

Nye County Division Again Before the Senate

White Pine, Lander and Clark are After a Portion of the Greatest County in the State---Police Bill Still Causing Much Discussion

(By Special Correspondence.)

CARSON CITY, March 12.—Carson is taking on new life during these days of the legislature. One sensation after another was sprung in both branches during the session today. These, on top of what has been happening this week, has caused the anxious lobby which heretofore has been wasting its time here, to sit up and take notice.

The first surprise came this morning when it leaked out that the Democrats had caucused and that the promised police bill fight will not materialize. Thanks to the efforts of Charles A. Kane of Rhyolite, Brooks of Esmeralda and one or two others from the southern country, a quote meeting was held last night. Governor Dickerson presided. He urged upon those present the importance of legislation upon the police bill and how by fighting for the McNamara measure no good can be accomplished. He recommended supporting the separate measure. McNamara consented only after his fellow members had pointed out that for the next two years at least the state police bill will be under the direction of Dickerson. This means that the McNamara bill will be tabled and that the senate bill will go through by a unanimous party vote. Republicans, of course, will also join in casting their vote to insure the passage of the bill.

Yesterday afternoon it looked as if the old police bill fight would again be enacted and had either side allowed the pending measures come up for discussion it is not unlikely that there would have been a lively struggle.

The first fight of the day took place in the assembly over the proposed commission to codify the laws of Nevada. Brooks had a bill favoring the governor appointing the commission. The opposition had another which placed this duty upon the supreme court members. Judge Sweeney of the supreme court made an active fight for the latter bill; for it carries an appropriation of about \$15,000, most of which will go to the members of the court. Sweeney won the initial fight in the face of the admitted claim that the bill as it now stands is plainly unconstitutional. Brooks changed his vote and gave notice that he will move to have the bill reconsidered tomorrow.

Party lines were thrown to the winds on this measure, Speaker Giffen apparently being desirous of showing in every way possible his lack of sympathy with the governor or the administration. Giffen, by the way, feels much aggrieved at the

manner in which the papers of southern Nevada are treating him. It is probable that he will not return to Manhattan, for some time at least.

The biggest surprise of the day came when it was announced that the senate judiciary committee had met and considered the anti-gambling bill. The measure had been amended to put the law into effect October 1, 1910, adding bridge whist, solo, whist and poker to the list of prescribed games which cannot be played for money or prizes and fixing the minimum penalty at \$500 and imprisonment from one to six months. The measure will come up on special order next Monday and will without doubt pass the upper house by a unanimous vote. It then goes to the assembly for concurrence, after which it will be placed in the governor's hands for final action.

Thus ends one of the live fights of the session. The Bonanza can well claim the lion's share of credit for defeating the aims of the Calamity Howlers of the north, for the Bonanza was the only one of all the papers which came to the front and told the truth of the gambling situation. It now develops that the anti-gamblers counted their votes last night and could muster only nine supporters for their measure. The opposition had ten, just the number required for victory. Even with this advantage they conceded to the governor's request to pass an anti-gambling measure and approved the reform measure with amendments as suggested by the administration. Thus is Sweeney, the jurist, the purist, again foiled. He led the lobby fight for the reformers and incidentally made several kinds of a fool of himself by his schoolboy antics. Even Sweeney's friends now admit he is much in need of a guardian.

Nevada is to have a state rogue's gallery, if Captain Cox of the state police can have his way. Through his efforts a bill was introduced in the assembly today, providing for a central information bureau under the direction of Cox, which can require every sheriff in the state of Nevada to secure two photographs, thumb prints and a detailed description of every person convicted and sentenced to jail for even a misdemeanor. The viciousness of the measure and the greater power that will be secured by Cox can be realized when it is known that the bill if it becomes a law will also give the officers full power to even take the photograph and description of every person even suspected of crime. Thus would the measure place it in the power of the state police to publicly brand every

person who would dare meet their displeasure. It is now believed the bill will pass in its present form at least.

The investigation of the state bank commissioners is attracting much notice, for it is generally conceded that under present conditions nothing will come of it. Senator Boyd of Washoe county, personally a friend of both Ryan and Douglass. Senator Eastin of Lander is not very much posted on banking affairs. From the assembly Charles Kane of Rhyolite, Brooks of Esmeralda and Brandon of Humboldt complete the committee. Kane stated today that no matter who will be incriminated he will not be a party to any white-wash proceedings and as one of the committee he will insist upon a full public investigation. It is more than possible that he will be supported in this stand by both Brooks and Brandon. But little time remains for the committee to complete its work this session and unless special means are placed at the disposal of the committee to carry on its work it is probable that the investigation will end without result with the arrival or adjournment time for the legislature. It is probable that the bill reduc-

ing the salaries of Nye county officials will pass this session, but that it will be amended to go into effect two years hence.

Nye county division will come up in the senate probably tomorrow. Tallman has agreed to allow the measure to be amended to give the people a chance to vote on it two years hence. However, Nye has its laurels in danger, for White Pine, the new county of Clark and Lander county are now making efforts to get a slice of the disputed territory. If Nye is too large, they argue, give small sections of it to its neighbors and thus cut out any possibility of bitter sectional feeling. How the matter will end is problematical at this time.

There is still a mountain of work before the legislature and only by hard work can the present bills be acted upon before the day of adjournment. Gallagher of Rawhide threatens further delay by stating that he is going to introduce a resolution asking both houses to adjourn over for one day on March 17. It is believed that this resolution, together with Small's bachelor bill will be promptly tabled when they appear for final action.

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This act was ordered by the court owing to the applications of persons who had rented safe deposit boxes in the vault who were unable to get access to them. Several days ago a demand was made on Cashier C. D. Phillips to open the vault, which was refused, and Phillips after being found in contempt by the district court, was given permission to go to Reno, where he desired to confer with Frank Golden, president of the bank, relative to the opening of the vault.

At that time the receivers apparently saw the necessity of having the vault opened and wired to San Francisco for a safe expert who arrived in this city yesterday morning. By drilling several holes around the combination and lock the entry was easily made.

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The basketball game last evening between the Big Five and the Tonopah basketball club teams was won by the latter by a score of forty-two to twenty-three.

The contest was not up to the standard, the players apparently playing with no interest. The most interesting feature of the evening was when two small boys came near engaging in a fistie battle at the close of the game. A discussion over respective points of two players caused the argument that might have ended in a free for all.

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