

Activities of State Legislature

(By J. W. Jarnagin.)

Des Moines, Iowa, January 27, 1917.—Both houses have settled down to hard work. Sessions are held only in the forenoon, the afternoon being devoted to committee work. The introduction of bills has gone bravely on and it now looks like the session would have a large volume of work to its credit when final adjournment is had. A resolution is already pending which provides that adjournment will be March 19th. Among the more important bills introduced may be named the following:

Abolishing the office of state bee inspector; to protect fish from pumping stations by the installation of screens before intakes; to indemnify E. O. Sherman of Buchanan county for the death of his son, Ralph Sherman killed by defective wiring on the campus while a student at Ames; establishing qualifications for those desiring to practice a healing art in Iowa; exempting real estate held in endowment funds of charitable institutions from taxation; repealing law prohibiting docking of horses' tails; appropriating \$65,000 for improvements at Soldiers' home at Marshalltown; permitting children under 15 years of age to drive automobiles when in company with parents and guardians. Measure merely repeals conflicting statutes; repealing law permitting county supervisor to narrow width of roads to thirty feet; to fix salaries of deputies to clerk of district court in counties of 30,000 or more population, at half the salary of the clerk; to license chiropractors and establish state board of examiners; prohibiting state examiners; prohibiting state executive council sitting as board of equalization, from increasing aggregate amount of assessed valuation of state; prohibiting county supervisors from issuing bond to cover road of highway indebtedness, reducing bounty on wolves to \$10, amending provision against removal of county seat established more than forty years so that it does not apply when town or city affected is within one mile of city limits of other city; repealing exempting from highway tax of wide tread vehicles; permitting ten round boxing bouts in Iowa and establishing state boxing commission; compelling railroads to warm coaches and see that passengers are not subjected to discomfort from cold; prohibiting manufacture and sale of sleighs and sleds in Iowa having tread of less width than 54 inches; prohibiting dogs from running at large between sunset and sunrise and establishing dog registration fee; permitting spearing of nongame first in any month save March and April, prohibiting shooting of quail and shortening open season for trapping of mink by closing it on Feb. 1.

Bill For County Unit in Road Work.
Dean, of Osceola county, has presented a bill that revolutionizes road work and construction by making the county the unit instead of the township. Now there are county road systems administered by supervisors, and township road systems which are worked under the direction of township trustees. The bill has been referred to a sub-committee composed of Helming, of Allamakee, Stanley of Adams and Garber of Decatur.

Investigating Duplications in Departments.
The joint resolution by Roberts, of Ringgold, ordering the committee on retrenchment and reform to investigate duplications in activity in the conduct of commissions and the like passed the senate and the committee has until February 10th to make its report. Careful investigation will be made in an effort to be able to consolidate some of the departments and in the elimination of inspectors and other helpers. The state fire marshal seems to be one office that will be abolished.

Labor Forces Busy.
A bill introduced in the senate by Chase, of Webster City, has greatly aroused the manufacturers and railroads and this in turn has brought forth a vigorous lobby featured by union labor. The bill recognizes union labor, prohibits the granting of injunctions to prevent boycotts, prohibits prosecution in courts of those entering combines for the purpose of lessening the hours of labor or fixing prices for such labor and declares that the labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce. The bill prohibits the arming of guards or strike breakers. Manufacturers are making a hard fight to have the committee on labor in the two houses kill the bill. The labor lobby has been strengthened by the presence of Grant Hamilton, of Washington, D. C., chairman of the legislative committee of the federation of labor. He is here because Harry Strief, of Sioux City president of the Iowa Federation of Labor telegraphed the national organization for help. Mr. Hamilton addressed the joint meeting of the senate and house committee Friday. The manufacturers were largely represented at that meeting also.

First Bill to Pass in House.
A bill introduced by Nicholson, of Winneshiek, permitting counties to use share of auto license fund for oiling highways was the first measure to pass the house. The committee on highways, endorsed that the auto tax may be used in surfacing highways with gravel, but it could not be used for oiling them.

Would Prevent Supervisors From Issuing Bonds.
Gray, of Calhoun, is the author of a bill that proposes the boards of supervisors confine the expenditure for bridges and other road improvements to funds provided by a regular tax levy. At present supervisors may issue bonds to cover overdrafts in the bridge fund. Supervisors in some counties have issued bonds for as much as \$200,000. It is claimed that in the aggregate millions of bonds are outstanding that the tax payers had no voice in authorizing. Elwood, of Howard, has introduced a bill to amend Sec. 403 of the code providing for an issuance of bonds for road and bridge construction when the people vote for such a measure. In this way boards of supervisors would be able to anticipate revenue for road and bridge work.

A Budget Plan as a Basis for Taxation.
Weaver, of Polk, is the author of a measure that makes a complete change in the levying of taxes. Under the present system, taxes are levied thru the millage system. The taxing body figures property valuations and levies a certain number of mills to produce the cash needed for the year's work. The result of the system has been that councils, school boards and supervisors have collected more money than they actually asked for because of the increase in property valuations. Property valuations are increased more or less every year. The Weaver plan proposes that the amount of money required for the various funds both municipal, school and county shall be closely estimated but no millage tax shall be levied until after assessors, boards of equalization and the state executive council shall have equalized assessments and levies will then be made upon the definite and fixed valuation. It is believed that a vast saving will be made in taxation if this measure becomes a law.

To Inspect Convents, Parochial Schools and the Like.
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is the status of the militia. There is a difference of opinion whether there is any National Guard under the new order of things. Adjutant General Logan contends that the soldiers as they return to Iowa from the border will automatically drop back into the military service of the state. Others contend that the oath that the boys took upon their departure which admitted them on an equal footing as members of the regular army still obtains. In order to make membership in the militia attractive Senator Greene of Clinton has introduced a bill providing payment at the rate of \$30 a month to every soldier who went from the state to do duty on the border. This would mean that 5,000 men will draw pay for seven months at that rate, making a total of about \$100,000. Senator Greene hopes to get the funds out of the expected balance of \$600,000 or so in the capitol extension fund. He contends that state pay is the only thing that will keep the guard from being broken up.

Probes the Coal Combine.

The Epps resolution providing for the appointment of three members from the house and three members from the senate to make a thorough investigation of the cause of the advance in prices of coal passed the house with but little opposition, but in the senate the vote was 35 for and 12 against. Speaker Pitt appointed as such committee on the part of the house Epps of Wapello, Starzinger of Polk and Griffin of Woodbury. Lieutenant Governor Moore, on behalf of the senate, named Price, of the Marlon-Monona district, Haskell of Linn, and Caswell of the Harrison-Crawford Monona-District. The committee has been in conference with Attorney General Havner and will proceed to carry out the wishes of the general assembly. Epps, Griffin and Price are lawyers, but Mr. Price was a coal miner in his early manhood, born in Wales. Starzinger is a hotel man, Haskell is a coal dealer and Caswell an editor.

To Relieve District Judges.

Bar associations in several counties have gone on record as favoring a change in the law that will lead to the establishment of a county judge in the several counties. In several judicial districts the court work is considerably behind and the legislature will be asked to pass a law increasing the number of judges in such districts. The advocates of the county judge plan aver that this will not be necessary if county judges are provided for. These judges would be given complete

jurisdiction over all probate matters after the manner in the early days of the state and with probate business eliminated it would be possible to do with fewer district judges than we now have.

To Reduce Number of Bills.

Hon. W. W. Anderson, of Greene county, is urging a bill that stipulates that no member of house or senate shall introduce more than four bills at any one session of the legislature. This does not take into account committee bills, legalizing acts and the like. Mr. Anderson contends that such a measure will not only lead to the elimination of bills that are introduced simply to please the people back home, whether the measure has merit or not. It will also prevent the introduction of freak bills and it will lead to the saving of thousands of dollars at every session because every bill introduced must be printed and it goes through the hands of numerous clerks before it reaches the committee to which it has been assigned. All this leads to expense. If each member introduced four bills it would mean over 600 to be considered. Mr. Anderson contends that this leaves abundant opportunity to get all needed legislation before the general assembly.

Additional Local

—Miss Ruth McIntosh is at home from Ames, for a week's vacation.

—Mrs. Harry Pinch of Chicago was a visitor in Manchester over Sunday.

—R. G. Mann is at St. Paul, Minnesota, this week on a purchasing trip.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Howard are the proud parents of a daughter, born last Saturday, January 27th.

—A. D. Long was a business visitor in Sioux City the first of the week, returning home this morning.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Sanger left last week for New Orleans, Louisiana, where they will spend about six weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haug left Sunday afternoon for Chicago to attend the Automobile show there this week.

—Arthur Hadley of Sioux City, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Seeds and Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Seeds, several days last week.

—O. C. Clark, who spent several weeks in Chicago, on business connected with the settling of his brother's estate, returned home Monday morning.

—Mrs. Alex Purvis of McNeely, South Dakota, arrived in Manchester this morning in response to a message announcing the death of her son, Harry Purvis.

—Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Strickland, who have been several weeks with Mrs. Strickland's parents, at Vinton, Iowa, are now the guests of Mr. Strickland's parents, in Manchester and will be here for about two weeks.

—Miss Katherine Healey of Waterloo was the guest of Mrs. James Sullivan several days last week. Mrs. Sullivan returned to Waterloo with Miss Healey the first of the week for a visit.

—Forest Jones spent several days last week in Des Moines, visiting the Ford assembling and distributing plant, and getting pointers as to purchasing a stock of supplies for their own business here. This week Mr. Jones is visiting the automobile show in Chicago.

—Mrs. L. J. Harper and daughter, Mrs. J. P. Dunning of Fairmont, Minnesota, were the guests for several days last week of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hedlund. Mr. Dunning joined the ladies here for a short visit before they left for Florida, where they will spend several months.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKeag went to Waterloo last week, where the former has secured an excellent position in a large bakery. Mr. McKeag just returned from the Mexican border, where he served with the Co. H, of the Iowa troops. The young people will make their home at Waterloo.

—Manchester friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Young will be pleased to learn that they are to remove to Geneva, Wisconsin, where Mr. Young has purchased a laundry. Mr. and Mrs. Young have gone to Geneva, to take possession of his newly acquired property. Manchester friends hope that they may find their new home and surroundings entirely to their liking.

—Floyd Kling, who was called from Mankato, Minnesota, two weeks ago on account of the critical illness of his father, James Kling, left last Saturday afternoon, to resume his work again. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Kling's condition is greatly improved, and every indication points to a complete recovery from an ailment which caused his family grave fears as to the outcome.

—L. B. Schneider, who has been the efficient helper in the Manchester Lumber Company's office for some time, has been appointed manager of the company's yards at Farley, and has taken up his work there. The Central Lumber & Coal company of Dubuque have placed a very efficient young man in charge of their Farley yards and offices in placing Mr. Schneider at the head.

—Representative S. W. Klaus was in Manchester last Saturday, conferring with the members of the board of supervisors and the township trustees regarding a number of bills which have been, or will be introduced in the legislature, and which if passed will effect in one way and another the road laws of the state. Mr. Klaus came home in order that he may find out what is the view of the people of the county regarding some of the measures proposed.

Saturday Is Thrift Day THE COUNTRY OVER

Manchester keeps abreast of the times. Saturday February 3rd, co-operating with cities, towns and villages all over the United States, we will celebrate Thrift Day.

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