

Today—Probably Rain. Tomorrow—Colder.

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MISSOULA, MONTANA, FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 22, 1909.

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BOTH HOUSES ACCOMPLISH RESULTS

NUMEROUS BILLS ARE PASSED BY EACH BRANCH OF THE LEGISLATURE.

TAX BILL IS APPROVED

Measure Providing for Submission to Voters of the State a Proposed Change in the Constitution Regulating the Taxation of Property, Passes Its Third Reading in Senate.

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Helena, Jan. 21.—Both the senate and house did more business today than on any other day since the session began.

No. 12—Providing for the submission to the voters of an amendment to the constitution relative to the tax levy, as follows: Up to \$300,000,000, 3 mills; from \$300,000,000 to \$600,000,000 2 1/2 mills, and above the latter, 2 mills.

No. 13—Providing \$5,000 relief for the widow and orphans of Deputy Game Warden C. B. Peyton.

No. 14—Authorizing the removal of mortgaged property from one county to another constitute larceny.

No. 15—Requiring commission merchants to make prompt settlement and accountings on shipments of agricultural and horticultural products.

In the afternoon, in committee of the whole, the committee on livestock reported adversely the bill creating a board for the examination of veterinary surgeons and the report was adopted.

The bill authorizing co-operative associations to issue stock to the par value of \$5,000 was also favorably acted. The bill authorizing co-operative the stock subject to attachment and execution.

The Meyer bill, relating to new trials in criminal cases, was vigorously fought by Long, but also went through the senate also passed No. 16, authorizing county commissioners to offer rewards in criminal cases; No. 14, exempting mortgages from taxation, and No. 17, relating to disqualifications of judges.

Bill introduced. The following measures received indorsement through favorable committee reports:

No. 36—Relating to the annual reports of corporations.

No. 34—Inhibiting marriages between whites and blacks, Chinese and Japs.

No. 26—Relating to the transfer of school moneys, and No. 31, providing for the conversion of state into national banks.

The following bills were introduced: No. 45—By Haviland: Providing for the execution of condemned persons at the state penitentiary exclusively.

No. 46—By Tooley: Relating to the manner in which insurance companies may do business in Montana.

No. 47—By Tooley: To prevent relating and discrimination by life insurance companies.

Notices Given. Notices were given as follows: Rae—Relating to the qualifications of corporation directors.

Meyer—Defining the powers and duties of the state coal mine inspector.

Annin—Relating to district school funds.

Edwards—To compel dance halls to close on Sunday.

Rae—Defining the duties of the state engineer.

Donlan—In reference to tax deeds.

In the house six bills were killed, 10 introduced, two notices were given, six bills were favorably reported by committee and two bills and one resolution were favorably acted upon in committee of the whole, and two bills passed on third reading.

The bills that went through on third reading were: No. 2, making the use of voting machines optional in cities of the first class, and No. 28, appropriating \$5,000 for the orphans home.

Three house bills, No. 54, by Gray; No. 75, by Hall, and No. 101, by Crouch, all empowering city councils to fix rates for light, power and water, were reported upon by the committee on affairs of cities and recommended indefinitely postponed. The house adopted the report.

Recommends Three. The committee on insurance favorably recommended three bills as follows:

No. 79—By Lehrkind: Relating to licenses of insurance companies and agents.

No. 80—By Lehrkind: To provide that the state auditor shall also be designated as commissioner of insurance, ex officio, and to provide for the appointment of a deputy state auditor.

No. 75—By Shoemaker: To provide for the examination by the commissioner of insurance of all insurance companies, including surety companies, organized under the laws of this or any other state, territory or foreign country and to provide for expenses incurred in making such examinations.

The committee on fish and game recommended for indefinite postponement: No. 24, by Byrnes and No. 34, by Brewster, both amending the codes so as to include certain game.

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AN IMPORTANT LAND DEAL CLOSED

NEW COMPANY SECURES CONTROL OF BLAIR PROPERTIES AND INCORPORATES.

BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME

Extensive Ranches in Nevada Valley in Upper Blackfoot Country Are Purchased From Owner at a Figure Near Half a Million Dollars—Big Improvement Project Planned.

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Helena, Jan. 21.—Articles of incorporation of the Montana-Blair Land & Irrigation company were filed with the secretary of state today.

The capital stock is \$50,000 all paid. The incorporators are F. M. Clark, C. A. Latham and T. E. Wray, and the principal place of business will be Helena. Under the articles the company was to engage in the land business anywhere in Montana and in the construction of irrigation works.

The incorporation of the Montana-Blair company marks the consummation of one of the most important land deals that has been made in western Montana in a long time.

This company has become the owner of the celebrated Blair ranches in the Nevada valley in the upper Blackfoot country. The sale was made by R. deB. Smith of Missoula and was completed Monday at the home ranch of Mr. Blair.

The agreement of sale was signed between J. W. Blair and F. M. Clark, the latter of Chicago. The purchase price is somewhere near half a million dollars.

For about nine months Mr. Smith has been engaged in accomplishing this sale. He interested Messrs. Clark and Latham in the proposition last spring and since that time the negotiations have been carried on.

The purchasers are men who are extensively interested in western lands and have several important propositions in Wyoming which they are now engaged in perfecting, among them being a reclamation project involving about a million dollars which is to apply to lands taken up under the Carey act.

As soon as these men had seen the Blair land, they became thoroughly interested in the plan which had been proposed by Mr. Smith. They at once instituted a most careful examination of the land. An irrigation expert was sent out from Chicago to investigate the conditions; a soil expert came and made extensive analysis of the land; a commercial land agent inquired thoroughly into the market features.

Upon the reports of these engineers and experts the Chicago men made their decision to conclude the purchase.

The Blair ranches include more than 25,000 acres. About 6,000 acres are under cultivation; about the same amount is irrigated pasture land, capable of cultivation but until now used simply as grazing land for the stock.

The rest of the acreage is semi-arid land, much of which can be reclaimed as there is a large water right which goes with the ranch and is included in the sale. The possibilities are great and the new owners will doubtless improve them.

Two large streams run through the ranches and the land lies so near the mountains that the water supply is permanent and reliable.

J. W. Blair is one of the well-known residents of northern Powell county. He has lived for many years in the upper Blackfoot country and has made a fortune in the stock business.

The sale of his holdings was suggested to him less than a year ago and when he consented to consider a proposition, Mr. Smith at once took up the matter and has pursued his negotiations to this successful end.

LABOR BY CHILDREN EARNESTLY DECRIED

Chicago, Jan. 21.—"Keep the child out of the factory." This was the consensus of sentiment at the opening today of the fifth annual national child labor conference. Two hindrances to child labor reform were pointed out by General Secretary Owen R. Lovejoy of New York. These were the influx of foreign races, and the lack of harmony between the different state regulations on this subject.

Dr. A. J. McKelway of Atlanta, secretary for the southern states, spoke on "The Child and the Law."

Secretary Lovejoy declared that it was not alone in these places that children were overworked. In the berryfields of New Jersey, in the vegetable gardens of Delaware and Maryland, in the beet sugar fields of Michigan, Nebraska and Colorado and in the tobacco fields of Connecticut, Kentucky and Virginia and Pennsylvania, he declared children were employed 12 hours a day.

KILLS FUGITIVE INDIAN. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 21.—Sherman Inley today killed an Indian giving his name as Hot Feather.

He was a fugitive from Oklahoma when he is charged with killing a man and a \$1,600 reward had been offered for him. Inley was a private citizen seeking the reward. He engaged in a desperate fight with the Indian, which resulted in the Indian's death.

SCHOONER GOES ASHORE. Naples, Cal., Jan. 21.—The four-masted schooner Ensign of San Francisco went ashore here last night and today in the surf about 50 yards from shore. She is not yet seriously damaged. All on board are safe. Heavy breakers are coming in.

FOUR ARE BURNED. Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 21.—Four children were burned, three of them fatally, when one of them ignited three kegs of powder to see the puff, at Stoughton, near here, today.

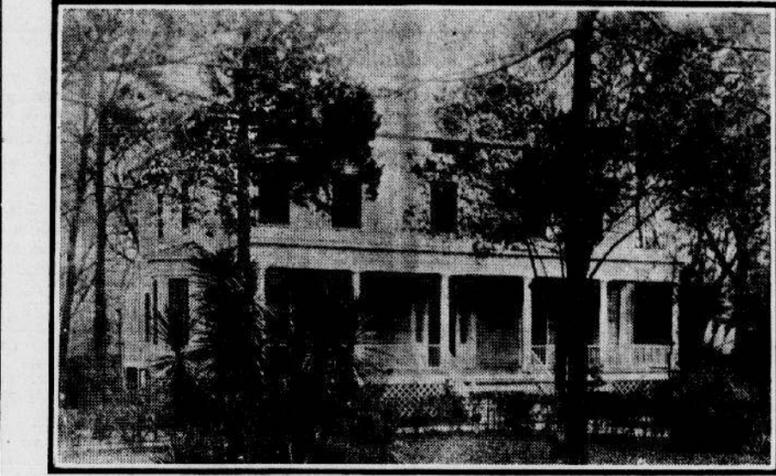
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TAFT'S WINTER HOME



During their sojourn in Augusta, Ga., the president-elect and his family are occupying the Terrett cottage, one of the beautiful homes to be found in the southern city. The house was furnished and fitted for the occupancy of the next president.

STOCKTON MENACED BY DANGEROUS FLOODS

SUBURBS OF CITY ARE NOW UNDER WATER AND SERIOUS RESULTS ARE FEARED.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—With railroad traffic virtually suspended on some lines, train schedules badly demoralized on other roads, telegraph and telephone wires prostrated and communication only fitfully maintained and some sections in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys vast lakes, California has within the last 24 hours experienced one of the worst storms in a quarter of a century, covering an area that extended from the Oregon coast to San Diego.

At various places the rain at times reached the proportions of a cloudburst and was accompanied by a fierce gale. While the downpour has ceased tonight and the barometer is rising, the district forecaster predicts showers for the entire state tonight and tomorrow, and the crest of the storm waters from the mountain streams, swollen to the proportion of rivers, will not reach the dangerous point in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys until after midnight.

Weakened by the previous storm, which prevailed for four days, it is feared that many of the levees that so far have withstood the pressure, will break tonight.

The most serious situation exists at Stockton, on the San Joaquin, where the suburbs of the city have been inundated and the encroaching waters are beginning to enter the business districts. Indications are that by midnight the high water will equal the flood of two years ago, when the streets of Stockton had to be navigated by boats.

The loss to the merchants in that city, many of whom did not have time to remove their goods from the basement, will be heavy. The entire country for several miles around Stockton is a vast sea of yellowish, muddy water. Railroad traffic is still being maintained, but may have to be suspended before morning.

At Los Angeles nearly three inches of rain fell during the last 24 hours, while at Santa Barbara an unprecedented fall of eight inches for the same period was recorded, while at Angels camp, to the eastward of Stockton, a wall of water six feet high swept through the town, carrying away several houses and drowning several Chinamen.

Venice island, at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, was swept by the flood waters today, inundating several thousand acres of rich farming lands.

Trains on the Shasta division of the Southern Pacific, which were stalled at Redding by numerous washouts and soft tracks, have begun to move slowly tonight, temporary repairs having been made, but later traffic to the north was completely cut off by the washing out of a bridge at Erland. Trains from the south arrived in San Francisco 12 hours late.

All Trains Delayed. Reno, Nev., Jan. 21.—Officials of the Northern Pacific railway say that a landslide a few miles west of Applegate, in the Sierras, has delayed all eastbound trains indefinitely. A crew of track cleaners has been dispatched to the scene. Rain or snow is falling in Reno for the past 24 hours.

Late tonight the rain turned to snow, accompanied by a bitter wind.

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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY MADE SPECIAL HOLIDAY

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"Friday, the 12th of February, 1909, will be the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. To the end that this centennial anniversary may not pass without thought on the part of the people as to what it means in the history of the republic, I earnestly recommend that on the date named fitting tribute be paid to the memory of the great patriot and statesman, by public meetings and otherwise; and that in all schools shall appropriate exercises be held in observance of the day.

"In all assemblies on this day it will be appreciated if reference were made to the exemplary private life, the eminent public services and the splendid patriotism of this great man."

INDORSE EXEMPTION MEASURE. MONTANA ASSESSORS APPROVE BILL PROVIDING NON-TAXATION OF MORTGAGES.

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Helena, Jan. 21.—The Montana assessors went on record today as indorsing the bill exempting mortgages from taxation and also that providing for an extra filing fee on mortgages.

This is a reduction from \$4,600, as made last year, on high-power lines to \$3,300, as will subsequently be the assessment against high-power lines.

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LACASSE BUILDING IS LEASED FOR HOTEL

T. S. MARTIN, AN EXPERIENCED HOTEL MAN, TAKES OVER NEW STRUCTURE.

The Lacasse building, the most pretentious structure in Missoula, was yesterday leased to T. S. Martin, one of the most experienced hotel men of the west. On May 1 Mr. Martin expects to have everything in readiness for the opening of the new hotel.

The Lacasse building is now well on the way to completion and, granted good weather, should be finished in plenty of time. It is a splendid structure and is situated in a most advantageous location, on the corner of Stevens and Cedar streets. The lease was filed yesterday with the county recorder, the grantors being J. T. and A. Lacasse. The building is a five-story structure and the lease is for 10 years.

T. S. Martin, who is to be the proprietor of the new hotel, comes from North Forks, Idaho, and is a well-known hotel man. He has had charge of hotels in North Forks and in Spokane, and is said to be an experienced man in the business. He plans to run the new hotel as a first-class house and will put a large amount of money into the venture. He intends to install \$25,000 worth of furniture in the building. All of this sum will be expended on furnishings for the lobby and bed rooms, not taking the fixtures of the dining room into consideration. When the new hotel is ready for opening, about May 1, it will be as up-to-date as is possible to make it.

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