

BIG BUNDLES OF BILLS

The State Legislators Are Kept Busy These Days.

GRANITE COUNTY PROTESTS

The State Board of Education Makes An Appeal for Prompt Action in the Matter of the University.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

HELENA, Jan. 18.—Both houses held sessions this morning. In the senate the committee appointed for conference on rules to govern both houses reported a set of rules which were adopted. The changes from the rules of the last legislature were immaterial.

Senate bill No. 11, concerning roads and highways, and senate bill No. 15, establishing the miners' inch, were reported with recommendations to pass, and referred to the printing committee.

The governor transmitted a resolution of the state board of education and recommended its adoption.

WHEREAS, The local executive board of the state university of Montana has made a report to this board, wherein it offers to furnish suitable rooms for the opening and carrying on of the state university at Missoula for an indefinite length of time, and, it appearing to the board that such university should be opened at the earliest possible time, therefore be it

Resolved, That the offer of the local executive board and the citizens of Missoula be and is hereby accepted. Further

Resolved, That it is the desire of this board that the legislative assembly of the state of Montana should immediately enact such legislation as may be necessary for the opening and operating of the state university, and that the funds now on hand, in the sum of \$13,486, that is credited to the state university, together with such other funds as may be necessary, should be appropriated and set apart for the opening and carrying on of such university.

A document, from the National Association for the Suppression of Crime was transmitted by the governor and referred to the committee on public morals.

Cooper gave notice of the introduction of a bill creating the office of state examiner, defining his duties. The senate then went into committee of the whole. Babcock took the chair and senate joint memorial No. 1, asking for the restoration of the constitutional standard of gold and silver, was considered and then passed to the third reading and referred to the engraving committee.

Senate bill No. 1 as to school lands was amended to make the school bonds provided for in the act payable at the office of the county treasurer and not at some designated bank. The bonds when paid and cancelled shall be exhibited to the board of county commissioners instead of the school trustees. This was also passed to the third reading and referred to the engraving committee and the senate took an adjournment until 2 o'clock Monday.

The morning session of the house opened with an attempt to change the rules so that bills introduced might be read the first and second time by title the present rule being to read the bill the first time entirely through. The attempt was unsuccessful. Notice of the introduction of bills were given as follows:

Latimer—Fixing a legal rate of interest and to prevent usury.

Cooper—To regulate freight and passenger traffic on railroads.

Husby—For the election of road supervisor.

Horsky—To amend the game and fish law.

Hedges—To repeal the act providing for a general land commissioner.

The governor sent a communication to the house this afternoon transmitting a bill for the education, maintenance, protection and detention of minors. This is a measure that has been laid before the legislature of all the states under direction of the National Board of the Boys' and Girls' National Home and Employment association for the suppression of crime among minors. It provides for the compulsory education of all minors.

The bill drafted by the board of education to amend the present school law was also transmitted. This measure recommends some changes, which, if enacted into law, will make a systematic school law, and if properly executed, will give Montana a system of schools efficient, progressive, and abreast of the times.

The recommendations of the board of stock commissioners with reference to the proposed bounty bill were received as follows: First, that the bounty shall be at the uniform rate of \$3 on coyotes and wolves. Second, that a fund to pay the bounty shall be raised as follows: Five per cent. license fund, estimated at \$22,000; 1 1/2 mill tax levy on all stock, \$22,500; state appropriation, \$10,000; total \$54,500. Third, the enactment of this bill shall repeal all other county bills. Fourth, the hides to be punched by the county clerk, treasurer and clerks of the courts free of charge. Fifth, no part of this fund to be used in paying back bounties, except whatever surplus may remain at the end of the year.

The governor sent the same resolution of the state board of education noted in the senate proceedings above.

An objection to the new political code has already come to light in the shape of a protest from the board of stock commissioners. It is against section 1950, which transfers the office of recorder of brands and marks from the secretary of the commissioners to the office of secretary of state. The protest says the marks and brand books are required every hour of the day at the secretary's office, and if transferred it would do away with the object for which the board was created. It is signed by every member of the stock commission.

Edwards gave notice of a bill to amend the Australian ballot law.

Brown to prohibit gambling on the lower floors of buildings.

Hedges, to amend section 944, fifth division, compiled statutes, relating to the mileage of county officers.

House bill No. 1, an act to create the Eleventh judicial district, and to provide for its organization, was considered in committee of the whole this afternoon. Collins of Park county, in the chair. The judiciary committee led by Cravan, Shropshire, Booth and other attorneys favored the measure, the opposition coming from Alderson, who thought the state should be re-districted without employing another judge. He was in favor of economy. Under the new bill, Flathead and Teton counties are taken from the Tenth district and made into a district by themselves.

The committee of the whole recom-

mended its passage. Bills were introduced as follows:

Booth, house bill No. 57, an act to provide for publication of opinions of the supreme court and to regulate the price of such reports.

Reynolds, house bill 58, an act to insure proper sanitary condition in workshops, smelters and other places wherein laborers, mechanics, and artisans are employed.

Reynolds, house bill 59, an act to discontinue labor by municipalities.

Harris, house bill 62, to authorize the board of school trustees of any school district to repay from the proceeds of the sale of bonds any money loaned or advanced to it for the erection of school houses.

Alderson, house bill 61, an act establishing a standard of measurement of water and defining a miner's inch.

The 11th judicial district bill provides that within 30 days from its passage the governor shall appoint some fit and competent person as judge, and that there shall be no change in the officers of the 10th judicial district, which shall consist hereafter of Valley, Fergus and Choteau counties. The senate judiciary committee considered this bill this afternoon and decided to report favorably to its adoption and to take the same action on the bill to enable the city of Great Falls to purchase park property outside of the city limits.

A delegation from Granite county, composed of T. C. Congdon, W. C. Bradshaw and William Toby, is here to lobby against Sligh's bill in the senate to enable Granite to pay bills for the rent of the building now being used as a court house, and for various bills for material. The delegation appeared before the committee on towns, counties and municipal corporations at its session this afternoon. The committee deferred action until Monday.

SUICIDE IN HELENA. The Dead Body of Thomas H. Colter Found in His Cabin.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

HELENA, Jan. 18.—The dead body of Thomas H. Colter was found this morning in a cabin at the foot of Harrison avenue. He had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a .38-caliber revolver. He was 40 years old and was engaged in the wood business. He leaves considerable property, and his suicide is attributed to momentary insanity.

There was no interruption of the proceedings of the legislature this morning when the building they were occupying was sold over their heads by the sheriff at noon. It is the old Merchants' hotel property and was sold on a second mortgage of \$17,710.43, held by the Commonwealth Title Insurance company. The property was bought in for the amount of the claim by the holder of the first mortgage, Charles J. McLure.

CHIEF FAGAN RESIGNS. He Gives Up His Star to Sell Harness and such.

Chief Joseph Fagan has tendered his resignation as chief of police to Mayor Thornton, to take effect Feb. 1. This news is not unexpected, for since Mr. Fagan acquired an interest in the store formerly owned by Barrett & Co., it was expected that he would soon retire from official life to give his entire attention to the harness and saddle business.

Chief Fagan has been at the head of the police force in this city for three years, and has made an industrious and competent officer. He has been a terror to vagrants and thieves and has given this city a wide berth during his term. Mayor Thornton has not yet selected a successor, but will probably announce the luck man at the council meeting on next Monday evening. There is a very strong sentiment in this city in favor of the promotion of Assistant Chief Jack White. In point of ability to properly fill the office there is no man more available. Mr. White has been a long time on the Anaconda police force and has been faithful and impartial in the discharge of his duties.

Anaconda's Sympathy. A tribute to the memories of the firemen who were buried in Butte yesterday, which was both generous and appropriate, was tendered by the merchants of Anaconda. Every place of business in this city closed its doors from 12 o'clock until 6 o'clock, during the funeral services held in Butte. It is estimated that 500 citizens of Anaconda attended the services in Butte. The regular trains were packed to the platform and a special over the B., A. & P. at 12:30 o'clock carried four coach loads of people to the city in mourning. Anaconda's sympathy was freely expressed; the actions of her citizens everywhere betokened the deepest sorrow for the sister city. All entertainments that were planned are postponed, and the general suspension of business yesterday was an act of more than formal condolence.

Last evening, at a special meeting of the Carpenters' union, No. 28, the members voted unanimously to donate \$250 to the relief fund for the Butte sufferers and the sum will this morning be deposited in the bank, subject to the draft of Mayor Dugan, who will be notified by wire of the action of the local union.

Ricketts' Troubadours. The Ricketts' Troubadours will appear at Evans opera house next Monday and Tuesday night, presenting the musical comedy, "Colonel Jack." The following notice appeared in the New York Herald: "Tom Ricketts in the musical comedy 'Colonel Jack,' made his first appearance in New York at the Windsor theater last evening in the presence of a crowded house. Mr. Ricketts was received with a constant round of applause which almost amounted to an ovation. The success of the production was flattering and the comedy caught on to popular approval. The support throughout was good, and together with striking features, handsome costumes and appropriate stage settings contribute much to the success of the star." Mr. Ricketts' company does many things and does them well. A more successful opening of a week's engagement has not been known here, and the audiences will undoubtedly be large during the week. Several high classed specialties are introduced during the action of the comedy.

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James Brown, a well known and popular resident of Anaconda, was taken to St. Ann's hospital yesterday to be treated for an attack of pneumonia.

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D. S. Elliott of St. Paul, who is the superintendent of the Great Northern express company, visited the Anaconda office a few hours yesterday.

A masquerade party on skates is one of the pleasures in prospect at the skating rink. The ice is again in fine condition and the rink is a popular resort.

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The arrivals yesterday at the Montana were: A. G. Wagner, J. D. Pippen, Minneapolis; West & Fisher, Chicago; D. S. Elliott, St. Paul; James Neuman, Chicago; D. J. Hennessy, Butte; Isaac Brun, Louisville, Ky.; Sam Boswell, city.

General Arthur cigar has a delicious aroma. The literary branch of the Epworth league of the M. E. church had a very pleasant evening Thursday night at the home of Mrs. W. H. Weaver on Locust street. Songs from Tennyson and Longfellow were sung and readings given from the epics of Homer and Southey. Light refreshments were served during the evening. A general discussion of topics and authors occurred in which all participated and the event was enjoyed by all present.

Funeral of Donald McKenzie. The funeral of Donald McKenzie occurred yesterday from Ehret's undertaking rooms. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Clyde the services were conducted by Rev. G. M. Ryder, and the body was interred in the Anaconda cemetery. The deceased was almost a stranger in this city, as he came here recently from New Brunswick, but all who knew him speak of him in the highest terms. He was a quiet and unassuming man. He worked faithfully and well, as long as he was able. Though he had no relatives here, he was well cared for during his last hours by the Sisters at St. Ann's hospital.

Back Numbers of the "Standard" Covering full account of the fire and explosion in Butte can be had by applying at any of the STANDARD'S offices.

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