Federal Judges. This we know, for we hold the