

NEW ROAD LAW BILLS ARE OUT

Of the Senate Committee Room and Are Being Acted on Now.

CITY CHARTER BILLS

Are Advanced to Their Second Reading by the Upper Branch.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 31—Senator Kump, chairman of the roads and navigation committee, today reported out the six road bills destined to create an entire new road law.

On motion of Silver each was advanced to its second reading and ordered printed.

Gray's cigarette bill went to its second reading while the charter bills except Gratton, Clarksburg and Weston were advanced to second reading also.

England introduced a mine guard bill and one concerning labor agents. A Senate bill directing the secretary of state to send out certain documents was reported passed by the House.

The finance committee reported favorably on Senate bill No. 43, relating to operating automobiles and licenses and the distribution of fines and Senate bill No. 91, relating to inspection of the hospitals for the insane.

The judiciary committee reported favorably on Senate bill No. 55, relating to county salaries; Senate bill No. 10, relating to bail; Senate bill No. 29, authorizing county courts to pay rewards; Senate bill No. 41, relating to offenses against public policies; Senate bill No. 36, relating to bonds, and Senate bill No. 54, relating to appointment of assistants to prosecuting attorneys.

The medicine and sanitation committee reported favorably on Senate bill No. 21, relating to the manufacture and sale of cigarette, and Senate bill No. 78, relating to veterinarians and a veterinary board.

The railroad committee reported out a "Jim Crow" bill without recommendations, and favorably on No. 24, extending the time to complete railroads; No. 57, to preserve competition on railroads, and No. 71 requiring railroad trains to stop at all junctions.

The banks and banking committee reported favorably on Senate bill No. 15, relating to the sale of stocks, and Senate bill No. 90, relating to money lenders.

Peterkin offered a resolution to amend the constitution to provide for the election of a lieutenant governor.

Steed offered bills relating to teachers, certificates. Hatfield offered a workmen's compensation bill, and one on banks, trusts and building associations; and Bland offered a bill to regulate committee hearings and registration.

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SAFE BLOWERS GAG AND BIND FELLOW OFFICERS

Before Explosion and He is in Great Torture for Four Hours.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31—For four hours today Michael Roser, a night watchman, lay bound and gagged in a North Side department store, where he had been left by safe blowers, and he watched smoke curling from smouldering blankets used by the thieves to deaden the sound of the explosion.

After frantic efforts Roser released himself and turned in a fire alarm, but before the firemen could put out the flames, damage amounting to \$75,000 had been done.

The safe blowers got away with \$12,000.

GO VICT

Pardoned is Released from Prison and Five More Will Go Out Today.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31—The first of twenty-three murderers pardoned from Joliet penitentiary by Gov.

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ALL TURKISH OFFICERS AND MEN ON FURLOUGH ORDERED BACK TO DUTY POST HASTE

Must Be in Their Regiments within the Next Twenty-Four Hours.

LEAVE LONDON CITY

For Home at Once is the Command Given the Turkish Peace Men.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 31—All officers and men of the Turkish army on furlough have been ordered to return to their regiments within twenty-four hours.

LONDON, Jan. 31—The Turkish government today sent orders to its peace plenipotentiaries to leave London at once for home.

WASTE

Of Money in a Wanton Way to Tear Down Present Court House.

NEW COURT HOUSE

Would Bring on a Period of Burdensome Taxation and Great Hardship.

(By "Citizen.")

Allow me space in your newspaper to say a word of protest against the proposition of building a new court house, which seems to be entirely unnecessary and a needless waste of the people's money.

The exercise of the authority to tax, which should at all times be safeguarded by the strictest rules of economy and rigid honesty, strikes at the very foundation of human liberty, and the struggles of the people against the abuse of that authority is as old as the human race.

We read in ancient history of the tyrants of old levying tribute from the people, and of the grumpy and oppression of the despicable tax-gatherers.

And coming down to a later period, there was once a memorable tea party in Boston harbor growing out of the abuse of the taxing power by a tyrannical, unclean king. The echo of the resounding waters, as the chests were thrown into the sea, was heard throughout all Christendom, and dismantled empires and dethroned kings.

Let this be a note of warning to the piratical plunderbands with which we are at present infested, whose base operations seem to be the county seat, and who are unusually resourceful lately in devising schemes and ways and means by which to tax the people in order to gratify their desire for graft and anxiety for display. The idea of building a new court house had its origin more out of a desire to erect a structure to compare with the new Goff building on one side and the Union National Bank building on the other, than the actual necessity of a new building.

The present court house, built at a cost of \$65,000, would cost today under the increased cost of material and labor, \$150,000, is a solid, substantial structure and is as near fire proof as any of the modern so called fire proof buildings.

The basement, which was built originally for the use of the county, is occupied by outsiders who could and should be excluded and the rooms occupied by the county, and if the present incumbents, who have expanded so much since their election, could not then find room for transacting their official business, all they need to do is to let the fact be known and there is an abundance of aspiring patriots who will gladly take their places, even if the quarters are slightly congested.

They will doubtless be relieved anyhow, the first opportunity, if they are too persistent in demanding extravagant luxuries. The opponents of all these wild schemes to plunder the people are contemptuously derided as stumbling blocks to progress and lacking in public spirit, when the truth is, if there ever was a time in the history of our county, it is right now, that we

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BRITISH WOMEN USE SLING SHOT

In Their Campaign for Suffrage But Their Aim is Not Good.

USE FIRE BRAND TOO

Setting Fire to Letter Boxes and Destroying Thousands of Missives.

LONDON, Jan. 31—British suffragettes have adopted the sling shot as their weapon in their campaign.

With it they hurl leaden discs marked votes for women, but their aim is not good and the damage so far is slight.

They continue to set fire to letter boxes, several thousand letters being destroyed this morning.

WESTON

Lady Dies in Local Hospital after Long Illness of Gall Stones.

Mrs. Ella Conley, aged 48 years, wife of Stanford Conley, of Weston, died in a local hospital late Thursday afternoon after a long illness of gallstones. Mrs. Conley was brought to the hospital Thursday afternoon from her home at Weston and was to undergo an operation today, but the trip was too much for her and she passed away shortly after reaching the hospital.

The deceased woman is survived by her husband four children. The children are Miss Bada Conley, at home, and Mrs. Fay Props, of Weston; Ralph and R. D. Conley, both at home.

The body was taken to Weston on the 6 o'clock train Friday morning, and the funeral will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The burial will be in the family burying ground.

MANY TREES

Are to Be Set Out by the Shinnston Orchard Company.

The Shinnston Orchard Company, which has a large tract of land north of Shinnston, has a nice dwelling completed and ready for a tenant. This company has land broken and is ready to set out 5,000 fruit trees, one-fourth of which will be peaches, and three-fourths apples.

F. W. Sturm, of Shinnston, who is a well informed fruit grower, is the president of this enterprise. The outlook is very bright for the company.

THOUGH NAMED BY TAGGART, INDIANA'S NEW GOVERNOR APPEARS PROGRESSIVE



Gov. and Mrs. Samuel M. Ralston.

When Samuel M. Ralston's nomination for governor of Indiana last year was brought about through the influence of National Committeeman Thomas Taggart, it was freely predicted that Mr. Ralston, if elected would oppose progressive measures in the legislature. Mr. Ralston was elected and has taken his office. To the surprise of many he has indicated that he is a progressive. Besides recommending to the legislature a number of progressive measures, including state regulation of the sale of stocks and bonds, he has declared himself in favor of a constitutional convention to draw up an entirely new code for the state.

INSURANCE RATE BILL INTRODUCED

For the Purpose of Preventing Discrimination in the Business.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 31—To prevent unfair discrimination in the fixing of fire insurance rates on risks of essentially the same hazard, is the object of a bill drafted by the state insurance department and introduced in the legislature by Senator Steed and Delegate Wysons, and the proposed legislation is the answer to the charges which have been frequently made that fire insurance companies were discriminating among classes of property which have substantially the same fire class record.

Under the bill the insurance commissioner of the state is given supervision over every corporation, association or bureau which approves or makes rates to be used by more than one underwriter, for insurance, including surety bonds, on property or risks of any kind in this state. These rating organizations shall be subject to the citation and examination of the insurance commissioner, who shall require such information as he deems necessary and an examination shall be made public.

It is provided that in the event any such rating organization "fix or make a rate or schedule or charge a rate which discriminates unfairly between risks within this state of essentially the same hazard, belonging to classes having substantially the same fire class record, and which are similarly situated and protected against fire," that the insurance commissioner shall order a full hearing before his department and if it is shown that such discrimination exists, he may order it removed.

The proposed legislation will not apply to any contract of life insurance, nor to any contract of insurance in connection with marine or transportation risks, excepting automobiles, nor to the business of guarantee and surety insurance; life or casualty assessment; cooperative fire; inter-insurance or fraternal benefit insurance.

BROAD OAKS FIRE.

Edward White and Son's meat market on Bridge street, Broad stop on the Mt. Clare street car line, Oaks, as well as the White residence was destroyed by fire at 6:30 o'clock last evening. The blaze originated in the attic of the meat market. The loss is \$4,000.

LAWYERS

Will Hold a Meeting in the Court House Here at 7:30 O'clock Tonight.

Harvey W. Harper, secretary of the Clarksburg Bar Association, announces that there will be a meeting of the members of the association tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the court house for the purpose of considering the question of abolishing the criminal court and such other matters as properly come before the meeting. All members of the association as well as all members of the bar who are not members of the association are urged to attend the meeting.

McCABE RESIGNS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31—George P. McCabe, a solicitor in the department of agriculture, today presented his resignation to Secretary Wilson.

MY FRIENDS FIRST DECLARES WILSON

FREE LIST

Feature of the Tariff Bill is Up at the Hearings Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31—The free list of the tariff furnished the concluding chapter today in the hearings before the House ways and means committee.

Democratic leader snow figure on putting on the free list at the coming extra session of Congress substantially the same articles as were originally on the free list vetoed by President Taft two years ago on the ground that the revenues would be diminished by \$14,000,000.

CHILD DIES.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clave Money, of Maxwell street on the Mt. Clare street car line, died Friday morning at 9 o'clock after a few hours illness. The funeral will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the burial will be in the Custer cemetery.

And Then My Party in the Matter of Making Cabinet Selections.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 31—President-elect Wilson does not feel that he is limited in cabinet selections to the list of names proposed to him by political leaders and friends of candidates. He said today while riding to Philadelphia from Trenton:

"I might be making some nominations of my own, for I certainly will not be bound to confine myself merely to names that have been suggested to me."

FISH BY MAIL.

Mrs. John McGowan, of West Pike street, is very much pleased with the parcels post system as well as with some very fine Lake Michigan perch sent her by her son, George McGowan. They came nice and fresh this morning in time for breakfast. Mr. McGowan mailed them yesterday morning at Muskegon, Mich.

FINANCIER WHOSE VOICE IS TOO WEAK FOR INVESTIGATORS TALKS WITH FAMILY



William G. Rockefeller.

William G. Rockefeller, Wall street financier and brother of the Standard Oil magnate, who so successfully eluded the process servers of the Fujo investigating committee for several weeks, was not so lucky in his attempt to escape from the camera man. The picture was taken at Palm Beach, Florida, a few days ago. Rockefeller still insists that his voice is too weak to permit him to talk to the money trust investigating committee, but at Palm Beach he has been seen daily conversing with his wife and son. His voice is low and husky.

WEEKS RESOLUTION WILL BE AMENDED

FIVE BURN

To Death in a Fire by Which Their Home is Burned to the Ground.

RICHLAND, Ia., Jan. 31—Major Harris, his wife, two children and his mother were burned to death this morning, when their farm home three miles from Richland was destroyed by fire.

WANTS A CHANGE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—Application has been made by the Citizens Bank of Hinton for permission to become a national bank under the name of the Citizens National Bank of Hinton.

But Just How the Senate Itself Does Not Know Yet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31—Nearly a dozen important amendments and counter proposals were pending before the Senate today, when it resumed consideration of the Weeks resolution for a single six-year presidential term.

These included many propositions designed to exempt Wilson, Taft and Roosevelt from the effect of the change in the constitution and some amendments were so drawn as to exclude Roosevelt for another term.

SPECIAL JUDGE

Is Chosen to Sit at Trial of a Right-of-Way Proceeding Today.

Attorney Philip P. Steptoe as special judge sat at the trial of a condemnation suit by the Philadelphia Company against Samuel Gain, of Salem, in which the plaintiff sought to have damages determined for a right of way for a sixteen-inch gas line through property of the defendant.

Owing to the fact that the jury trials have been on practically three weeks, Judge Raymond Maxwell has excused from further service at this term all jurors who expressed a desire not to serve longer thus giving them opportunity to attend to their affairs, and the following new jurors were drawn to report Monday morning for duty:

W. O. Kennedy, D. F. Haggerty, Alfonso Stout, J. F. Robey, Walter Elliott, Scott Coffman, Marcellus Davison, Theodore Reichert, G. C. Southern, A. O. Brooke, James Harris, Conn VanHorn, Frank M. Clauson, George A. Davis, Oliver M. Reger, Bashir A. Elliott, M. E. Coffindaffer, James J. Connell, L. L. Bailey and D. Lee Hedges.

A jury in the case of Charles A. Short against Nancy J. Lyon and others for \$269 for moving a house failed to agree and was dismissed from the case.

Miss Nell Betz, of Frostburg, Md., is a guest of Miss Jennie Wilson, of Carr avenue.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31—May wheat closed 93 3/4, corn 52 1/2, oats 34 1/2.