

THINK ONE CENT A MILE

ENOUGH CHARGE ON INTERURBANS BETWEEN LARGE CITIES

POTT COUNTY CITIZENS WANT THE RATE FIXED

Numerous Petitions in Senate Against County High School Legislation

In the senate this afternoon petitions galore read by title; the most important being one signed by 200 citizens of Pottawatomie county...

The Mexican mesal-bone topic mentioned in an explanatory way, and the Illinois River Baptist association had a petition, presented by Conn to classify "Uno," "Longhorn," etc., as liquors.

County high school petitions were presented and referred to proper committees; Washita county farmers opposing high school laws.

Landrum offered a resolution referring to the purchase of public buildings, and how it could be done.

Resolutions still in committee. Stanford called House Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 3 and 4, by Jones.

The resolutions thanking Hamilton and Beveridge for services in the statehood fight, and Graham and they were pending before judiciary committee No. One and could not be acted on at the day's session.

Relating to Bridges. Senator Conn offered Senate Bill No. 167, to establish toll bridges, free bridges and cutways, and charging for same.

Reports of Committees. Stewart, for judiciary committee No. 2, offered three reports and other committees reported in "carload lots," requiring considerable time for writing reports, filing, reference, etc.

Amend Election Laws. Davis introduced Senate Bill No. 168, an act concerning elections, repealing twenty-three sections of article 1, statutes of 1893, and also certain sections of the 1895, 1897 and 1903 laws.

Attorney J. J. Carney is here from El Reno. He represented District No. 2 in the constitutional convention.

U. S. Marshal's Force Busy.

The serving of more than 1,000 processes upon witnesses and jurors this week by United States Marshal Abernathy's force of deputies will mark the transference of the cases from the seven territorial courts to the United States district court here.

Fire at Coyle's Cotton Gin. Fire truck No. 1 answered an alarm at 2:10 this afternoon turned in from the Coyle cotton gin, corner of Vilas and Fifth, where some cotton bolls had ignited from a match in a gin.

Thanks, Awfully, Governor. One of the most popular of the official acts of Acting Governor Bellamy today was the transmitting of a box of cigars to the "press gang" of the senate.

INSTITUTE INSTRUCTORS ANNOUNCED BY BOARD

As a result of the recent teachers' examination held at Tulsa, the state board of examiners has issued certificates an institute instructors to the following:

- Bradshaw, J. O., Phillips. Barton, L. J., Stillwater. Benson, Clark, Crescent. Bonderson, Mrs. A. K., Oklahoma City. Creswell, S. J., Edmond. Clifton, Miss A., Oklahoma City. Carroll, H., Mangum. Dougherty, Miss Linnie, Monks. Grubb, Miss Elizabeth, Lawton. Hoyman, Miss Ida, Canby. Mackman, Miss Lillie, Hominy. Laird, P. E., Guthrie. Leary, Mrs. Leone, Cordell. Maynard, N. M., Norman. Mowford, Miss Alice, Oklahoma City. Pointer, W. J., Lexington. Rust, A. L., Cheyenne. Blanford, Irene, Oklahoma City. Smith, Miss Alice, Muskogee. Sizer, F. H., Broken Arrow. Shuff, H. A., Clinton. Stone, W. H., Lawton. Shaw, Miss Pearl, Oklahoma City. Swartz, P. W., Purrell. Thompson, S. E., Helona. Tolson, R. E., Ponca City. Wright, J. W., Ft. Gibson. Williams, Loren, Wakita. Wilson, L. O., Sapulpa. Wright, C. E., Cleo. Willis, Miss Cincinnati, Oklahoma City. Wolfe, A. R., Norman. Wiley, Miss Lula, Oklahoma City. Westfall, J. S., Tulsa. Altman, Miss B. L., El Reno. Anderson, T. W., Billings. Arndell, J. E., Woodward. Bryan, G. P., Ft. Cobb. Burke, R. P., Lawton. Comstock, Chas., Coweta. Cantabery, W. C., Ardmore. Plator, J. E., Sayre. Lincholt, A., Prague. Lawson, B. T., Ada. Mosie, Mrs. Lottie, Oklahoma City. Newman, Miss Myrtle, Muskogee. Thaurmer, C. H., El Reno. Ritter, Harvey, Pond Creek.

HANDED SPEAKER A LEMON

NOT "JOKE" VARIETY BUT REAL OKLAHOMA PRODUCT

SUBSTITUTE BOOZE BILL IN COMMITTEE

Subjected to Running Fire of Amendments and Discussion

The house began its labors for the week at 9 o'clock this morning. Representative Stettinund presented Speaker Murray a genuine lemon grown in the new state. It was raised by Mrs. C. L. McRae, near Chandler.

From Pontotoc county a petition was received asking that twelve holders instead of twelve freeholders be made legal petitioners for change of road.

The Vinita camp of Confederate veterans asking that the state pension all ex-Confederate and other soldiers not otherwise provided for in the pension laws.

Stettinund spoke briefly of Evans' resolution last week, asking the purchase of maps for the use of members and the State Capital's subsequent abuse of Evans. Stettinund then presented the house with some of the maps used last summer by the republican campaign committee.

The house went into the committee of the whole. Ben Harrison in the chair to consider the speaker's bill on the initiative and referendum. Some amendments were submitted and after a brief session the committee rose, recommending that the bill "do pass" as amended.

The memorial to congress by Senator Brock, asking that the Arkansas river be made navigable, was recommended for passage by the committee on canals and navigation, and was subsequently passed by the house.

Commission to Codify Statutes. Norvell, of Tulsa, presented a concurrent resolution asking the appointment of a joint commission to codify the statutes. The commission is to consist of lawyers, four from the house and three from the senate, appointed by the presiding officers. The resolution enumerates at length the duties of the members. All obsolete and inoperative provisions are to be omitted. The commission is to complete its labors and make report by the third Monday in April.

Judiciary Committee Increased. An addition of three members to the judiciary committee was announced. "I will state," said the speaker, "that questions often arise that are above and beyond that of precedent and judicial decisions—questions of purely public policy. For this reason I wish to add three members who are not lawyers—Messrs. Beck, Briggs and Ellis."

The speaker also suggested that the committee on oil and gas invite Stone, of Creek county, to join their number. On account of illness, Mr. Stone was unable to be here when the committee were made up. His wide experience in the oil and gas business will make him a valuable member of that committee.

Bill to Regulate Marriage. Smith, of Carter, offered a bill in regulation of marriage. His bill differs considerably from that prepared by Bowdre, of Blaine. Mr. Smith's bill emphasizes some features that have long been agitated by students of sociology. Along this line it provides that no marriage license shall be issued to any imbecile, epileptic, person of unsound mind, any person who is an inmate of a county almshouse, who is unable to care for a family, afflicted with any transmissible disease, or under the influence of liquor when applying.

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Amends Dispensary Provision. Jesse, of Ellis, moved to amend the dispensary provision as to location in county seats, and was accepted. The county seat of his county is not centrally located. Under his amendment the state agency superintendent may select a location for the local agency until the people shall by their vote select the county seat as such. This exception is to apply only to Ellis county, and was accepted.

Castro, of Chavarron, asked that his county be included, and Durant secured the same exception for McIntosh county.

Would Eliminate Profit. Branson, of Muskogee, moved to strike out that part of the dispensary provision which authorizes the state to make 25 per cent to 100 per cent profit on the east of running the agencies. He stated that he did not want to see the sick, who absolutely need whiskey, have to bear the expense of combating the dispensaries. After a discussion the motion was lost.

Initiative and Referendum. Ashby moved an amendment giving counties and their representative authority to vote a nine establishment of dispensaries in those subdivisions. This was immediately productive of a fierce debate on the initiative and referendum. Speaker Murray stated that the initiative and referendum as to cities, counties, etc., under the constitution, applies only to local matters and not to state laws.

Other members declined to the opposite view. Just before noon the debate was suspended by a vote on a motion to table the amendment proposed by Ashby. The motion to table was lost, and a recess was then taken until 1 o'clock.

Afternoon Session. On re-assembling this afternoon the discussion of the Ashby amendment was resumed. The news that prohibition legislation was to be discussed.

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ACTING GOVERNOR BELLAMY

GUIDES SHIP OF STATE IN HASKELL'S ABSENCE

WITH SAVOIR FAIRE LIKEWISE ECLAT

Signs Bill Pertaining to Collection of Taxes in New Counties

Acting Governor Bellamy today and the friends of the popular lieutenant governor are busy calling at the governor's office today to see how the handsome official looks in the chief executive's chair. He is keeping the employees of the office on the jump in the dispatch of the immense business transacted in the governor's office daily like an old hand at the business.

The first official act of Acting Governor Bellamy today was the signing of Senate Bill No. 85, by Senator Moore, which provides for the collection of taxes for the year 1907 in the new counties of old Oklahoma.

Teachers' Examination. The state board of examiners has designated February 23 for holding instructors and conductors' examinations in Oklahoma. Examinations will be held at the following places: Sulphur, Cordell, Muskogee, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Durant, Bartlesville and Chickasha.

Editor Gets Law Position. J. M. Hayes, editor of the Sulphur Democrat, has been appointed by Gov. Haskell as law secretary to Ed O. Cassidy, advisor to the school land department. Mr. Hayes is an able lawyer, and for years was one of the leaders in Southern Illinois in his profession.

Child Labor Expert Here. Dr. A. J. McKelvey, of Atlanta, Ga., arrived on the afternoon train to confer with Miss Kate Barnard, state secretary of charities, and the legislative committee of the legislature on child labor laws in which he is a recognized expert. He is at present secretary of the Child Labor executive committee. He will probably address the legislature before leaving the city.

Notary Public. The following notary commissions were issued from the office of the secretary of state this morning: M. F. Martin, of Sayre, for Beckham county; F. D. Haire, of Sayre, for Beckham county; M. D. Hubbard, of Gate, for Beaver county; J. G. McKelvey, of Pond Creek, for Grant county.

Three More Banks Get Deposits. Secretary L. D. May of the school land commission today mailed checks to the following banks for a deposit from the \$500,000 of the \$5,000,000 school fund: Farmers bank, of Okmulgee; \$50,000; Ardmore National bank, \$50,000; State National bank of Shawnee, \$19,999. Only eight banks so far have received deposits of this money and the total amount placed is not over \$150,000. Ed O. Cassidy, legal advisor for the department has found it a very difficult and tedious job to examine the securities filed by banks for a deposit. He now has an assistant, and expects to pass upon other securities within a few days. Many of the securities have been sent back, as they do not meet the requirements of the law governing the deposit of this money.

Muskogee Bank Chartered. The following residents of Muskogee today took out a charter for the Oklahoma State bank, of that city, with \$50,000 capital stock: O. B. McClary, P. W. Sargent, M. Boyd, W. Kelsie, J. N. Wilkerson, W. P. Galt, J. S. Sear, Samuel E. Gidrey, Geo. W. Tate, J. E. Heckman, T. H. Martin, R. A. Jesse, A. C. Isaac and W. E. Bonsey.

Acme Sign Manufacturing Company of Oklahoma City, with \$10,000 capital stock. The directors are: W. M. Dean, L. H. Goldsberry and W. W. Welch, all of Oklahoma City.

The Security Brokers & Loan Company of Oklahoma City, with \$300,000 capital stock. The directors are: Geo. W. Castle, Jas. F. Childs, W. E. Jones, A. C. Black and J. H. Askew, all of Oklahoma City.

The Mitchell Lumber Company, of Shawnee, with \$25,000 capital stock. The directors are: Chas. A. Mitchell and Mildred Mitchell, of Tecumseh; W. E. Crossan, of Shawnee.

The W. A. Cooksey Lumber, Grain

& Feed company, of Alva, with \$10,000 capital stock. The directors are: Fred Harvey and James McHenry, of Alva, and W. A. Cooksey, of Irene.

Issues Requisition. Acting Governor Bellamy this afternoon issued a requisition on the governor of Montana, but as the person wanted is not yet under arrest, the name is not given out.

Retailers' Association Holds Annual Election. At a special meeting of the Retail Merchants' association last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

A. O. Farquharson, re-elected president; Chas. F. Eisenhardt, re-elected vice president; M. Collier, re-elected treasurer; Mont Day, re-elected an director. The other two directors elected were J. J. Houston and W. R. Benson.

President Farquharson will announce his committee at the next meeting. Secretary W. A. Rayson, will probably be re-elected secretary as he has made an excellent record in the past year.

The following members of the association leave on the evening train for Oklahoma City as delegates to the State Retailers' association, meeting there today and tomorrow: A. O. Farquharson, F. B. Lillis, Chas. F. Eisenhardt, F. O. Lutz, R. E. Talman, E. A. Harbison, J. S. Lyon, J. J. Houston, G. A. Holler, E. J. Knauss, M. Collier, A. H. Richmond, E. T. Hirschel, W. D. Packer, Moritz Behr, Lon Heland, J. E. Smith, Mont Day, Nathan Patterson, J. F. Houston, Tom Jenkins and E. C. Peterson. The Retailers will hold an adjourned meeting here Thursday for the purpose of deciding upon needed legislation, and will appoint a committee to present their demands to the proper committees of the legislature.

Special to Daily Leader. Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 14.—The Oklahoma retailers convened in their semi-annual meeting at 10:30 o'clock this morning in the chamber of commerce rooms. The meeting will continue for two days.

The Oklahoma retailers were welcomed to the city by Mayor Henry M. Scales. Arthur Rhoades, president of the association, responded in behalf of the visitors.

The appointment of the various committees closed the morning's program today.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 o'clock in the Auditorium. Max Bergman, of Fort Worth, president of the Texas Retailers' association, opened the afternoon's program with a discussion of "What the Association is Doing in Texas." He told of the growth of the organization in the Lone Star state. Remarks and discussions by members of the association followed and at 4 o'clock the report of the legislative committee was made.

A state occupation tax bill and a bill enabling the merchants to secure first judgment on their accounts will be recommended by the committee. Bills covering the provisions desired will be drawn up and forwarded to members of the legislature.

The members of the committee are A. L. Kirby, of Centrahoma, James Lobnitz of Perry, and A. O. Farquharson of Guthrie. Attorney A. P. Crockett of Oklahoma City, will discuss "Exemptions and Collection Laws," Wednesday afternoon.

Credits from the Jobber's Standpoint will be discussed by J. E. O'Neil of Oklahoma City, and "Retail Credits" will be the subject of addresses by A. L. Kirby, F. M. Spang and A. L. Kirby, F. M. Spang.

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REFUSED TO WED AT LAST MOMENT

Special to Daily Leader. Cordell, Okla., Jan. 14.—Because her prospective husband lived under one name and wanted to be married under another, Miss Mattie Jones, of Cordell, refused her fiance at the last moment and would not consent to the marriage. Miss Jones was willing until William Myers, as she had known him, wanted to change to Guy Moore. Then she protested.

Moore was arrested, and after a preliminary hearing, committed to jail at Holart.

The busiest attaché of the senate and the man least heard from by those not coming in contact, is Chief Clerk Howard. From the time the senate convenes until it adjourns he has to be at his desk, and the only time he has trouble to keep busy is when he sleeps.

Editor Russell of Shawnee, has deserted the "press gang" and his absence is explained by his fellow countryman, Senator Eggerman, who claims that Mr. Russell has been in Texas, he having many friends down there on Matimony ranch.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 14.—The direct cause of the people against Harry K. Thaw is his effort to show that Thaw was not mentally responsible when he shot White.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will without doubt be called to the stand, but Jerome will make a fight to keep her story out of the record of the case.

John T. Desinger, Thaw's physician, was the first witness today.

Mr. Littleton told of the trip abroad taken by Thaw in 1899, when he was ill and insane at Rome, Monte Carlo and London, being under the care of physicians and nurses at each place, and declared that he would produce these physicians and nurses as far as possible to tell their stories. Teachers who kept diaries about the strange child who sat in their classes also will come, he said, to tell the jury about the early life and tendencies of the defendant.

Describing the killing of White, Mr. Littleton said:

"Thaw's madness, born and bred in him, had been set on fire by the stories he had heard. Staggering among the chairs of Madison Square Garden—yet not drunk—his eyes burning in the glare of the limelight. Evidently he berated himself and of him, maniacal in the last degree, lost—lost as he was in Rome, in Monte Carlo and in London—the blind confusion of insanity overcame him and he fired. It was not a murder, but the act of a madman who after the act, self-loved and irrational, cried out in his rage that he heard voices of little children calling and proclaimed that he had not acted as an agent of Providence."

In conclusion Mr. Littleton charged the district attorney to produce a Littleton. "But I say his life history is enough to free him from the charge that he was responsible for his

FRIGHTFUL HARVEST OF DEATH

Reaped From Appalling Conflagration Which Followed Explosion in Crowded Playhouse.

(By Associated Press.) Buytown, Pa., Jan. 14.—When daylight dawned today the full extent of last night's fire when the Rhodes opera house burned became fully apparent. The list of dead today is placed at one hundred and sixty and the injured at seventy-five. Exactly how many were killed may never be known. It is estimated that four hundred persons were in the playhouse.

Panic indescribable seized almost everyone, even the men seemed to lose control of themselves and fought with women and children who composed the greater part of the audience to gain the street. In this manner many women and children who might otherwise have escaped the flames were forced back. The weaker ones brained aside and many were trampled to death. Scores on the second floor jumped from windows and several of the badly injured died before reaching the hospital.

The work of removing the bodies is tedious and hazardous. Many victims are buried deep beneath tons of debris.

Survivors and spectators unite in saying that the attending scenes were the most horrible that can be imagined. People threw themselves from the balcony into the body of the theatre, hoping to find some means of escape. Others jumped from windows of the building and were either maimed or killed.

Meanwhile the flames which had broken out on the stage were spreading rapidly throughout the building, seemingly eager for their prey. Those who had fallen in the rush and who were so badly scathed that they were beyond all power to struggle, wailed

in anguish, their cries adding to the horror of the situation. They could do nothing but wait helplessly for their fate, to be roasted to death in the roaring, raging furnace.

Many Hero's Gave Up Lives. There were many heroes, some not alive to tell of their deeds. They gave up their lives for others. Fathers and mothers who might have been saved, hurried to save their children and perished in the flames; brothers who might have gotten out in safety hesitated to make sure that their sisters were safe, and they, too, are numbered among the dead. Sweet hearts, with little thought for themselves, bent all their energies in an effort to rescue their companions and their lives are also added to the great harvest of death.

Caused By an Explosion. While the Scottish Reformation was being reproduced in the opera house by Mrs. Monroe, of Washington, a tank used in a moving picture scene exploded. It is assumed as though the entire audience made a mad rush for the exits the moment the explosion occurred. A section of the floor gave way, precipitating scores of persons to the basement. As the floor collapsed the shrieks of the helpless persons who were carried down were heard for blocks.

Mad Scramble for Stairway. It was scarcely five minutes from the time of the explosion of the tanks until the entire heart of the structure seemed a roaring furnace. There was a mad scramble for the stairway leading from the balcony and scores of women and children were knocked down and trampled to death, many of them doubtless before crushed to death.

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