

NEW LOBBYING BILL

Which Proposes To Keep Lobbyists From Working Secretly With Legislators In The State.

Notice of a bill to punish lobbying was given by Tolman in the house last week and if the legislature enacts it, it will prevent the heads of all state institutions, all state officers, except the governor, and many other persons from continuing practices which have been followed in the past. Not only will it prohibit them from ever asking a member to support a bill, but it will likewise keep them from the floor of the legislature.

The bill provides that no person can solicit any member of the legislature in any place in the state to support any bill or to do anything which he could do only because of his official position.

The bill particularly states that this solicitation shall not be done in private.

However this anti-lobbying bill does not apply to the governor or to legislators, nor does it prohibit any person either in person or by agent or attorney or any corporation from exercising a right of petition to the legislature or from collecting facts, preparing petitions, procuring evidence and submitting the same, together with arguments, to either branch of the legislature which is in session, or to any committee in the interest of any measure in which he or it may be interested, but in such cases the agents interests in the measure, or the person so appearing shall be fully set forth.

The penalty for violation of the provisions of the act is a fine of from \$100. to \$1,000 and imprisonment from six months to two years, or both such fine and imprisonment.

No lobbyist can go on the floor of the house except by permission of that body. A fine of \$100 is to be imposed for violation of this provision.

DOESN'T CONSENT.

We have read many articles during our travels through life, but up until the present time it remains a curiosity, the one that will equal the one reproduced below which appeared in a recent issue of the Stockgrowers Journal. It was invented and manufactured by Chas. F. Huckins, who has been trying to "break into print" ever since he was defeated for the commissioner nomination at the county convention last fall, and shows that at last the strings of his "gas bag" have been broken. This is it:-

"Much has appeared of late in the papers about county division and Ekalaka has finally come out of its shell and told the people for the first time what it wanted. But this is no news to all old timers for ever since Ekalaka has had a saloon and a postoffice she has had a cramp in the stomach or some other bowe]

trouble, which we are glad to learn can be cured by a "county division" pill. But oh, how modest in her claims! Only one hundred townships! Think of that: clear to the Wyoming line! I see by the Ekalaka Eagle that the town claims the honor of representing the southeastern part of Custer county as geographically located. I wonder if the Eagle ever looked on the map of Custer county to see just where Ekalaka is situated geographically. If she did, she found it clear over in the northern part after drawing a line through the center of the county east and west. This would naturally exclude Ekalaka from any claim to county seat honors geographically, and when Ekalaka claims to be in line with the southeastern part of the county, it is a misrepresentation of facts. There is room in the southern half of Custer county for a new county, that is true, and when the time comes for a discussion there will be no opposition to it, but Ekalaka will be far north in the new county. -- Don't be too hasty in signing petitions for county division. We can build our own county seat and don't have to go and dig up any old and decayed "puptown," that has been lying dormant for these last 25 years for a county seat location."

Aa for Ekalaka "having a cramp" we can assure the dear ex-commissioner that at present this is the case. Why shouldn't she have a cramp, especially after reading the above "juicy" argument on division. The cause of many of the stomach troubles throughout the country might be traced to the reading of the same article. His talk sounds much the same now as it did when he "wouldn't except the nomination". As there never has been one word mentioned in the Eagle about Ekalaka being geographically located for a county seat, somebody else is doing the "misrepresenting". But, what's the use of devoting space on one whose only desire is to get his name in the paper and knock everything that is done without his consent. The mention of a dog fight would be more interesting.

TOWN BRIEFS.

And the ground hog saw his shadow.

The Billikens held a midnight dance Saturday evening.

Coonen & Hall have commenced work on the new fire hall.

W. R. Barber was over from Baker Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Arpan of Box Elder were shopping in town this week.

A. J. Breckenridge was in town this week from his ranch on a business trip.

Beaver Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday night at 8 o'clock, p. m. All visiting Odd Fellows, Welcome. Stevens Brower, Per. Secy.

LOCAL NEWS COLUMN

The News In And Around Town As Seen By Our Reporter During The Past Week.

We received a new supply of up-to-date job type this week and are now better equipped than ever to turn out neat and attractive printing. Let us figure on your work before you send out of town. We can do it and will do it right.

A carload of broke mares will arrive in the near future from Iowa. These will be sold at a very reasonable prices and I want you to see the bunch before you invest elsewhere. -- W. P. Nims, the butcher.

C. K. Putman is now busily engaged on his homestead, putting on additions to his house and otherwise improving his future home. "Putty" intends doing some extensive farming this year.

R. D. Bartlett and G. W. Green representing the Beach Improvement Co. and Glendive Land Co. are in the city selling improved property in those cities. Call and see them at the Custer House.

Encampment No. 16, I. O. O. F. held an extraordinary long session Saturday evening, there being considerable degree work on hand. Refreshments were served during the session.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Billiken Club next Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. This is the regular monthly meeting and business of importance will be transacted. -- Sec.

Miss Idella Olsen has been taking a vacation from her duties of teaching school at Ewalt the past week and has been consulting with Dr. Hedges, the dentist.

We will have a carload of good work horses here in a short time and will be prepared to make you some good bargains. -- Grant Bros.

John Oliver returned from the state capitol Saturday evening to look after business interests here and attend the meeting of the bank stockholders.

Saturday we would bet spring had come, Monday we wasn't so sure and yesterday, well we took another look at our coal pile.

We have been informed that sleighing was not as good as it might have been on Monday, as some people know.

E. W. Jolley this week purchased the G. S. Bradshaw residence and moved his household goods Tuesday.

The fellow that said he saw meadow-larks today must have met up with a bottle of "anissette de low-ball".

John Hostetter of Miles City arrived in town last evening to look after his business interests here.

The editor sat in his office, whence all but him had fled, and he wished that every last dead-beat was in his grave stone dead. His mind then wandered far away, to his time when he should die, and his royal editorial soul go scooting to the sky; when he should roam the fields of paradise and sail o'er jasper seas, and all things glorious would combine his every sense to please. He thought how then he'd look across the great gulf, dark and drear, that'll yawn between his happy soul and those who swindled here, and when for water they would call and in agony they'd caper, he'd shout to them: "Just quench your thirst with the due that's on your paper".

There are very good reasons for believing that the government contemplates changing the Camp Crook-Ekalaka mail route to go by way of Arp and Ewalt postoffices, instead of via Midland. This would do away with the Ekalaka-Ewalt line and would serve a lot more people than does the present one. -- Range Gazette.

Al. Olsen, E. C. Metheny and Geo. D. Grant went to Baker Wednesday morning on a short visit.

Dumont Griffin was spending yesterday in town from his farm and made this office a pleasant call.

Miss Eva Loundergan returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives and friends in Nebraska.

Excitement picked up some Tuesday when a little riding stunt was pulled off.

Henry Viles was a visitor in town last evening from his farm on Alkali creek.

Jacob Lilletvedt and Ole Sigvalarson were visitors in town on Wednesday.

A. L. Tubbs was mingling with Ekalaka friends yesterday afternoon.

N. S. Black was a visitor in town this week from his ranch.

Jim Young came in from his ranch Saturday to attend lodge.

BUSINESS PICKING UP

Local Postoffice Shows Remarkable Increase In Business During The Past Year.

The editor dropped into the post-office this week and finding our congenial postmaster taking a little rest after the strenuous work of distributing the evening mail, proceeded to get a little "line-up" on the work that had been accomplished in his establishment during the past year. It is not often that you find him taking "life easy" like this during office hours, as the business has reached the stage where, as Billy Freese says, "he hasn't got time to gad". Mr. Wilson during the conversation remarked that on an average of 200 bounds of paper mail and 800 letters are received here each evening. The office now has 140 lock and about 75 call boxes, an increase of over 100 lock boxes during the year. The total number of persons receiving mail through the office is not known but the increase has been large for the past year. Although still a fourth-class office, where the wages of the postmaster is only a percent of the cancellation, it is one of the best equip of the small towns of the state and one that the people of this country should be proud of. When it is taken into consideration that the caring for and handling of our mail is more of an accomodation than a money-making proposition, Mr. Wilson certainly deserves a good deal of credit for his work.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Ekalaka Telephone Co. held in the I. O. O. F. hall on Feb. 14, 1911 at 2 p. m. Election of officers and other business of importance is to be transacted. All stockholders are requested by the board of directors to be present in person or by proxy.

Per H. N. Sykes, Pres.

T. J. Martin, Sec.-Treas.

Masks! Masks! Masks!

VALENTINES! VALENTINES.

ALL DESCRIPTIONS

And going like hot cakes on a cold winter morning. Come and get yours while there is a good assortment to choose from. The biggest lot, the best value ever in the town.

Wilson & Olsen