

LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

Several Members Give Notice of Bills They Will Introduce.

HELENA, Jan. 9.—Joseph M. Dixon is the recipient of hundreds of telegrams today, from all parts of Montana and from the national capitol, congratulating him upon the successful outcome of his senatorial campaign.

Campbell, of Butte, introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges made against the police department of Butte with power to meet in Butte and compel the attendance of witnesses.

Important in the business of the legislature today was the receipt from the governor of the financial statement of the state and the estimate of expenses. Gov. Toole recommends that provision be made for the payment of interest on state institution bonds in the emergency that it may become necessary to meet this expense from the general fund instead of from the land funds.

Shaw, of Lewis and Clark, gave first notice of a bill in the house late yesterday after the governor had concluded his message. It will be a railroad warehouse commission bill.

Tudor, of Gallatin, was close upon Shaw with notice of a bill of the same title.

Allen, of Deer Lodge, was third with a public highway bill.

O'Connor will have a new primary law.

MacAuley, of Silver Bow, will father a police commission bill and Gray, of Cascade, its after reappointment of members of the house.

Blake, of Deer Lodge, stands sponsor for a bill to protect public funds in the hands of the state treasurer and county and city treasurers.

Whiteside will introduce a bill forbidding the giving or accepting of railway passes, which promises to be an interesting measure.

Notices of the introduction of bills came in a deluge this afternoon. The committee on the governor's message presented a report at the session today and it has been segregated and referred to the proper committees.

Significant of the changing conditions in Montana is the proposed bill to compel all saloons in the state to close at midnight. The measure has some very earnest advocates among the members and in the ranks of the visitors at the capital. There are several cities and towns in the state that have by local ordinance brought about the early closing of saloons and the reports from these places are that the plan gives satisfaction. There is, however, a complaint from some of these towns that the early closing injures other business than that of the saloons, in that neighboring towns that do not close early attract transient visitors. To meet this complaint the proposition has been made to enact a state law that will close all saloons. It is said that the measure will be vigorously pushed.

Cattle Rates Have Been Raised.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The inquiry into the management and trade arrangements of the Harriman lines was not taken up at the first session of the interstate commerce commission today. Cattle rates and the terminal charges at Chicago on shipments of stock occupied the session this morning.

Chester M. Dawes, of the Burlington road, contended that the advance in cattle rates was justified by excessive amounts of damage paid to cattle shippers.

Mr. Cowan, representing the Texas Cattle Growers' association, asked for the amount of damages paid by the Burlington. Mr. Dawes said he did not have it and that the Burlington road had not kept its books in such a manner as to render the figures available.

"You come here and justify advanced rates," said Commissioner Prouty, "by claiming damage, and decline to say what these damages are. That is hardly fair. If you have not kept your books as you say, that does not alter the facts in the case."

New Government Positions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Examinations will be held throughout the country on February 5 next for positions in the agricultural department, under the pure food and drug law, for an inspection chemist at \$3,000 a year, for several other food and drug inspection chemists at \$2,500, and a large number of food and drug inspectors at \$2,000 a year. In all about 75 appointments are to be made.

The list of eligibles will be certified to the department as soon as the papers of the applicants can be examined after the examination.

To Relieve Homesteaders.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—In view of the fact that many homestead settlers are said to be freezing in North Dakota and the rules of the department of the interior provide in many cases that residence of the settler shall be continuous, Senator Hansbrough has prepared a resolution permitting set-

lers leave of absence for three months to extend over the winter period, which absence shall not interfere with their entry rights.

All homesteaders affected by these conditions are to make application by affidavit, setting forth the facts justifying the leave, to the register and receiver of the of the land office of their districts, and settlers granted such leave shall forfeit no rights by reason of the absence allowed; provided that the absence shall not be deducted from the full time of residence required by the law.

Hitchcock's Authority Challenged.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock appeared today before the special senate committee which investigated citizenship and property rights of the five civilized tribes of Indians. He declined to state his authority for withdrawing 4,000,000 acres of Indian lands from allotment in order to create the forest reserve, but said that Assistant Attorney General Campbell had prepared a report which would be made to congress and that this report would justify his course. "It was a very startling thing to think the department of the interior could defy an act of congress and suspend an affirmative order as was done in withdrawing this land," said Senator Clark, of Wyoming, "and I should like to have your authority for it."

Mr. Hitchcock replied that he believed Mr. Campbell had found a precedent. The committee adjourned to await the report.

Governors Urge Reform.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 9.—Governor Johnson's message to the legislature declared that the recent reductions of railroad freight rates had not gone far enough. The governor advocates a uniform 2-cent per mile passenger rate law; the abolishment of all railroad passes except those to railroad employes and members of their families, and legislation to enforce demurrage charges.

CHEYENNE, Jan. 9.—Gov. Bryant B. Brooks' message, delivered to the legislature today, recommends a state depository law, a primary election law, and a new banking law. The message calls attention to the fact that real values in the state have remained practically unchanged for a number of years and says that the railroads are not paying their just share of the taxes.

Think They Have Kid Curry.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Telegrams from Lincoln, Neb. officers to United States Marshal W. A. Dunlap, of this city, state that Kid Curry, the noted outlaw and train robber, who has a dozen aliases, has recently been released from serving a short jail sentence there and is now under surveillance at a boarding house awaiting identification at the hands of the Tennessee officers. The latter doubt the identity of Curry because they say that if he were really the escaped convict, he would not stay five minutes unless confined behind prison bars. A complete description will be sent to Lincoln before an officer is sent to see the man held.

Kid Curry, or Harvey Logan, was sentenced to 20 years in the penitentiary for holding up a Great Northern train at Wagner, Montana, several years ago and taking \$40,000 in unsigned notes of the National Bank of Montana. He broke jail at Knoxville in June, 1903, and has never been definitely located since.

Citizens Confiscate Coal.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 9.—A train loaded with coal was raided at the station here today by citizens without fuel and the contents of almost 20 cars were carried off. An attempt was made to hold up a train north of the city.

The engineers started to pull out of town, when the levers holding the false bottoms of the cars were pulled out and the coal let down on the trucks. This blocked the road and it was several hours before it was cleared. More than 1,500 people got coal during the raid. Hundreds have been without coal for days, with zero weather prevailing. Telegrams sent to Vice President Levy at Tacoma by the mayor, sheriff and chief of police were not answered until too late to avoid the rush.

Citizens have taken the matter into their own hands and organized to hold up any coal train that attempted to pass here without leaving coal.

Cattle Invade Lethbridge.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 9.—The town of Lethbridge, Alberta, suffered a unique invasion today. Two thousand range cattle, the remnant of a herd that had been wandering in the bottom lands, broke the gate of the reserve of the Alberta Railway & Irrigation company, separating them from the city. The cattle filled the streets and lands of the town. The animals are furnished as all the herbage along the river bottom has long since been cropped. Range men are arranging to make a drive and return the cattle to their proper stamping ground.

WOMAN POLE SEEKER

Mrs. Ella Ougman to Head Expedition For the Far North.

ESKIMOS HER ONLY COMPANIONS

They Think She is a Man, or Otherwise Would Refuse to Follow Her. Plucky Woman Feels Confident of Accomplishing What Men Have Failed to Do—Expects to Return in Two Years.

"Somebody has got to find the north pole. The men who have gone searching for it have failed. I'm going to try, and I think I shall succeed."

This is the confident assertion of Mrs. Ella Ougman, explorer and anthropologist, who is making ready at Nome, Alaska, for an expedition "farthest north," says the New York World.

Mrs. Ougman is well known at the Smithsonian institution, Washington, for her determined exploits in Alaska and other parts of the northwest, where she has for several years been studying the habits of the Eskimos. She is regarded as an expert on the Innuits, as the Eskimos are known, and her collection of Eskimo curios is considered the finest extant.

Mrs. Ougman expects to start within a month and believes she will return to Nome well inside of two years.

This newest of the explorers will have Eskimos as her only companions. She understands the Eskimos thoroughly, speaks their strange language as fluently as she does her mother tongue and considers that they will be best able to withstand the temptation to dig for gold in the Klondike and stick to the object of the expedition.

"I would have recruited a few sterling white men," said Mrs. Ougman, "if I could have found any proof against their falling victims to the gold fever. I have not projected this trip for the sake of making money out of it. It is not gold we shall seek, but the elusive north pole, that and nothing else. I cannot afford to take any possible deserters with me. I know the Innuits. They are faithful.

"Those who will go with me have sworn that they will stay to the end of the trip, and I know they will do it. Besides this, no white has the endurance that the Innuits have, and of all things endurance counts in a trip to the arctic."

Mrs. Ougman is known to the Eskimos as a man. Although she wears skirts, the unsuspecting Innuits have always been led to believe that they were donned simply to keep her warm. The Eskimos do not trust women as they do men, and if they suspected that the leader of their bold expedition was of the weaker sex they would not follow her.

"The Eskimos grant me courtesies they would not think of allowing women," said Mrs. Ougman. "For instance, they allow me to enter their burying grounds, a thing no woman not native born is ever permitted to do. In this way I have gathered all manner of things from the treasure buried with the Eskimo dead.

"On the trip to the pole this will be of much importance to me. It will be my object not alone to look for the pole, but to study the habits of the different Eskimo tribes we meet."

The expedition will start on sledges drawn by Eskimo dogs. At the Eskimo settlement farthest north in the journey the sledges will be loaded with food. There will be enough, Mrs. Ougman says, to last twenty-four months. Should the commissary supply by any chance give out there will be some extra dogs that can be spared.

Mrs. Ougman has the distinction of being the only woman who has seen Mount McKinley, on the heights of the snowy Alaskan range. With a party of explorers she pushed up the Yukon valley two years ago and stood at the base of the mountain. The climb to the peak of Mount McKinley is 17,000 feet.

"There won't be any chance of fatigue on this trip," said Mrs. Ougman. "I have had experience in the awful cold of the Alaskan country and know how to keep warm. This time we will pass Mount McKinley and continue north until we have found the pole."

Novel Bank For Tom Johnson.

Mayor Johnson of Cleveland, O., will inaugurate a novel system in banking methods in the conduct of his new bank, the Depositors' Savings and Trust company, says the Chicago Tribune. "The bank," said City Clerk Witt recently, "is to issue an entirely new kind of money, a sort of 'phony' money, but good, just as good as any other kind of currency. It will be in the form of a certificate of deposit that will be used as currency. For instance, if I wanted to send some friend a dollar I owed him, I would go to the bank, deposit a dollar and in return would receive a certificate. On this certificate will be printed a picture of Mayor Johnson."

"Hand Rug" Best Term For New Muff.

Cousins to fur rugs in shape, though not as large, were a couple of muffs that attracted attention in the St. Regis hotel in New York the other afternoon, says the New York Press. They were made of the whole skin of the animal, lined perfectly flat and otherwise unmanipulated. Large pockets had been prepared in the lining in such a way that when the hands were slipped into these the skin could be rolled around the hands, giving somewhat the usual appearance of a muff. When not in use the hand rug, as it might be called, hung almost as flat and formless as a simple pelt.

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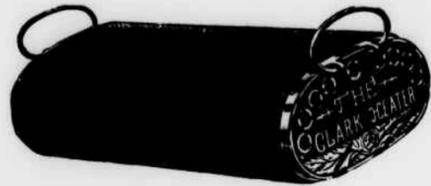
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