

REVIEW OF THE BILLS NOW PASSED AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR STEWART

Interesting Is Synopsis of the Work of the Thirteenth Legislature and the Analysis of the New Laws It Made.

Helena, March 16.—(Special).—The law by which the Northern Montana Agricultural and Manual Training school is to come into existence is based upon H. B. 397, by Carnal, of Hill. This law establishes the school on the Fort Assinaboine military reservation. For the purchase of 2,000 acres of land at \$2.50 per acre, as provided in the law recently enacted by congress, the sum of \$5,000 was appropriated by the legislature. An additional \$5,000 was appropriated for the repair of the buildings of the abandoned military reservation, and for the installation and running expenses of the school for the ensuing two years.

The Northern Montana Agricultural and Manual Training school is declared under this act to be a body politic; to have power to sue and to be sued, and to receive property by purchase, gift or devise. The school will have for its object instruction in the English language and literature, and mathematics, mechanic arts, agricultural chemistry, animal and vegetable anatomy and physiology, veterinary art, entomology, geology and such other natural sciences as may be prescribed by the state board of education; political, rural, and household economy, horticulture, and especially the application of science and mechanic arts to practical agriculture in the field, irrigation and the use of water for agricultural purposes.

The state board of education shall prescribe rules and regulations for the government and administration of the school within 10 days after the state becomes the owner of the lands and buildings.

The act also establishes at the same place an agricultural experimental sub-station for investigations and examinations respecting the principles of agricultural science. This department is to be under the direct supervision of the directors of the Montana experiment station at Bozeman.

The state board of education is required to put the buildings and grounds in repair and condition to carry out the purposes of the act.

An executive board of three members to be appointed by the state board of education, with the approval of the governor, will have charge of the school, and will choose a superintendent and faculty for it.

House Bill 310, by Harmon.

This amends the law relative to the form of ballots for initiative and referendum measures, and simplifies it materially. It provides that the first measure to be filed for initiation or referendum hereafter shall be numbered 6 and the next 7, 8, 9 and so on, from one election to another. No measure is to be numbered with the same number as any other measure except that the affirmative and negative of each measure shall have the same number. Measures proposed by initiative shall be designated on the ballot "proposed petition for initiative." The use of the cross in the square opposite each measure is continued.

House Bill 308, by Committee on Railroads.

This law requires railroads in Montana to maintain more than one crossing in all towns and villages of

more than 300 people upon petition therefor signed by one-half of the business men of such town or village. One copy of the petition is to be sent to the railroad company and another copy to the state board of railroad commissioners. Unless the railroad builds the crossing within a reasonable time, the railroad commission may enforce the request in the petition in a summary manner. Also board of county commissioners may require railroads to build crossings and approaches where the tracks are intersected by established county roads. The railroad commission is required to enforce this provision if the railroad company fails to comply with the order of the board of county commissioners. Railroads are made responsible for all damages at such places until the order of the county is complied with.

Penalties of from \$25 to \$100 are prescribed for violations of the act.

House Bill 245, by Crisman.

The governor may prohibit the importation of agricultural seeds or horticultural stock from districts outside the state when he has reason to believe that such districts are infected with harmful plant diseases or pests, provided importations from such districts may be permitted under such restrictions as may be imposed by the state board of horticulture, the commissioner of agriculture, or the state entomologist.

If the governor has reason to suspect the existence of pests or diseases harmful to agricultural or horticultural products, he shall prescribe and enforce rules and regulations to control and eradicate them.

Importers who violate the provisions of the act may be fined in a sum of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50, and they shall also be liable to pay any damages that may accrue from such violations.

House Bill 283, by Fishbaugh.

This law defines any one of the following to be a legal fence if not less than 44 inches nor more than 48 inches in height:

All fences consisting of at least three barbed horizontal well stretched wires, the lowest of which must not be less than 15 inches nor more than 18 inches from the ground, securely fastened as nearly equidistant as possible to substantial posts, firmly set, not exceeding 20 feet apart, or 33 feet apart, when two or more stays are used between the posts.

All corral fences outside of legal fences enclosing stacks shall not be less than 15 feet from the stacks, substantially built with posts not less than eight feet apart, and with not less than five strands of barbed wire well stretched.

All fences of standard woven wire not less than 28 inches in height fastened to substantial posts not more than 30 feet apart, with one barbed wire above not less than 40 inches from the ground.

All other fences made of barbed wire shall be as strong and as well calculated to protect enclosures as the above described fences.

All fences of four bounds, rails or poles securely fastened to posts not more than 14 feet apart.

All rivers, hedges, mountain ridges and bluffs, or other barriers over or

through which it is impossible for stock to pass.

House Bill 349, by McNally.

The governor shall appoint three members of a state board of poultry husbandry. It shall be the duty of the board to investigate and bring to the attention of those engaged in agriculture, and others, the value and importance of poultry raising in this state, by publishing for free distribution reports and bulletins pertaining to the advancement of the poultry industry. The board shall also supervise the holding of an annual poultry exhibition.

The board is to serve without pay, but is authorized to appoint a secretary who is to receive not to exceed \$200 per year, and who may draw a per diem of \$5 when supervising poultry shows or gathering data upon order of the board.

The sum of \$500 is appropriated to carry out the provisions of the act for the ensuing two years.

House Bill 118, by Meadors.

The intent of this law is to compensate owners of tubercular cattle, glandered horses, and horses afflicted with dourine when killed by order of the state. Such owners shall receive an amount equal to the full assessed valuation of such animals shown on the last assessment roll. If such animals are not shown on the last preceding assessment roll, the owner is barred from recovery.

One-half of the amount paid to the owners of slaughtered animals shall come from an appropriation of \$5,000 to carry out the act for the ensuing two years, and one-half from the general fund of the county wherein the stock is killed.

Duplicate claims must be filed with the state auditor and the board of county commissioners. It is expressly provided that this law does not affect the existing law as to the killing of animals later determined to have been healthy.

House Bill 372, by Largely.

This requires that owners of autos or motor-vehicles shall register the same with the secretary of state and pay into that office \$2 for an annual certificate of permission to run such vehicle. The application shall contain a description of the vehicle, name and postoffice address of the manufacturer, character and amount of motive power expressed in horse-power terms, and the name and postoffice address of the owner. The secretary of state shall keep a book of records of the same and shall furnish lists to county clerks of such certificate owners as may reside in the various counties.

Motors must display on front and rear the number given to their vehicle by the secretary of state, and the number shall be securely fastened to the body of the vehicle.

Manufacturers of motor-vehicles shall also apply to the secretary of state for a distinctive number and identification mark which must be displayed upon all motors sold by such manufacturers within this state. For the certificate thereof a fee of \$10 must be paid. Motor-vehicles on public roads must have brakes thereof sufficient to control them at all times; shall also have a horn or device for signaling; two white lights in front at night, and one red light on the rear; must also carry a tire chain on at least one rear wheel when running on slippery roads or roads in condition liable to cause skidding.

No motor-vehicle shall be run over public roads or highways at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable or proper, having regard to the width, traffic or use of such roads, and the drivers of such vehicles shall observe the general and usual use of the roads, so as not to endanger the life or limb of any person.

Every chauffeur must procure a license from the secretary of state for

which a fee of \$2 is required. He shall receive a badge of aluminum which he must wear conspicuously when operating a motor-vehicle. The secretary of state shall keep in a book of record the names of such licenses and shall furnish a copy of all licenses issued in any county to the county clerk of that county. Chauffeurs are forbidden to give their badges or to loan them to any other person. They must secure licenses within 30 days of the approval of the act. Chauffeurs are forbidden to take any bonus or other compensation from those from whom supplies or repairs are purchased or made, and it is made a misdemeanor to offer the same to chauffeurs.

The following section as to regulation of motor-vehicles by other authorities is given in full: "No local authority shall have any power except as herein otherwise expressly provided, to make any ordinance, by-law or resolution respecting motor-vehicles or their speed upon or use of the public highways of this state; and no ordinance, by-law or resolution heretofore or hereafter made by any local authority respecting motor-vehicles shall have any force and effect; provided, however, that power is given to any town, city or borough to regulate shows, processions, assemblies or parades in the streets and public places, and to regulate the use of public parks, and all ordinances, by-laws and regulations which may have been enacted in pursuance of said power, shall remain in full force and effect; provided further, that local authorities may set aside for a given time a specific public highway for speed tests or races to be conducted under proper restrictions for the safety of the public." The display of a number not actually owned is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100. Fines of from \$50 to \$200 are provided for other violations of the act.

Magistrates shall certify convictions had under the act to the secretary of state who shall enter opposite the name of the chauffeur or owner a record of such conviction. This is for the guidance of magistrates in imposing fines for second or additional offenses.

It is also provided that in cities a captain or sergeant of police may act as magistrate in case of arrests and give an immediate hearing. If such hearing is not desired, the owner may be released upon a cash bail of double the amount of the fine provided for under the clause alleged to have been violated. In some cases such police officers may retain the machine until the owner thereof has had a hearing before a magistrate.

Any surplus of fees obtained by the secretary of state, under this act shall, after the expenses incurred in connection therewith have been covered, be paid into the state treasury.

The act was approved March 12, and goes into effect within 30 days thereafter.

WOMAN GETS DAMAGES FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH

Wallace, March 14.—(Special).—The jury in the damage suit against the Stewart Mining company brought in by Catharina Chiari, last night returned a verdict for the plaintiff and awarded her \$10,000 for the death of her husband, Louis Chiari, last August. Chiari was a loader and at the time of the accident was riding on the front end of an ore train in the Stewart tunnel. The car jumped the track and he was thrown across the rail and instantly killed. The amount awarded was the full sum sought.

CAMAS NEWS

Camas, March 15.—(Special).—F. A. Pondaris returned home from Missoula Tuesday.

Hans Nelson is back on his ranch again and will commence work very soon.

J. Billings and family moved yesterday onto the ranch they have leased in Oliver gulch. Mr. Billings will put in a good crop.

P. J. Zeh returned Tuesday from Missoula, where he has been visiting and transacting business.

The headquarters hotel is being renovated for the summer. Paint and paper are much in evidence.

G. N. Mansfield and family left Wednesday for their old home in Columbia Falls. Mr. Mansfield will take up the sawmill business again.

A shortcut to Camas from the south is being built over the Warm Springs creek. Work is progressing nicely.

The flowing gusher struck by the well drill last week on the Bartlett ranch is getting stronger every day. It will be necessary to move the house to a greater distance on account of the ground giving away. Mr. Bartlett will have the water analyzed at once, and may consider a sanitarium proposition.

A deal was closed the first of the week whereby J. Morgau becomes owner of the Fred Gedlich ranch, located in Gareon gulch.

H. H. McVety returned Tuesday from an extended trip through Canada and the western coast. He says he regrets selling off his stock last fall and may start ranching again.

James Marion of the upper valley is visiting at the springs.

The well outfit is drilling on the McGraw ranch this week on the well abandoned by the small drill at work here two years ago. They have a flow at the time of writing, but will go deeper.

STEVENSVILLE PLEASSED.

Stevensville, March 16.—(Special).—Stevensville rejoices in the fact that Will Long, a former Stevensville high school boy, won the debate with his colleague, Payne Templeton, at Bozeman last week. There is much in the Bitter Root to be proud of and the schools are not the least. With unmistakable pride the people can say that Will Long is a product of the Bitter Root and representative of the kind that reaches the maturity of the Stevensville schools.

BOYS HAVE SUCCESS WITH WIRELESS

LOYD THOMPSON AND JOHNNIE DAWES SEND MESSAGES TO EACH OTHER.

Hamilton, March 16.—(Special).—Lloyd Thompson and Johnnie Dawes are the happiest boys in Hamilton. Yesterday was the day appointed to try out their wireless telegraph system. The Missoulian recently telling of the near completion of an up-to-date wireless plant by the boys. At the time the boys were interviewed by a Missoulian reporter, and Lloyd Thompson was asked if he thought the plant would work. He answered that they thought it would, then went on to say that if it didn't work on the first trial, they would keep at it until it did. Yesterday each boy took his seat at the sending and receiving stations. A short message was sent from Dawes to Thompson, the greeting of the former being picked up by the aerials at the receiving station, which is more than three blocks from the sending station, the message coming clearly to the ears of young Thompson at the receiving station. The plant worked and the boys were content.

No continued conversation was carried on, as something went wrong with the plant in a short time and communication was cut off for the time being. Young Thompson stated this morning that they knew exactly where the trouble was located and would be able to adjust matters easily. The boys have vindicated themselves, the system having responded to their efforts to construct a wireless telegraph. This is not the first time young Dawes has been interested in such a plant, his father stating recently that the boys formerly constructed a plant while a resident of Butte.

DOVE OF PEACE IS FLUTTERING

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This week. We are fighting for a constitutional government in Mexico and a little battle like that of Naco yesterday will not matter.

Call and Brancome arrived here with their followers exhausted and nearly frozen. The proof of defeat greatly excited the Agua Prieta garrison and sympathizers on the Arizona side. Secret junta meetings along the Arizona side of the border indicate that strong reinforcements of recruits will participate in the next campaign around the westward border port.

Dr. E. W. Randall, the Douglas physician who was missing while attending the wounded on the field below Naco, arrived safely here today. His automobile was wrecked and he was compelled to take a horse proffered by a state soldier and ride to Agua Prieta with the defeated chiefs.

No Message From Diaz.

New York, March 16.—General Fernando Gonzalez, for several years one of the principal aides of ex-President Porfirio Diaz, who went to Europe in 1911 on the same ship with the exiled president of Mexico, arrived here today on the steamer Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, on his way to Mexico City. General Gonzalez denied that he was the bearer of dispatches from Porfirio Diaz to the new Mexican government, but said he would visit President Huerta.

"I assure you," General Gonzalez said, "that my trip to Mexico has no political business. I am not bringing any messages from former President Diaz. Although I have been with him constantly for the last two years, I must confess that I do not know his views on the present situation. I left him a few days before the revolt, which ended in the downfall of Madero, was started."

STEVENSVILLE FAMILY CHASED OUT BY FIRE

Stevensville, March 16.—(Special).—During the quietness of the Sunday noon-hour, the alarm of the firebell called the drowsy inhabitants to the western part of town where the smoke was issuing from the home of Daxe Adams. The department responded in record time and saved the building from total destruction. The furniture was saved by willing workers who reached the scene early and only for the fact that dwelling houses are at a premium here at this time, Mr. and Mrs. Adams would not be dreadfully inconvenienced. The many new people moving into the prosperous town lately have filled up every inhabitable structure and though there is a good-sized hole in the roof of the Adams residence, the family will probably be content to move in the partly sheltered house and pray for good weather to prevail. Today's fire was the second time that the Adams' house has been in danger, only a couple of weeks ago the department put out a small blaze there.

EAST FORK RANCHER DEAD.

Hamilton, March 16.—(Special).—Amos Williams, a wealthy rancher living on the East Fork, died Saturday afternoon. He was stricken with paralysis and at his age, 73 years, could not survive the shock. Mr. Williams had been in Montana since 1878 and had made his home in the valley for many years.

HAMILTON CHILD DIES.

Hamilton, March 16.—(Special).—Millie Rouse, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rouse, died at the family residence Saturday afternoon. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

MUCH IS PROMISED BY NEW PLAY

"THE OWL AND THE PUSSY CAT" WILL PLEASE THE PEOPLE OF HAMILTON.

Hamilton, March 16.—(Special).—When the curtain at the Lucas opera house raises on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 28 and 29, the audiences will be comfortably seated to witness a strictly home-grown musical comedy. Several musical plays have been staged here by local talent during past years, but "The Owl and the Pussy Cat" has the distinction of being the first production composed and produced to the last detail by local talent to be produced here. The author of the coming treat is Miss Dixie Wilson, a teacher in the Woodside school, who stops at the Ravalli hotel. Miss Wilson wrote the lines of the play, also composing all of the musical music which will be heard at the play. The costumes for the production were planned by Miss Wilson, much of the work of making them falling to her lot. In addition to all this work, she has carefully trained a large juvenile cast until the play is nearly ready for the rise of the curtain.

Miss Wilson is a marvel for work. She has considerable histrionic ability and is undoubtedly the most graceful and accomplished dancer, either professional or amateur, who has ever appeared before the local footlights. Her dance during a recent musical comedy given in this city was a revelation to the audience. She takes a prominent part in the coming attraction.

The play will be given for the benefit of the Hamilton hospital, and for that reason alone should be liberally patronized both evenings. The opera is an adaptation of the familiar nursery rhyme. Parts will be taken by the following: Dixie Wilson, J. E. Shoady, Gertrude Hasser, Cora V. Chaffin, Mary F. McLaughlin, Stewart Patterson, Thelma Munsell, Mary E. O'Hara, Willie McGowan, Robert O'Hara, George Murray, Earl Welliver, John Fitzgibbon, Ingra Johnson, Helen Fitzgibbon, Mildred Fitzgibbon, Doris Adams and others.

COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT.

Hamilton, March 16.—(Special).—There will be a special meeting of the city council tomorrow evening for the purpose of opening bids and letting the contract for the construction of cement sidewalks and curbs in special improvement district No. 2. There is a large amount of construction work to be done in the district and the contract will be a large one, involving about \$20,000. A resolution from the Hamilton trades and labor council, asking the council to employ none but union labor in the work, will be presented to the council, with the request that the resolution be unanimously adopted by the city dads.

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