

HARD WORK NOT YET ASSAILED

Both Houses Apparently Mark Time Awaiting Report of Auditing Company.

With both parties in the legislature apparently unwilling to launch any battle upon which a decided split is likely until after the report of the concern which audited the state industries is filed, little of moment has been undertaken thus far at the legislative session.

The legislature has asked the industrial commission of the state for their opinion in refusing the assistance of, or by the state bankers in marketing bonds for financing the state industries.

It is likely, from present indications, that Wog from Billings county will retain his seat in the senate.

It is practically certain that measures will be introduced providing for a redistricting of the state and cutting down the number of both senators and representatives. Many of the state's lawmakers at the present time believe that 30 senators and 75 representatives would be sufficient.

The bill designed to make \$12,000 available for use of the attorney general's office at once was passed in the senate for \$10,000, but lacked the necessary majority to make it an emergency measure. It went to the house and was referred to the appropriations committee.

Senate bill No. 1, with which was combined bill No. 3 in the judiciary committee, passed without a negative vote. It relates to causes for disbarment, permitting assistants to the attorney general to wind up their private affairs after appointment, and permitting states attorneys to represent defendants in prosecutions in other counties than those in which they hold office.

Taxing non-high school districts for the maintenance of high school districts to which they send pupils is proposed by the legislative committee of the state Educational association.

A flat tax of one mill for maintenance of the state's educational, penal, and charitable institutions, and another of one-half mill for new buildings at these institutions is the proposal of the state board of administration. The income would be more than a million and a half a year from the mill tax, while the additional half mill and the income from the lands allotted to the various institutions would be about two and a half million.

More stringent penalties for liquor sellers are provided in the North Dakota Law Enforcement league bill introduced in the house by Miller of Bottineau, and Halcrow of Pembina. It includes airplanes in its scope when enumerating means of transportation. The act would line the state up squarely with the Volstead national act.

A license fee of \$50 for the privilege of selling cigarettes is proposed by the pool and billiard men of the state.

BILLS COMPARATIVELY FEW

Several House Bills Have Highly Important Bearing on Labor Question.

The bills thus far brought before the legislature are few and of wide range. They are:

Senate Bills.

S. B. 1, McNair—Amending the present laws regarding disbarment of attorneys.

S. B. 2, Whitman—Concurrent resolution for submission to the people of constitutional amendment for road bond issue.

S. B. 3, Baird—Amending present laws for disbarment of attorneys; extends right of states attorneys to defend criminal cases in other counties and states than their own.

S. B. 4, Noltemier—For certification of nursery stock.

S. B. 5, Mees—For leasing of state coal lands for agricultural or grazing purposes.

S. B. 6, Liederbach—For appropriation of \$12,000 for deficit in attorney general's department.

S. B. 7, Murphy—Amending present inheritance tax law to give exemption to non-residents in certain cases.

S. B. 8, Murphy—Regulating sending of feeble minded and idiotic persons to state institutions.

S. B. 9, McNair—An act to license commercial aviators in North Dakota.

S. B. 10—Defines "dying declarations," making them competent in all civil and criminal cases.

S. B. 11, Rusch—Expands scope of Blue Sky law to include vendors of lightning rods, patent medicine and others.

S. B. 12, Rusch—Amending the present

TIME AND THE LEGISLATORS

Senator Ployhar Compiles Unusual Statistics in Both Houses.

Howard Wood, 83, lieutenant governor and presiding officer of the senate, is the youngest man in the upper house and Senator J. E. Stevens, independent, of Lawton, Ramsey county, is the oldest, aged 87.

Senator Frank Ployhar has a statistical turn of mind and has interviewed various members on their ages.

ent laws to require the listing of ingredients on the outside of the packages of all feed mixtures; compels the company manufacturing the same to pay a \$15 fee for the yearly examination. Referred to ways and means committee.

S. B. 13, Thorson—An act permitting an increase or decrease of the capital stock in a corporation by registered mail or legal publication instead of by personal service. The act is aimed to facilitate transactions in connection with the operation of companies with large lists of stockholders scattered over a wide territory. Referred to committee on corporations other than municipal.

S. B. 14, Flecken—Places the regulation of nursery stock in the hands of the regulating division of the agricultural college instead of the North Dakota experimental station of the same institution. Referred to committee on agriculture.

House Bills.

Bills introduced in the house are as follows:

H. B. 1, Miller, and Renaud—Increases tax levy for soldiers bonus payments to one mill.

H. B. 2, Maddock of Benson—Appropriation for additional funds for conducting attorney general's office.

H. B. 3, Olafson—An act to warn signers of notes for speculative securities.

H. B. 4, Starke—Making it a felony for a male person over 16 to take indecent liberties with a child under 14.

H. B. 5, Miller and Halcrow—Defining intoxicants and fixing penalty for violation of prohibition law.

H. B. 6—Providing for continuation of cases where either party to action is a member of legislature.

H. B. 7, Bauer—Providing for county branding officer, and requiring inspection of stock shipments before they are consigned.

Later Representative George, Laki introduced bills with the following provisions:

Protection of union labels.

New mechanics and labor law.

New garnishment limit.

Changes in board of electricians act.

Fixing eight-hour day on public works.

Provide for licensing journeymen and master plumbers.

Amendment to barbers' examining board act.

Prohibit interference with employees in political and union activities.

Amending the exemption law in connection with wage liens, giving labor prior rights.

COMMITTEE LISTS FULL

Political Apportionment on All Committees Believed Fair to Both Parties.

House committees named by Speaker Twichell are:

Ways and Means—Kelly, Wood, Maddock of Benson, Johnson of Sargent, Levin, Sproul, Martin of Slope, Mouck, Renaud, Boyd, Björke, Ulland, Oberg, Olson of Barnes, Starke.

Cities and Municipal Corporations—Freeman, Seuling, Sherman, Flom, Burns, Maddock of Mountrail, Johnson of Traill, Hanson of Benson, Jardine.

Drainage and Irrigation—Ness, Ulland, Björke, Laki, Shimmin, Patterson, McGauvran, Simms, Freeman, Maddock of Benson, Olafson, Slominski, Jardine, Johnson of Sargent, Babcock.

Federal Relations—Johnson of Pembina, Maddock of Mountrail, Kopp, Hempel, Wood, Johnson of Cass, Weld of Kidder, Johnson of Traill, Maxwell.

Game and Fish—Bauer, W. Durkee, Whitmer, Root, Botz, Lazier, Olson of Ramsey, Yeater, Slominski.

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PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



Hope blooms Eternal in the Spring and so do Weeds, which is why the Enthusiastic Gardener is Going To It So Hard. Let a Single Lil' Spear of Grass raise Its Head and We Massacres It. Later, when the Automobile gets Good, he will Consult that Sterling Work, "How to Tell the Garden Truck from the Weeds."

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Atty. Francis J. Murphy is in Fargo this week.

Atty. Paige from Berthold is spending the day in Minot on legal business.

Stanley Colbourn, manager of the Stone-Ordean-Wells Minot house is in Duluth this week.

Miss Esther Solien, cashier of the New York store, left Sunday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Moffatt of St. Louis, Mo.

Messrs. Peter Fugleso, D. R. Jacobson and Matt Evenson were in Crosby several days the first of the week attending the annual meeting of stock holders of the Jacobson Hardware Company.

Norman Black, publisher of the Fargo Forum, arrived last night to get his bearings for the big Burns celebration to be held Friday night. "This said 'for Norman' will wear the kilties Friday night."

F. R. Hunter of Chicago has been in the city the past week installing a handsome new electric register at the Grand Hotel. This handsome and attractive device is now in operation and is said to be one of the finest in the northwest.

Dr. A. D. McCannell received a letter from A. A. Robinson, who accompanied by Mrs. Robinson went to Florida about two weeks ago. The Robinsons are located at West Palm Beach where Mr. Robinson is taking his daily plunges in the ocean. He said he drove out into the country where he bought a dozen big grape fruit for 50 cents.

C. A. Clapp, manager of the J. C. Penney Company's store, went to Williston Sunday, where in company with Tony Michels, a lease was secured of the Bruegger block in Williston, one of the best mercantile locations in the City of Opportunity. The J. C. Penney store of Williston will occupy their newly acquired quarters April 1st.

Bert Plowman, local Delco light dealer, is holding a closing out sale of his stock of electrical fixtures and is offering some prices that are rather exceptional in order to save the expense of packing and shipping his stock back to the wholesalers. Upon the termination of Plowman's lease on the Marsh block, where the sale is being held, the building will be occupied by the Shirley Grocery Company.

G. A. Swanson, manager of the shoe department of the Fair store, returned from Milwaukee, Sunday where he attended the annual convention of the Retail Shoe Dealers of the United States. He reports a splendid convention, a record breaking attendance, fine exhibits and intense enthusiasm. He informs the Independent that shoe prices will show a material reduction for the coming season.

S. H. Pitkin from north of Velva is in the city today. His daughter, Miss Mary Pitkin, who has just completed a course in stenography at the Taylor Shorthand school, will return with him. Mr. Pitkin, a former member of the House of Representatives at Bismarck, favors the passage of a law making it compulsory for a Normal school graduate to teach a year in the state following the completion of the course, before receiving the certificate. So many of the Normal graduates after receiving an education at the expense of the state, go to other states to teach.

Mrs. U. G. Abbott and son, Raymond, left Saturday on an extended trip which will include stops at the Twin Cities, Jackson, Mich., Sandusky, Ohio, Ft. Worth, Texas, Ajo, Arizona, where her son Albert Abbott resides, where they will remain for a month after which they will proceed to Los Angeles, Calif. They expect to return to Minot about May first. Mr. U. G. Abbott is a well known G. N. engineer and has resided in the city for the past 12 years. During the absence of Mrs. Abbott, Mr. Abbott will make his home with Sergeant Darby and family, Second street N. W.

Notice to My Patrons

During my temporary absence from Surrey, my books may be found at the First State Bank where I respectfully ask that all who owe call and settle their accounts. I am very anxious that you do this as soon as possible as it now becomes necessary for me to liquidate some of my own obligations. Shop will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

J. H. BURNS, Surrey, N. D.

LAUNCH VAST EFFORT FOR EUROPE'S YOUNG

Eight American Relief Agencies Combine to Save 3,500,000 Children Death Menaces.

Eight great relief organizations, working among and for every race and creed, have united under the name of the European Relief Council to coordinate child relief in Europe this winter. The Council will seek to provide funds for 3,500,000 starving and diseased children in Eastern and Central Europe and to administer this relief economically.

It consists of Herbert Hoover, chairman, and Franklin K. Lane, treasurer; Edgar Rickard, representing the American Relief Administration; Dr. Livingston Farrand, representing the American Red Cross; Felix Warburg, representing the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; Wilbur K. Thomas, representing the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers); James A. Flaherty, representing the Knights of Columbus; Dr. C. V. Hilbard, representing the Young Men's Christian Association; Miss Sarah S. Lyon, representing the Young Women's Christian Association; Dr. Arthur Brown, representing the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

It is the purpose of the Council to raise \$33,000,000, in an appeal centering at the Christmas holidays, to the end that the desperate situation regarding child life may be met. In every town and community of the nation, it is planned, local committees, representing all the co-operating agencies will be formed to secure the vital necessary funds. Of the amount sought, \$23,000,000 will be used for basic food and \$10,000,000 for medical service.

For every one of these American dollars the local governments and communities aided will furnish two dollars, in the form of transportation, labor, guards, clerical help, cash contributions and such food supplies as are locally obtainable. No children receive the free food except after medical tests showing them to be seriously undernourished. The remaining \$10,000,000 of the fund is thus urgently needed for medical service to the children.

The European Relief Council will do much more than effect economies in the raising of the child saving fund. It will, with the inspecting forces of eight great agencies, keep a constant eye on the administration of America's merciful gift. In order that there shall be no wastage and no tendency toward pauperization.

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