IN THE SWING OF WORK.

All Preliminary Business in the Iowa General Assembly Has Been Disposed Of.

MANY BILLS EXPECTED THIS SESSION.

Measure to Substitute Electrocution for Hanging—Several Appropriation Bills Already Introduced—Other Legislative Gossip of More Than Usual Interest.

[Special Correspondence.]

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 27.—The Twenty-ninth general assembly of Iowa has gotten into the swing of work. Nearly a hundred bills have already been introduced, the committees have been announced and are at work, two United States senators have been elected and all of the preliminary business of the session has been disposed of. It is expected that 1,000 bills will be introduced in the two houses and that this will occupy most of the time for the next month.

Electrocution for Criminals.

The bill which has caused the most discussion of all those introduced so far is that proposed by Representative Blakemore, of Taylor county, to substitute electrocution for hanging as the legal method of execution in this state. Legislators do not believe that such a change, with the necessary expense attached, is required, because there is little chance of a hanging in Iowa again. For ten years the governors have commuted all death sentences to life imprisonment. Several men are now serving time who were sentenced to hang originally.

To Fix Boundary Line.

Senator Hazelton's bill to create a commission to confer with a like commission from Nebraska to fix the western boundary of Iowa and the eastern boundary of Nebraska stands an excellent chance of passage. While the bill proposes only the creation of such a commission, Senator Hazelton's plan is to have the Missouri river fixed as the boundary. This would result in changing the location of considerable property in western Iowa, but on the whole this state would gain the advantage. After the commission reports the legislatures must approve their findings in each state.

Appropriation Bills.

The appropriation bills for the educational institutions have been introduced, and, summarized, they are as follows: For the state university, $363,000 and $35,000 annual support additional; for the state normal school, $176,000; for the state agricultural college, $340,000 and $50,000 additional annual support.

The Libel Law.

The editors of the state will ask for changes in the laws governing libel from the legislature this winter. At present a bare libel is actionable without respect to intent of the responsible proprietor and publisher and without reference to explanation and retraction. The editors desire that they be allowed to show the lack of malice in unfortunate publications.

Excursions.

One of the excursions planned by the legislature has been taken—that to the state university at Iowa City. Nearly the entire legislature went down last Thursday. United States Senator Dolliver, Gov. Cummins and many other distinguished men attended the exercises there on the occasion of the dedication of the new liberal arts hall. The legislature also accepted the invitation of the trustees of the normal school at Cedar Falls to visit that institution on January 30. Knoxville will be visited February 22 to inspect the abandoned home for the blind which it is proposed to turn into a normal school. The state agricultural college and the insane hospital at Cherokee will be visited some time during the session. This, with the visit of a commission to the Vicksburg military park, will complete the junkets of the legislature for this session.

Corporations.

Representative Mahlon Head, of Greene county, has been giving his attention to the laws governing corporations and early in the session made up his mind that it would be an excellent thing for the Iowa legislature to memorialize congress to pass a law requiring all corporations to issue full paid-up stock exclusively. This, he believes, will effectually meet and solve the trust problems. He has it in mind also to require all corporations doing business in this state—even the selling of capital stock—to be incorporated in Iowa.

Child Labor.

The first bill relating to child labor was introduced in the legislature by Senator George W. Lister. It provides that no child under 14 years of age shall be empolyed in any shop, mine or factory unless it has secured from the president of the local school board a written statement to the effect that the wages the child earns are required by indigent parents or relatives. In that case, further, it is provided that the child shall have been in school continuously for 16 weeks prior to the time of securing the statement from the principal. A fine of nominal size is fixed for violation of the law prohibiting the employment of children, and each day's violation is made a separate offense.

An Innovation.

Lieut. Gov. John Herriott's message to the senate in announcing the standing committees of the body was an innovation. It is said that never before has a lieutenant governor transmitted a message to the senators. It created lively interest because of its contents. In it he stated that he had framed the committees with a view to having recommended legislation in amendment of the laws respecting railroad taxation and in favor of fixing a scheme by which the valuation and assessment of railroad property in Iowa may be effected without the exercise of discretion on the part of the executive body in charge of the making of the assessment.

Mothers' Congress.

The legislative committee of the Iowa mothers' congress formulated a report of progress for the state meeting of the congress in Des Moines last week. It is interested in four projected measures, as follows: Compulsory education, restriction of child labor, the establishment of juvenile courts and severe punishment of kidnaping. The members of the committee are:

Mrs. Ora G. Gould, Burlington; Mrs. Maria Purdy Peck, Davenport; Mrs. Maria L. Newcomb, Waterloo; Mrs. James E. Blythe, Mason City; Mrs. S. P. Knisely, Marshalltown; Mrs. Rose Blanchard Jewell, Oskaloosa; Mrs. J. B. Marsh, Des Moines; Mrs. J. B. Rockafellow, Atlantic; Mrs. Jonathan P. Dolliver, Fort Dodge; Mrs. J. W. Cory, Spencer.

Assisting these ladies in the legislative work for the measures mentioned this winter are: Mrs. A. B. Shaw, Mrs. Henry Sabin, Mrs. Freda Abeles, Mrs. J. W. Read, Mrs. C. E. Risser, of Des Moines. Mrs. Isaac L. Hillis, of Des Moines, state regent for the National Mothers' congress and president of the Iowa organization, is also a member of the committee.

Campaign Mapped Out.

The legislative campaign of the committee representing the State Teachers' association, comprising the interests of 30,000 Iowa teachers, has just been mapped out. The committee, at whose head is former State Superintendent Henry Sabin, proposes five important amendments to the state laws, as follows:

Establishment of additional normal schools.

Compulsory education for those under 14 years of age.

Consolidation of school districts with the township as the unit.

Giving city superintendents full power of examination and issuance of certificates to teachers in city schools, taking this work out of the hands of the county superintendents.

Issuance of state certificates to all graduates of pedagogical courses equivalent to the standard at the state normal school.

The prospect of securing legislation on the first two of these propositions is excellent.

House Has Control.

Through the quick and able management of Representative N. E. Kendall, of Monroe county, in the house that body now has control of the appropriation bills for the entire assembly for the whole session. On the first day Mr. Kendall proposed a resolution providing that appropriation bills introduced after February 20 should not be considered by the house. The chairman of the house appropriations committee and other strong members tried to defeat the resolution, but it went through by a large majority. It is an independent resolution, and on that account controls the action of the senate as well as the house, for it quarantines the house against senate appropriation bills sent over after February 20.

Biennial Elections.

Senator S. H. Harper, of Wapello county, is credited with an intention to introduce the so-called biennial elections amendment to the constitution soon after the legislative session gets to work. In this connection he said:

"I favor biennial elections instead of annual elections. I worked for the Titus amendment to effect this change and regretted the adverse decision of the supreme court. I have not canvassed the members of the senate or house on the question, but I shall do so. If I discover a reasonable sentiment in favor of such a measure I shall introduce a resolution for the submission of the amendment. Otherwise, not. I believe, however, that such a resolution would be carried easily, in view of the unanimous indorsement it received in two former sessions of the assembly."

M. Z. Bailey, of Ringgold county, representing that district in the house, will introduce the measure in that body at the proper time.

Of Great Interest.

Senator J. S. Alexander has proposed a measure of great interest to the public, being an amendment to the present statute relating to building and loan associations and repealing that section which requires the officers of these concerns to report to the assessors lists of stockholders in them. It is argued that as long as banks are not required to furnish the names of depositors there is no reason why building and loan associations should furnish the names of stockholders, they being depositors as a matter of fact.

A Neat Compliment.

The legislature paid a neat compliment to Judge P. M. Casady, of Des Moines, the past week when it invited him to attend the joint session on Wednesday to witness the election of two United States senators. Judge Casady was a member of the Second general assembly, which met in 1848 and which elected two United States senators from this stiae. Not until this year did the state legislature elect two senators simultaneously. The First general assembly of Iowa failed to elect senators and the Second elected A. C. Dodge and George W. Jones. Judge Casady is one of the two or three surviving members of that assembly, and the legislature of 1902 deemed it a deserved compliment to pay him to invite him to attend the session to witness the second simultaneous election of two senators.

Primary Elections.

A law to legalize and enforce primary elections for the nomination of tickets to be voted at the general elections has been proposed by Senator James Crossley. It fixes the first Friday in June for the holding of the primaries, and all parties must participate on that day. The primary constitutes an election, so far as the candidates suggested for nomination are concerned.

LEON BROWN.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Named by Lieut. Gov. Herriott for the Senate and by Speaker Eaton for the House.

Lieut. Gov. Herriott has named the senate standing committees as follows:

Ways and Means—Junkin, Healy, Lewis, Hayward, Classen, Griswold, Lister, Brighton, Crossley, Trewin, Arthaud, Hartshorn, Hogue, Porter, Emmert, Lambert.

Judiciary—Healy, Blanchard, Trewin, Hobart, Hazelton, Hubbard, Lister, Dowell, Moffit, Crawford, Whipple, Courtright, Molsberry, Ball, Townsend, Porter.

Appropriations—Garst, Harriman, Alexander, Allyn, Smith of Mitchell, Hopkins, Bachman, Moffit, Harper, Maytag, Spaulding, Brooks, Fitchpatrick, Wilson, Ball, Lyons.

Agriculture—Harriman, Classen, Brooks, Crossley, Hopkins, Arthaud, Allyn, Spaulding, Hogue, Griswold, Junkin, Garst, Maytag, Wilson, Young (Lee), Smith (Des Moines).

Railroads—Blanchard, Hobart, Craig, Classen, Mardis, Arthaud, Smith (Mitchell), Griswold, Hubbard, Fitchpatrick, Bachman, Hopkins, Hartshorn, Townsend, Porter, Smith (Des Moines).

Cities and Towns—Trewin, Alexander, Hayward, Blanchard, Hazelton, Brighton, Hubbard, Mardis, Junkin, Crawford, Harper, Dowell, Young (Washington), Wilson, Smith (Des Moines).

Suppression of Intemperance—Mardis, Harriman, Arthaud, Bachman, Smith (Mitchell), Young (Washington), Spaulding, Fitchpatrick, Brooks, Winne, Young (Lee), Tallman, Lyons.

Congressional and Judicial Districts—Hazelton, Ninth district; Blanchard, Sixth district; Moffit, Fifth district; Lister, Eleventh district; Fitchpatrick, Seventh district; Harriman, Third district; Mardis, Eighth district; Bachman, Tenth district; Molsberry, First district; Lambert (dem.), Second district; Lyons (dem.), Fourth district.

Constitutional Amendments and Suffrage—Craig, Allyn Blanchard, Healy, Hubbard, Brighton, Hobart, Courtright, Molsberry, Bishop, Lambert.

Insurance—Smith (Mitchell), Hobart, Allyn, Hayward, Moffit, Lister, Hazelton, Whipple, Maytag, Townsend, Emmert, Lyons.

Schools—Crossley, Trewin, Hopkins, Moffit, Lister, Fitchpatrick, Molsberry, Whipple, Ball, Townsend, Bishop.

Banks—Alexander, Hayward, Allyn, Hopkins, Young (Washington), Brooks, Lewis, Wilson, Tallman.

Building and Loan—Griswold, Mardis, Healy, Bachman, Crossley, Harper, Courtright, Winne, Townsend.

Telegraphs and Telephones—Hayward, Hopkins, Healy, Junkin, Trewin, Whipple, Maytag, Brooks, Porter, Lambert, Bishop.

Labor—Brighton, Mardis, Alexander, Maytag, Classen, Smith (Mitchell), Harper, Lyons, Lambert.

Mines and Mining—Arthaud, Blanchard, Craig, Griswold, Fitchpatrick, Dowell, Bishop, Townsend, Porter.

Senatorial and Representative Districts—Hubbard, Hazelton, Hobart, Lister, Griswold, Molsberry, Winne, Maytag, Ball, Lyons, Young (Lee).

Highways—Classen, Craig, Spaulding, Hazelton, Hartshorn, Lewis, Winne, Young (Lee), Tallman.

Corporations—Hobart, Blanchard, Lister, Hazelton, Hubbard, Harriman, Whipple, Hogue, Tallman.

Compensation of Public Officers—Lister, Smith (Mitchell), Griswold, Spaulding, Hartshorn, Porter, Smith (Des Moines).

Public Health—Bachman, Allyn, Brighton, Moffit, Hayward, Dowell, Molsberry, Crawford, Young (Washington), Emmert, Wilson.

Educational Institutions—Courtright, Arthaud, Alexander, Craig, Healy, Tallman, Emmert, Ball, Townsend.

Military—Moffit, Classen, Blanchard, Crawford, Harper, Young (Washington), Porter, Tallman, Wilson.

Pharmacy—Hopkins, Emmert, Hayward, Junkin, Hubbard, Garst, Bachman, Wilson, Bishop.

Penitentiaries and Pardons—Whipple, Hubbard, Brooks, Young (Washington), Crawford, Bishop, Young (Lee).

Printing—Allyn, Brighton, Trewin, Mardis, Griswold, Courtright, Lambert, Bishop, Tallman.

Federal Relations—Crawford, Craig, Hogue, Hartshorn, Lewis, Young (Lee), Smith (Des Moines).

Charitable Institutions—Fitchpatrick, Hobart, Junkin, Crossley, Hogue, Hopkins, Harper, Lyons, Porter.

Elections—Molsberry, Harriman, Junkin, Lewis, Courtright, Tallman, Townsend.

Claims—Hartshorn, Garst, Spaulding, Crawford, Lewis, Emmert, Young (Lee).

Commerce—Harper, Griswold, Alexander, Arthaud, Dowell, Hogue, Ball.

Manufactures—Maytag, Smith (Mitchell), Hayward, Bishop, Wilson.

Public Buildings—Brooks, Mardis, Garst, Winne, Emmert.

Rules—Lewis, Brighton, Trewin, Healy, Garst, Dowell, Lyons, Hall, Porter.

Horticulture and Forestry—Spaulding, Crossley, Harriman, Ball, Smith (Des Moines).

Public Lands—Hogue, Craig, Wilson.

Public Libraries—Dowell, Hopkins, Allyn, Crossley, Trewin, Healy, Garst, Whipple, Lambert, Ball, Smith (Des Moines).

Fish and Game—Lambert, Blanchard, Classen, Winne, Bishop.

Engrossed Bills—Young (Washington), Alexander, Hartshorn.

Enrolled Bills—Winne, Trewin, Townsend.

Bruce-Emmert Contest—Crossley, Smith, Molsberry, Ball, Lyons.

Nolan-Crawford Contest—Courtwright, Dowell, Fitchpatrick, Townsend, Wilson.

House Committees.

Speaker Eaton names the following as the house standing committees:

Ways and Means—Temple, Hughes, Clarke, Graff, Cowles, Sokol, Wright, Head, Hilsinger, Sweet, Wilson (Buena Vista), Buchanan, Barkley, Stuckslager, Kendall, English, Carden, Gilchrist, Cummings, Larrabee, Freeman, Greene, McClurkin, Walden, Willett, Dodds, Whiting, Hufschmidt.

Judiciary—Clarke, Temple, Hurn, Dunham, Lyman, Kendall, Edwards, Payne, Jones, Wilson (Washington), Furry, Kern, Warren, Hilsinger, Sweet, Barker, Campbell, Hamann, Sweeley, Cummings, Gilchrist, Marshall, Springer, Langan (Clinton), Walters, Davenport.

Appropriations—Hughes, Cowles, Stuckslager, Graff, Payne, Hurn, Wilson (Washington), Hasselquist, Patton, Hawk, Boysen, Wise, Crouse, Warren, Jenks, Teachout, Mattes, Flenniken, Greeley, Pipher, Langan (Crawford), Nagle, Secor, McClure, Koontz, Jaeger, Frudden, Colclo.

Railroads and Commerce—Wise, Kendall, Hurn, Boysen, Hasselquist, Edwards, Sokol, Stratton, Anderson, Black, Elker, Kerr, Meservey, Bealer, Calderwood, Donohue, Kolthoff, Pipher, English, Barker, Christianson, Fields, Walden, Keagy, Nichols, Pritchard, Robinson, Cruikshank, Marshall, Mordhorst.

Municipal Corporations—Carter, Temple, Sweet, Furry, Lyman, Clarke, Buchanan, Dunham, Boysen, Blakemore, Payne, Jones, Sweeley, Meservey, Bealer, Hamann, Teachout, Jaeger, Koontz, Marshall, Frudden, Langan (Clinton).

Banks and Banking—Wilson (Buena Vista), Jenks, Head, Wise, Lyman, Sweet, Stuckslager, Boysen, Hilsinger, Barkley, Walden, McClurkin, Greeley, Calderwood, Nagle, Robinson, Teachout, Freeman, Carden, Pritchard, Cruikshank, Davenport, Hufschmidt, Frudden, Whiting.

Private Corporations—Head, Temple, Jenks, Roome, Coburn, Keagy, Christianson, Fields, Mattes, Donohue, Campbell, Flenniken, English, Langan (Clinton), Hertert.

Labor—Buchanan, Temple, Jones, Carter, Hawk, Blakemore, Kendall, Calderwood, Kolthoff, Kling, Mattes, McClurkin, Nichols, Robinson, Sweeley, Jaeger, Cruikshank, Mordhorst.

Claims—Stuckslager, Carter, Head, Black, Buchanan, Keagy, Bailey, McNie, Bealer, Cheney, Christianson, Cummings, Langan (Crawford), Leech, Hertert.

Compensation of Public Officers—Hurn, Barkley, Carter, Townsend, Clarke, Buchanan, Bealer, Barker, Christianson, Cummings, English, Fields, Donohue, Keagy, Langan (Crawford), McClure, Willett, Dodds, Marshall, Springer.

Suppression of Intemperance—Stratton, Hawk, Hurn, Patton, Townsend, Wright, Black, Anderson, Robinson, Powers, Langan (Crawford), Mattes, Nagle, Kling, Dodds, Davenport, Mordhorst.

Printing—Anderson, Patton, Blakemore, Wilson (Buena Vista), Hilsinger, Boysen, Wilson (Washington), Lyman, McNie, McClure, Pritchard, English, Kling, Colclo, Hufschmidt.

Elections—Cowles, Anderson, Jones, Kerr, Head, Sweeley, Hamann, Cassel, Campbell, Freeman, Greene, Kling, Hertert, Langan (Clinton).

Congressional Districts—Furry, Wilson (Washington), McClurkin, Hughes, Hilsinger, Sweet, Larrabee, Hurn, Kerr, Leech, Buchanan, Hawk, Warren, Clarke, Graff, Hasselquist, McClure, Jenks, Meservey, Barkley, Wilson (Buena Vista), Sweeley, Cruikshank, Frudden, Whiting, Walters, Utterback.

Senatorial Districts—Hilsinger, Hurn, Crouse, Wright, Jenks, Carter, Cowles, Payne, Walden, Nichols, Flenniken, Freeman, Greeley, Dodds, Hertert.

Representative Districts—Hasselquist, Temple, Stratton, Black, Blakemore, Coburn, Cummings, English, Anderson, Donohue, Gilchrist, Pritchard, Langan (Crawford), Hufschmidt, Springer.

Mines and Mining—Kendall, Graff, Hasselquist, Buchanan, Wilson (Washington), Hawk, Lyman, Warren, Meservey, Teachout, Sweeley, Cummings, Koontz, Jaeger, Frudden.

Pharmacy—Hawk, Roome, Townsend, Coburn, Sokol, Kendall, Elker, Pipher, Bailey, McClurkin, Flenniken, Calderwood, Mattes, Nichols, Leech, Walters, Hufschmidt.

Constitutional Amendments—Sweet, Temple, Kerr, Blakemore, Barkley, Roome, Payne, Black, Barker, Fields, Gilchrist, Willett, Langan (Clinton), Walters.

Public Health—Elker, Hawk, Townsend, Roome, Anderson, Head, Leech, Cassel, Kolthoff, Campbell, Fields, Kling, Langan (Clinton), Springer, Walters.

Retrenchment and Reform—Townsend, Hasselquist, Crouse, Jones, Bailey, McNie, Cheney, Greeley, McClurkin, Moore, Koontz, Hertert.

Woman's Suffrage—Roome, Wilson (Buena Vista), Hasselquist, Payne, Coburn, Gilchrist, Moore, Bailey, Elker, Christianson, Marshall, Davenport.

State University—Payne, Hilsinger, Carter, Elker, Edwards, Meservey, Greene, Larrabee, Flenniken, Gilchrist, Hamann, Leech, Nagle, Koontz, Dodds, Whiting.

Agriculture—Wright, Black, Blakemore, Patton, Crouse, Cowles, Carter, Bailey, Cassel, Kolthoff, McNie, Nichols, Powers, Pritchard, Greene, Secor, Mordhorst, Hufschmidt, Utterback.

Public Libraries—Barkley, Kendall, Kerr, Wilson (Washington), Wise, Roome, Meservey, Bealer, English, Larrabee, Pipher, Cruikshank.

Pardons—Wilson (Washington), Townsend, Kerr, Elker, Edwards, Payne, Sweet, Warren, Dunham, Anderson, Hasselquist, Hamann, Larrabee, Teachout, McClure, Dodds, Springer, Davenport.

Insurance—Warren, Edwards, Blakemore, Patton, Wilson (Buena Vista), Townsend, Dunham, Clarke, Hughes, Keagy, Bailey, Flenniken, Pipher, Pritchard, Barker, Carden, Willett, Mordhorst, Walters, Whiting.

Enrolled Bills—Lyman, Clarke, Sweet, Dunham, Carden, Greeley, Davenport, Springer.

Building and Loan—Walden, Graff, Lyman, Stuckslager, Jenks, Wise, Hughes, Hamann, Nichols, Campbell, McClure, Nagle, Marshall, Utterback.

Domestic Manufactures—Patton, Anderson, Stratton, Wise, Cassel, Powers, Carden, Greene, Moore, Jaeger, Dodds, Utterback.

County and Township Organization—Blakemore, Jenks, Sokol, Cowles, Christianson, Keagy, Kolthoff, English, Langan (Crawford), Jaeger, Davenport, Hertert.

Schools and Text-Books—Dunham, Furry, Hawk, Sokol, Cowles, Edwards, Keagy, Robinson, Secor, Meservey, Walden, Nagle, Barker, Cheney, Gilchrist, Greeley, Donohue, Powers, Koontz, Whiting, Colclo, Davenport.

Roads and Highways—Coburn, Black, Furry, Crouse, Patton, Carter, Lyman, Stratton, Wright, Flenniken, Bailey, Calderwood, Cassel, Kolthoff, Larrabee, Powers, Secor, Carden, Cheney, Dodds, Colclo, Utterback, Mordhorst, Walters.

Animal Industry—Crouse, Patton, Wright, Stratton, Coburn, Cassel, Kolthoff, Powers, Kling, Moore, Mordhorst, Utterback.

Normal Schools—Kerr, Stuckslager, Temple, Cowles, Payne, Stratton, Elker, Warren, Wilson (Buena Vista), Furry, Hughes, Wright, Keagy, Willett, Mattes, Larrabee, Pipher, Cruikshank, Jaeger, Hufschmidt, Springer.

Public Lands and Buildings—Meservey, Townsend, Wilson (Buena Vista), Carter, Jones, Robinson, Donohue, Campbell, Carden, Fields, Greene, Langan (Crawford), Willett, Hertert, Whiting.

Penitentiaries—Sokol, Stratton, Jones, Calderwood, Cassel, McNie, Cheney, Kling, McClure, Cruikshank.

Telegraph, Telephone and Express—Edwards, Buchanan, Stuckslager, Coburn, Warren, Mattes, Robinson, McClure, Larrabee, Hamann, Greene, Nagle, Secor, Flenniken, Gilchrist, Walden, Koontz, Hufschmidt, Davenport, Colclo.

Horticulture—Secor, Wilson (Washington), Black, Wright, Calderwood, Freeman, Cassel, Greene, Whiting, Mordhorst.

Industrial Schools—Boysen, Furry, Elker, Christianson, Moore, Teachout, Donohue, Carden, Whiting.

Military—Moore, Wilson (Washington), Hughes, Black, Payne, Barkley, Larrabee, Cheney, Greeley, Barker, Donohue, Utterback, Frudden.

Soldiers' and Orphans' Home—Cummings, Graff, Lyman, Blakemore, Head, Calderwood, Pritchard, Bealer, Cheney, Moore, Leech, Springer.

Board of Public Charities—Teachout, Sokol, Coburn, Head, McNie, Freeman, McClurken, Utterback.

Fish and Game—Cruikshank, Hilsinger, Hurn, Wilson (Buena Vista), Crouse, Boysen, Donohue, Sweeley, Christianson, Robinson, Barker, Colclo, Frudden.

Police Regulations—Jones, Wise, Powers, Freeman, Secor, Hamann, Teachout, Frudden.

Hospital for the Insane—Graff, Hawk, Coburn, Elker, Roome, Carden, Fields, Leech, Willett, Marshall.

Institute for the Feebleminded—Black, Bailey, Boysen, Cheney, Wright, Hertert.

Federal Relations—Jaeger, Furry, Hughes, Berkley, Campbell, Freeman, McClurkin, Cruikshank.

College for the Blind—McNie, Dunham, Crouse, Keagy, Campbell, English, Freeman, Colclo.

Agricultural College—Greeley, Sokol, Dunham, Stuckslager, Head, Pipher, Bealer, Walden, Secor, Calderwood, Nichols, Kolthoff, Mattes, Jaeger, Walters, Colclo.

Institute for Deaf and Dumb—Jenks, Graff, Roome, Powers, Kling, Langan (Crawford), Leech, Pritchard.

Engrossed Bills—Langan (Crawford), Kendall, Walden, Willett, Nagle, Fields, Pipher, Hufschmidt.

Judicial Districts—Sweeley, Jones, Edwards, Payne, McNie, Nichols, Bealer, Moore, Pipher, Walters, Langan (Clinton).

Rules—Koontz, Stuckslager, Temple, Clarke, Kendall, Meservey, Cummings, Marshall, Springer, Mr. Speaker.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

Daily Summary of the Work Done by Lawmakers in the Twenty-Ninth General Assembly.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 24.—Bills have been introduced in the senate for the compilation, editing and annotating the session laws of the assemblies following the enactment of the code; for a primary election law; to prohibit children under 14 from working in any mine, factory or workshop, unless first securing a certificate from the president of the school board that indigent parents need the labor, and providing a fine of $5 to $100; to legalize the independent district of Ralston in Greene and Carroll counties; to make taxes on property in the hands of receivers a preferred claim; to repeal the chapter of the Twenty-eighth general assembly and to enact a law in its place authorizing a levy of two-tenths of a mill for the support of the state university. The standing committees were announced.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 25.—Bills have been introduced in the senate to change the salary of the county superintendents from per diem of four dollars to $1,500 per annum; to create a boundary commission of three members to act with a like Nebraska commission to fix the boundary of western Iowa; to amend section 1,610 by adding "and farmers' mutual cooperative telephone companies," to the list of concerns which must corporate; to change the penalty for having possession of burglar tools from fine and jail sentence to imprisonment for five years or fine of $500 or jail sentence of one year; to appropriate $338,000 for the state university; to make taxes levied on buildings as personal property a lien thereon; to appropriate $390,000 for the Agricultural college; to appropriate $176,000 for the state normal school; to make county warrants draw five per cent. instead of six per cent. interest.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 29.—Bills have been introduced in the senate to appropriate money for Cherokee asylum, $128,000, for emergency purposes; to appropriate for the orphans' home at Davenport $75,250; to repeal sections 3,051 and 3,052 of the code, relating to days of grace, abolishing them; to provide for the listing and taxation of mortgages and other liens on real estate; to fix the salaries of court reporters at $1,500 a year and fixing a legal rate of ten cents per 100 words for transcripting; to appropriate for Benedict home $10,000; to appropriate for the completion of the state historical building and to complete the same. This appropriates $75,000 a year for four years for the building, making but $150,000 for the biennial period; to regulate and authorize mutual companies to insure against loss from illness, accident or quarantine; to establish a law uniform with other states on migratory divorces. It provides that "No divorce shall be granted for any cause arising prior to the residence of the plaintiff or defendant in this state which was not a ground for divorce in the state where the cause arose."

The House.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 23.—The joint convention of the Twenty-ninth general assembly yesterday formally elected William B. Allison and Jonathan P. Dolliver United States senators. The vote stood strictly upon party lines and was as follows: Allison and Dolliver, 119; Thayer and Seerley, 26; absent, 5. Senator Allison had returned to Washington, but Senator Dolliver was escorted to the hall and spoke briefly. Other officers were elected by the joint convention as follows: Editor of the code supplement, J. R. Carter, of Sioux City; state printer, Bernard Murphy, of Vinton; state binder, Howard Tedford, of Mount Ayr.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 24.—Speaker Eaton has announced the standing committees.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 25.—In the house bills have been introduced to amend the code relating to the execution of persons under the sentence of death; to provide for execution by electrocution instead of hanging; providing for the nomination of officers and election of delegates to political conventions by a primary election; prohibiting the employment of children under 14 years of age in mines; to levy an additional one-tenth of a mill for buildings at the state university; to authorize the establishment of a depository for state funds; to create an additional state normal school; to amend section 2,799 of the code, relative to the uniting of independent school districts.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 29.—In the house bills have been introduced to amend 1,106 by striking out the circle opposite the name of each political party on the official ballot. It provides for the removal of the circle, the voter to mark in each square instead; appropriating $33,109 for the industrial school for girls at Mitchellville; to amend the code in relation to discharges of boys and girls from industrial schools; raising age limit to 21 years; making an appropriation of $47,450 for the industrial school for boys at Eldora; making an appropriation of $10,000 for the Benedict home at Des Moines; making appropriation for the Iowa school for the deaf at Council Bluffs; to retire district judges at a salary of $100 per month who have served 16 consecutive years on the district bench and have attained the age of 75.

Flooded with Counterfeit Money.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 29.—Gov. Hunt has cabled to the treasury department at Washington asking that an expert be sent here to settle the counterfeit quest at Ponce, where $3,000 in bogus silver was recently seized. Business there is practically suspended. The merchants of Ponce are refusing to accept any silver coins of the dates 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901. The counterfeit dollars are poorly executed, but the alleged spurious halves and quarters defy detection. They are, aparently, of the full weight. The bank officers have examined samples of the silver from Ponce, and say the coins are good. There are no experts here or at Ponce.

To Increase Salaries.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Senator Hear, from the committee on the judiciary, reported favorably to the senate his bill increasing the salaries of federal judges, but with the provision increasing salaries of senators and representatives. The bill fixes the salary of the chief justice of the United States supreme court at $13,000 and of the associate justices of that court at $12,500; of circuit judges at $7,500 and of district judges at $6,250. The salary of the chief justice of the court of claims is made $6,125 and that of the associate justices $5,625.

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A man is generally at his heaviest in his fortieth year.

There are 1,800,000 more men and boys than women and girls in the United States.

The Eastern Trunk railway out of London carries 1,000,000 passengers in and out daily.

The largest ships ever launched from an American shipyard are the Korea and Siberia, built at Newport News for the trans-Pacific trade.

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To Die for Murder.

Harry Hortman, who killed Miss Florence Porter in Cherokee, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree and the penalty was fixed at death by hanging. Hortman had been paying the young woman attention, and because of his dissolute habits she rejected him. He went to the restaurant where she was employed on the afternoon of November 30 and asked her to reconsider her decision. She refused, and he fired three shots at her, two of which took effect in her back and from which she died on December 8. The girl was 22 years old, and Hortman is 24 years of age.

Practically Life Sentence.

Judge Whitaker sentenced James Lane in Iowa Falls to 25 years in the penitentiary. Mr. Lane is over 60 years of age, and committed the deed for which he was sentenced while under the influence of liquor. Lane pleaded guilty to the charge of murder in the second degree, the state agreeing to withdraw the charge of murder in the first degree. Lane killed his wife last fall by firing a load of shot in her back. An attempt was made by Lane to kill his son-in-law, but he recovered, although he was badly wounded.

Firebugs at Creston.

Creston has been experiencing an epidemic of incendiary fires during the last month, no less than nine barns having been discovered on fire within the past 15 days. The police arrested three boys, ranging in age from 15 to 18 years of age, for the crime. One of them has confessed that they have been the authors of the fires and had intended to set on fire many others, including the Christian church, one of the finest edifices in the city. The boys have been held under $1,000 bonds.

Remains a Mystery.

The death of Mabel Schofield remains a mystery. Justice of the Peace Duncan dismissed the case in Des Moines against Charles Thomas, charged with the girl's murder. He held that the state had failed to establish that a murder had been done, and said that the evidence against Thomas was too flimsy to warrant holding him to the grand jury. He was made a free man, and left the courtroom with his family and friends.

A Mystery.

The large cooperage works of S. H. Thompson in Fort Dodge burned to the ground. The loss is $25,000, only slightly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is a mystery. J. V. Lowry, captain of the Fort Dodge fire department, was frightfully burned in the face by the explosion of a can of oil while clearing away the wreckage, and it is feared he will lose his eyesight.

Severe Fire.

A severe fire occurred at Crystal Lake, 12 miles southeast of Forest City. A half block north of the First national bank was destroyed. The origin is not known. A report reached Forest City of the burning of Titonka, west of Crystal Lake. The west side of the business portion was burned.

Noted Horseman Dead.

Robert T. Hall, known as "Bob Kneebs," a horseman of international reputation, died in Sioux City, aged 62. He was convicted of "ringing" in Germany in 1894 and spent a year in jail. The case attracted attention of horsemen in Europe and America.

News in Brief.

Swift & Co. have made arrangements to put in a branch produce house at Onawa. Merrit Pember will act as their local agent.

Fire broke out in the general store belonging to Harry Davis in Dakota City, and the building, with the adjoining hardware and the barn near by, was entirely destroyed. The stock in each store was mostly saved. The loss is estimated at $5,000.

John J. Rooney, of Chicago, won a mixed wrestling match from Mouralak, a Turk, at Davenport.

Mrs. Thomas Kane attended the funeral of her brother in Dubuque. While at the grave, she took cold, which developed into pneumonia, from which she died.

The Central Presbyterian church of Crawfordsville, Ind., has called Rev. F. W. Russell, of Marshalltown, to fill the vacant pastorate.

Isa S. Richards, a pioneer citizen of eastern Iowa, who located in Victor nearly 50 years of age, and who for 40 years has been an extensive operator in western real esate, is dead.

Harry Hortmann, the slayer of Miss Florence Porter, has been sentenced to hang March 12, 1903, at Cherokee.

Dr. P. J. Garrigan, vice rector of the Catholic university, Washington, D. C., has been named bishop of the Sioux City diocese.

The Bettendorf Steel Axle & Car Bolster company's plant in Davenport, was partly destroyed by fire. Loss, $75,000.

The marriage of Daniel Gould Wing, a wealthy Boston banker, and Josephine Cable, daughter of G. W. Cable, a prominent lumberman, of Davenport, took place at the bride's home.

John Harmes is under arrest at Hampton charged with forging the name of his father and that of Dick Brandt to notes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Massey celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Alden.

Maj. John Flynn, one of the oldest printers at Dubuque, died at his home, aged 70 years.