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DISCUSS NEEDED LEGISLATION

Members of City Council and a Committee From the Business Men's Club Take Up the Assessment Roll and Other Important Topics-- Want Police Department Free From Politics.

There was an earnest discussion last evening at a meeting of the members of the city council and a committee from the Business Men's association over the matter of drafting bills to present at the next legislature. It was the purpose of the meeting to come to some understanding upon questions of needed legislation for the city of Butte.

Chairman Eugene Carroll called the meeting to order and stated the object of the meeting. He announced that D. J. Hennessy had withdrawn from the Business Men's committee owing to a press of business matters and that County Commissioner Clark had been appointed to fill the vacancy.

The matter of assessing city property was fully discussed and it was decided to accept City Attorney Lamb's suggestion that the county assessor be compelled, under pain of a heavy penalty, to turn over a duplicate of the county assessment roll within a reasonable time. As it is now, the assessor gives the assessment to the city clerk too late to have the collections made within the fiscal year. It is thought by the change proposed that matters will be greatly facilitated.

No recommendation was made in the matter of priority of city tax titles and the question was stricken out. It was agreed to recommend an adoption of a police system which should be free from politics. It was decided that a bill should be drafted which should make this department as free from political control as possible. The qualifications of a policeman should be based upon mental and physical qualities.

In the matter of city and county licenses it was agreed that the amount of license should be based upon the amount of business done, whether professional or mercantile. It was considered fairer to have the tax graduated so that a just and equal amount should be borne by each taxpayer carrying on the government.

The consideration of the garbage system, the sprinkling tax, contagious diseases, damage cases, sidewalk laws and opening alleys went over until the next meeting, Monday evening.

The various questions which the legislature will be asked to pass upon will affect cities only of the first class. Great Falls and Helena will co-operate with this city in matters of needed reform.

MUST NOT PROSELYTE IN INDIAN SCHOOLS

Circular Designed to Settle Disputes Concerning Religious Instruction Has Been Issued by Jones.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, Dec. 20.—A circular containing rules having for their object the settlement of the long standing religious controversy concerning the government of Indian children will be issued by Commissioner W. A. Jones today.

The circular promulgates the rules of the Carlisle Indian school and makes them general throughout the Indian schools. The only important difference between the Carlisle rules and the circular instructions is that religious instruction is not made mandatory in government schools.

After giving the rules in detail, the circular says: "You are urged to co-operate loyally with the honest and sincere desires of religious authorities to furnish the Indian pupils in the government schools with religious instructions of the faith to which the pupil or parents are adherents.

"On the other hand, you will impress upon the church authorities that unseemly discussion of sectarian matters or proselyting or other conduct which would tend to create strife among religious denominations will be strictly prohibited, and any pastor or priest who is unwilling to comply with the reasonable request of this circular will be deprived the privileges allowed."

Meet me at the Printer.

WOULDN'T THIS FREEZE MARROW IN YOUR BONES?

Read What the Fellows Who Control the Salmon Trade Are Going to Do Up in the Frozen North.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20.—The Pacific Cold Storage company's Alaska steamer Elihu Thompson left last night for Coos Bay on a rather novel mission, the outcome of which will be watched with interest. To the cold storage facilities with which the Thompson is fitted, the company has recently added special apparatus for freezing purposes. The steamer will go to Marshfield where she will be and buy fish from the salmon fishermen in that vicinity, freezing the fish as fast as taken aboard. There is an excellent run of salmon around Coos Bay, but heretofore there has been no means of securing the fish for freezing purposes. When she has a full cargo aboard she will return to Tacoma.

From the North. Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Dec. 20.—President Larry of the Lincoln Memorial university announces he has received from northern sources an endowment of \$20,000 for the institution and a number of scholarships.

Wants It Done Right Now. Havana, Dec. 20.—President Palma sent the Cuban-American treaty to the senate yesterday with a message urging that early action be taken.

"PRAISE THE LORD!" THEY CRY

Missionaries Brought Into Police Court for Making Too Much Noise on the Street, Giving Praise to the Highest When Sentenced to Pay a Fine, Which Is Suspended During Good Behavior.

Something unusual was the trial of the Pentecostal missionaries yesterday afternoon in Judge Boyle's court. They were adjudged guilty of disturbing the peace by giving vent to too much religious enthusiasm. The sentence was ordered suspended during good behavior.

The missionaries gave vent to a hearty "Praise God" when the decision was announced, but they averred that they would continue their services in the same old way when released. "We will go to jail for Jesus, but we will never pay a fine," said Miss Hartson, the leader of the band of missionaries. It was evident that they would relish being made martyrs of.

The chief of police was notified to instruct his men to arrest them again unless the meetings were conducted along conservative lines.

There were eight missionaries on trial—Miss Muriel Hartson, Mrs. Annie John, Mr. and Mrs. John Mundy, J. G. Hawley, Armond Harold, Herman Yut and Paul Reaman. By way of defense they all stated that they were devout Christians and were laboring in the Lord's vineyard for the salvation of souls. Each had a

Bible in hand while testifying.

I. Gansberger of the Palais Royal company, testifying for the city, said the missionary meetings were very much of a nuisance. The missionaries would jump up and down and shout at the top of their voices. H. A. Vogler, a clerk in an East Park street store, gave testimony of very much the same character. The policeman who made the arrest also characterized the meetings as "wild shoutings."

Miss Muriel Hartson, demure, pretty and blue-eyed, stated that there had been shouting by her band, but that they were only doing the work of God. She had been arrested once before on the same charge, but she would not promise to cease singing and shouting, even if threatened with a term in jail. She said that the constitution of the United States guaranteed that every citizen could worship as he desired.

After the testimony had all been heard Judge Boyle imposed fines of \$15 each and suspended sentence in each case during good behavior. He assured the missionaries that if they were again brought into court they would be compelled to pay the fines.

LITTLE BITS BY TELEGRAPH

Tiny Items of News of the World Boiled Down for Busy Readers.

It May Go Through. San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The Call this morning says a rumor originating in Stockton that the deal is off for a combination of the flour mill interests of the Pacific coast is denied here upon authority. So far as the flour millers of San Francisco know or can ascertain, the deal is still pending.

Progresso Sold for Junk. San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The damaged steamer Progresso, lying at the Fulton Iron Works wharf, has been sold to J. H. Rogers, the wrecker, for \$12,200. He will attempt to recover all that is valuable in the vessel.

Hardest Snow Since 1892. BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Ten inches of snow have fallen in Taos and Mora counties. The snowfall was the heaviest since 1892.

Loeb Is There. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 20.—Professor Jacques Loeb, the eminent biologist, who, on November 11, was chosen by the board of regents a member of the faculty of the University of California, has reached Berkeley, coming direct from Chicago. He will soon begin his experimental work in the laboratory.

Army Officer Dead. San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Lieutenant James Morrison, judge advocate of the military department of California, is dead at the Presidio general hospital, as the result of an attack of peritonitis. The

deceased officer was appointed to the judge advocate's department from civil life in 1896.

Cantwell in Charge. San Francisco, Dec. 20.—First Lieutenant J. C. Cantwell of the United States revenue service has been assigned to the command of cutter Golden Gate and Hartley, succeeding Captain W. H. Cushing.

Worth Being Injured. Procton, Mass., Dec. 20.—A jury in a superior court has awarded Frank J. Cashin of Springfield \$17,000 in his suit against the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company for injuries received as a passenger in the Avon railroad accident in 1901.

Oriental Reps Arrive. St. Louis, Dec. 20.—Kee Owegan, representative of the imperial Chinese court to the World's fair, and Waichi Araki, commissioner to the fair from Japan, have arrived in St. Louis, with credentials from their respective governments.

In Secret Session. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20.—The executive committee of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association met here yesterday in secret session, preparatory to the general meeting today. Nothing was given out regarding the proceedings.

Beckham Wants It Again. Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 20.—Governor J. C. W. Beckham, in an address to "The Democrats of Kentucky" last night announced himself as a candidate for reelection for the full term to the office of governor.

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