

LARSON'S BILL FOR EMERGENCY ROAD TAX DIES

House by Big Vote Kills Pet Measure of Teton County Solon

Sentiment Prevailing That There Are Too Many Taxes Already.

Staff Correspondence.
Helena, Jan. 28.—Although the senate took the view of the owner of rural property, as expressed by Senator T. O. Larson of Teton county that the costs of road construction and maintenance should be a burden upon the owner of city property as well as the farm owner, the house Friday looked at the matter from the point of view of the city dweller and, strikingly killed S. B. 131 by an almost unanimous vote.

This bill, which would make the county road levy an assessment upon all property within the county, was reported back by the house committee on revenue and taxation, together with S. B. 132 by Larson, providing for an emergency road tax to be administered by boards of county commissioners, with the recommendations that neither be concurred in.

Cooney Leads Opposition.

Representative H. T. Rhoads of Teton county moved that these two bills be segregated from the committee's report and referred to the committee on highways.

Representative E. H. Cooney of Cascade county, chairman of the committee on revenue and taxation, opposed the Rhoads motion, stating that both were measures relating to taxation, that they had been fully considered by the committee, and that the report had been unanimously adopted. He said the committee now had tax measures under consideration of a nature which would keep the people burdened for the next 150 years and he did not believe any additional burden as these bills proposed should be placed against the taxpayers.

Cities Nearly Bankrupt.

Representative Edward Scharnikow of Powell county supported the committee report, stating that the cities of Montana are already taxed nearly into bankruptcy and that his bill would mean that the cities would be taxed for about one-half of the money to be expended throughout the counties for construction and maintenance of roads.

The motion of Rhoads was then voted down overwhelmingly and the committee report adopted.

The same committee reported favorably upon H. B. 50, requiring semi-monthly deposits of state moneys. H. B. 21, amending the mothers' pension law, and H. B. 101, providing for a board of experts to check on deposits were also favorably reported.

Favorable committee reports were received on H. B. 68, to create a game preserve in the county; H. B. 60, providing for the issuance of seed and relief bonds payable in 10 or 15 years; H. B. 92, H. B. 122 and H. B. 123, to transfer inactive funds of the county fund; H. B. 124, to pay a judgment of the J. I. Case Co. for refund of corporation fees; H. B. 118, defining the powers of trustees of county high schools; and H. B. 46 by Cady to create a game preserve in Lincoln and Flathead counties.

Knock Out Voting Machines.

By a vote of 91 to 6 the house passed on third reading H. B. 40 by Goodland, to repeal the voting machine law. Passage of the measure was strongly advocated by Silver Bow members who told of the strong sentiment existing in Butte against the use of the machines, although Representative Don King of Silver Bow opposed the bill on the grounds that the machines, which cost \$50,000, had saved the city of Butte many times that amount.

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3. Building for mental deficient, idiots and low grade imbeciles, consisting of sleeping quarters, dining room, lounge room, etc., at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The need of this is very apparent, as this class of patients are being kept in a basement with insufficient air, sunlight, etc.
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CONVICTS AS TAILORS FOR STATE'S CHARGES IS RECOMMENDATION

Legislative Committee Would Have Them Work on Cloth Manufactured by Montana Wool Growers Association.

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Helena, Jan. 28.—If the recommendation of the special legislative committee which has recently investigated conditions at the state hospital for the insane, the state penitentiary, the state tuberculosis sanitarium and the school for the deaf and blind, are carried out by the seventeenth assembly, the state prison for men will become a tailoring establishment where the workmen will make clothes for themselves and for the inmates of other institutions named and make them from woolen cloth manufactured by the Montana Wool Growers association.

This recommendation is an interesting feature of the report of the committee which has been made to the house and which has been referred to the house committee on appropriations. The committee is composed of Representatives H. T. Rhoads of Teton county and E. A. Rouleau of Silver Bow county and Senator F. B. Connelly of Yellowstone county. The committee also recommends several new buildings to relieve the congestion at the state hospital for the insane, the establishment of another hospital somewhere in the state and the purchase of several hundred acres of land adjoining the school for the deaf and blind at Boulder. The report follows:

Hospital for Insane.

"On January 15 and 16 we visited the state hospital for the insane and inspected the grounds and buildings. The grounds and buildings we found to be in a good state of repair, but everywhere the congestion was very apparent. In many places we found three patients where there should have been one. This was particularly noticeable in the women's dormitory. Many of the rooms showed beds so closely crowded that it was impossible to have a table or a chair by the bedside. The interior of the buildings was noticeably clean and well kept. The patients were apparently well taken care of, that is, properly clothed and fed. Upon a tour of the building we found that the cost per day per person during the past two years was \$1.10. This when compared with other states for insane care in Wyoming, shows that the maintenance has been kept at a reasonable figure."

Produce Own Milk.

"We found about 60 head of work horses and a few head of young stock, and 68 milk cows. The 68 cows give 20 gallons of milk per day, which is sufficient to supply the patients with good wholesome milk. This milk is all used at the institution, contrary to what is done in some of the other institutions where it is being shipped to outside markets."

"We particularly noticed the very efficient fire department, which is well equipped and organized and had given very excellent service. The department is chiefly due to our state fire marshal."

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Flathead Representative Has Bill to Reduce Litigation Expense at Judge's Discretion.

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Helena, Jan. 28.—Drafted for the purpose of granting to judges of district courts the authority to conduct court at places in their districts other than the county seats, a bill has been introduced in the house by Representative P. F. Dodds of Flathead county at the request of the Flathead County Bar association.

The bill is proposed primarily at the instance of the litigants of Flathead county, within which section originates nearly half of the actions instituted in Flathead county. The bill specifies that whenever, in the opinion of the district judge, the convenience of the witnesses and litigants and the expeditious dispatch of legal business would be subserved by the holding of court at any place specified in the bill, any district judge may at his discretion order the holding of court at any place in his judicial district remote from a county seat.

State Prison.

"On January 17 we visited the state prison at Deer Lodge. We find that institution to be in a very sanitary condition. At the present time there are about 360 inmates, which is a very low figure compared with former years, due to the new parole system."

"We recommend that all clothing for the inmates of all state institutions be made by the inmates of the state prison, where possible, from cloth manufactured by the Montana Wool Growers' association. This can be done at a very low cost. It would be necessary for the state to furnish a cutter at a good salary, for instance, the only salaried person connected with the making of such garments."

School for Deaf and Blind.

"On January 18 we visited the school for the deaf and blind at Boulder, which also has a department for the feeble-minded. We found the system of management exceedingly satisfactory, but the physical needs of the plant are very great. Much of the furniture in the administration building has been made by the pupils of the institution, and the work done in the mechanical and other departments is of a very high grade, when the character of the pupils is taken into consideration."

Weather.

"We find that there are approximately 200 students now at the school and a waiting list of approximately 500. The needs of the institution with regard to new buildings are governed by the additional applications. This large waiting list is composed of feeble minded and backward children; the blind, deaf and dumb are kept on the waiting list only a very short period, being given preference. We strongly recommend the additional buildings requested in the budget in order to take care of as many as possible on the waiting list."

Weather Conditions—Pacific Slope.

"We should also recommend that many of the inmates now at this institution should be committed to the state hospital for the insane, were it not for the crowded condition at the latter institution."

"We also recommend the purchase of an additional farm, consisting of 800 acres, 500 of which can be irrigated and has a prior water right, upon which farm the superintendent has an option which runs until the adjournment of the present legislature and which option names a very reasonable price."

"The recommendations contained in this report represent actual, immediate needs of the various institutions, and we heartily urge their adoption."

Christian Scientists Win in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 28.—The Nebraska senate Friday, Jan. 27, recommended for third reading and passage the bill legalizing the practice of Christian Science. It exempts Christian Science practitioners from being classed as violators of the medical law if they accept fees for ministering to the sick.

Sioux Falls Wrestler Wins from Finland.

Mitchell, S. D., Jan. 28.—Carl Noteboom, heavyweight wrestler of Sioux Falls, pinned to earth Friday night with a body scissors and wrist locks. The first fall came in 24 minutes and the second in 17.

SENATE BUILDS HURDLES AROUND COUNTY MAKERS

Bill Reported Out of Committee as Substitute for Paul Measure Doubles Assessed Valuation From \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 and Lets Citizens of All Counties Affected Vote.

Helena, Jan. 28.—The swan song of new counties for a considerable time to come in Montana is sung under the provisions of a bill reported in the senate Friday by the committee on new counties as a substitute for the Paul bill.

It raises the assessed valuation required for a new county from \$4,000,000 under the present law, to \$8,000,000 and further permits the voters of every county affected by the proposed county to vote whether the county shall be created. The present law limits the voting to electors living within the boundaries of the proposed division.

Without comment the adverse report of the committee on roads and highways was adopted killing the bill prohibiting placing of signs within 500 feet of road crossings.

Two bills by Lewis of Chouteau county amending the initiative primary laws to provide for a closed primary system, were favorably reported by the committee on privileges and elections.

Evangelical Church, Split in 1890 Will Reunite, It Is Stated.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Announcement of the reunion of the Evangelical association of the whole United States and the United Evangelical association in the North Dakota senate Friday.

The bills were offered by Senator E. M. Nelson, Independent, and are sponsored by Justice Robinson, who was elected with Nonpartisan league endorsement. They would repeal the state income tax laws; the requirement that corporations file annual reports with the tax commissioner; the law creating the office of tax supervisors, and the tax on shares of stock.

The house passed a bill to pay a St. Paul company \$12,000 for the audit of state industries, after a heated debate, 61 to 49.

WANTS IRRIGATION COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE BOND POWER

Black of Toole County Fathers Bill to Widen Authority of District Boards.

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Helena, Jan. 28.—Powers similar to those exercised by county commissioners would be conferred upon commissioners of irrigation districts under the provisions of a bill to be introduced by Representative W. M. Black of Toole county. It gives the commissioners of legally organized districts authority to sell refunding warrants sufficient to retire all legal outstanding indebtedness, which warrants would be redeemable within five years and bear interest to not exceed 7 percent bearing interest coupons payable semi-annually.

These warrants would be registered by the county treasurer. The sale of these warrants must be advertised for 30 days and disposed of on sealed bids. The proceeds of the sale of these warrants must be paid into the county treasury and be applied to the payment of the legal bonds, or warrants of the district in the order in which they become due.

The bill provides, however, that the commissioners may by resolution provide for the exchange of refunding warrants for outstanding warrants or bonds then or hereafter to become due. They shall make such exchange upon such terms as they deem for the best interest of the district.

U. S. TROOPSHIP ASHORE.

BLOCKED DANZIG HARBOR.
Berlin, Jan. 28.—A special dispatch from Danzig reports that the American steamer President Grant, which was to have taken to the United States 1,400 Americans of the demobilized army, went adrift in a heavy gale and is now blocking the harbor entrance.

Kenyon Proposes Bill to Aid Jobless; Also Farmer Credit

Washington, Jan. 28.—Speeding up on authorized public works to aid the unemployment situation was proposed in a resolution here Friday by Senator Kenyon, Republican, Iowa. Furnishing work for unemployed and also in the manufacture of materials, the resolution declared, would ease present industrial conditions.

Two new corporations under federal charter to provide personal credit for agriculturists was proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Kenyon, Republican, Iowa, who said he hoped for its enactment at the next session of congress. One would be a rural credit society with \$26,000,000 capital, and the other an insurance corporation to loan money to farmers. State branches of the credit society and small community branches of farmers also are proposed.

POPE DECORATES 8 KNIGHTS.

New York, Jan. 28.—Eight Knights of Columbus officers who distinguished themselves in war and reconstruction work have been decorated by Pope Benedict.

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When Will Tumbling Prices Strike Bottom?

Prices of commodities are running away down-hill, and the one question that is being asked on all sides, in one form or another, is: how long will the runaway keep up his speed, and how long before it will be checked in its mad career? While it may be difficult to predict the future of prices and business men and financiers are chary of hazarding guesses, everybody is now fully aware that the high cost of living received a fatal blow some time between February and June last year, and that every subsequent bulletin from the bedside reported "sinking."

In the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, January 29th, the reductions in retail prices of a wide range of commodities is shown and the course of the price avalanche is forecast. The article is illustrated by graphic charts that show the rise and fall of prices at a glance.

Other important news-features in this number of THE DIGEST are:

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