

GOVERNOR'S FIRM DENIAL

No Truth in Statement of Friction Between Himself and Legislators—Borah Denies It

An article that appeared in Sunday's issue of the Salt Lake Tribune respecting political conditions in Boise and alleged revolt in the legislature against Governor Gooding has attracted considerable attention during the past 24 hours, says the Boise Statesman.

The article to which you direct my attention was most uncalled for and entirely unwarranted. I have the highest regard for the members of both houses and I have entire confidence that in their action they will carry out all the pledges of the party.

On all matters to come before the legislature I take my stand solely in the interests of the people and the party. I am confident members of the legislature will carry out the platform pledges of the party and I shall make no effort to force any measure through either house.

There is no tie-up in the legislature—no blockade. Moreover, there is no fight on the administration in either house of the legislature. Further, no effort has been made on the part of anyone to tie up the legislature and thus prevent enactment of needed legislation.

W. E. Borah, asked to make a statement respecting the reported blockade of the legislature, responded as follows:

"In the first place there is not any tie-up in the legislature and in the second place there has been no attempt to create a tie-up. The legislature is perfectly capable of attending to its own business and in my judgment it is proceeding to do so and I have neither blocked nor attempted to block legislation nor to control legislation.

"As to the measures known as the administration measures, they have had my approval from the time they were announced and I don't know of any opposition to them. They are being given that consideration by the legislature which they should have and I'll venture the assertion that when the legislature closes every single pledge of the party will have been carried out.

\$100,000 for Boston College BOSTON, Feb. 2.—Rev. Edward S. Welch, who died in Washington a few weeks ago, bequeathed \$100,000 to Boston college.

Bank Cashier Surrenders NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Cashier W. C. Rector, indicted in connection with the failure of the Pan-American, surrendered today to the sheriff.

SUPERVISION OF STATE BANKS

Frank W. Kettenbach of Lewiston Favors Proposed Law

Frank W. Kettenbach, the well-known Lewiston banker, is a Boise visitor says the Boise Statesman. He comes to the capital to attend the meeting of bankers called for next Tuesday to consider the proposed banking law.

Mr. Kettenbach is president of the Idaho Trust company in Lewiston, and of the Bank of Camas Prairie at Grangeville, both state banks. Speaking of the developments in his section of the state, he said Lewiston and the surrounding country were growing rapidly.

Limited Suffrage to be Tried in Kansas TOPEKA, Feb. 2.—A bill granting women the right to vote on presidential electors was favorably reported in the house of representatives today.

UNFAVORABLE TO DIVISION

Col. Hammill of Nezperce Says That the People Don't Desire it

"There is no sentiment in our section in favor of county division," said Col. W. W. Hammill of Nezperce last evening at the Bollinger, "but if the persistent methods of those outside of the county in securing division for Nez Perce county is kept up then we will be forced to protect ourselves and ask to be put in a county by ourselves."

Col. Hammill was in the city yesterday from Nezperce and left this morning for Spokane on private business. He is United States commissioner at Nezperce and is one of the prominent people of that section.

Suspect to be Arrested

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Feb. 1.—Chief of Police Reynolds of this city, who has been on the trail of Milton Franklin, suspected of having murdered Bessie Bouton, has returned. He announces that he is convinced of two things: first that the body found on Cutler mountain is that of Mrs. Bessie Bouton of Syracuse, N. Y., and second, that Milton Franklin Andrews of Hartford, Conn., is the Milton Franklin, alias George Bouton, alias George Barnett, who he believes to be responsible for her death.

German Foreign Trade Increases

BERLIN, Feb. 2.—Official reports of the foreign trade of Germany for 1904 gives the following figures: Imports, \$1,697,191,000, an increase of \$116,904,500 over 1903 and exports of \$1,314,840,250, an increase of \$32,272,500.

PEABODY, Kan., Feb. 2.—Fire tonight destroyed one entire block in the business section, entailing a loss of \$50,000.

WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE WAS OF EXCEPTIONAL MOMENT

Administration Depository Bill Now up to the Governor—Smith's Bill for Interest Bearing Teachers Warrants Turned Down

(Special Staff Correspondent.)

BOISE, Feb. 2.—Those who have been insisting that the legislature has been "doing nothing" have not been finding fault with the house this week. There have been full days, busily spent, with committee meetings crowded around the edges, so far this week, and the prospects seem exceptionally bright for a continuance of this kind of work the remainder of the week.

On Tuesday for illustration at no time during the day until about 5:30 o'clock, when adjournment was taken did the house get further down than "motions and resolutions" on the order of business. The members who were seeking and waiting for an opportunity to introduce more bills were even denied that pleasure.

The afternoon session was given over to the consideration of the two state depository bills (H. B. No. 13 by Richards and S. B. No. 13 by the senate finance committee, the administration measure) and of the bill to appropriate \$7,500 for the construction of a burglar proof vault and safe for the use of the state treasurer.

THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST

RUSSIAN HEADQUARTERS, HUAN MOUNTAIN, Feb. 1.—The five days' combat which will go down in history as the battle of the Hun river was fought out on a seemingly unending plain which is broken only by southern mountains around Yentai, the solitary eminence of which is the Liaoyang tower of bloody memory.

Exposed to the severity of Manchurian winter, mounds of earth had become like granite and was impenetrable as the steel sides of a modern battleship.

Mortar batteries came up at a gallop in the hope of demolishing the fortifications. Night and day the stream of shots was poured against the earthworks, but it had little effect.

The slightest wound caused excruciating pain. Warm blood no sooner exuded from lacerated flesh than it began to freeze. The wounded could not be left exposed, and if they did not receive attention within an hour they died.

Bombardment of Sandepas

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—From the reports of the general staff it is not clear yet whether the fighting on the Hun river is ended. The Russians continue the bombardment of Sandepas, and apparently a strong force of Russians is between Sandepas and Shaksepu to check the Japanese, who seem to be trying to use their former turning movement across the Hun river.

house and clearly defeated on a viva voce vote. The speaker did not hesitate for an instant in declaring it lost, but Johnson and a couple other members demanded a roll call, and he opponents of the bill were unable to muster over thirteen votes against making the bill the special order, while twenty-eight "good men and true" spoke out boldly and bravely on the side of the measure.

Ashley of Kootenai county has presented a bill for the changing of the name of the Snake river to the "Shoshonee," with the accent on the first and last syllables. The bill has aroused considerable opposition in Boise, among people who do not favor going back to the Idaho legends for the names of our rivers and counties and cities.

PROMOTION IN SIGHT

Senator Heyburn's Work Appreciated Though His Bill Failed to Pass

Senator Heyburn is winning his way in the estimation of his fellow senators and has earned promotion for his pluck and perseverance in the presentation and persistent fight he has made on the pure food bill. A special correspondent sends out this story from Washington:

With the close of the present session of congress Senator Heyburn will be relieved of the responsibility of passing the pure food bill. In the next congress he will be promoted to the chairmanship of another committee, and some new senator will succeed him as chairman of the committee on manufactures.

Senator Heyburn's earnestness has amused his colleagues. No man in charge of a bill has been more earnest than he; no man more persistent. If any senator could have passed the bill, Mr. Heyburn would have succeeded.

SITUATION NEAR MUKDEN

Returning Artist Says Fighting is Only Grand Reconnaissance

VICTORIA, Feb. 1.—Frederick Whiting, war artist of a London newspaper, arrived on the steamer Empress of China today. He regards the present movements at the Shakhe, which position he recently left, as a reconnaissance on a large scale.

Mr. Whiting does not think that the big battle which must eventually take place at Mukden, will be decided until a break occurs in the weather and the Japanese will undoubtedly attack.

READS LIKE FAIRY TALE

Wonderful Medical Properties of Far Famed Soap Lake of Washington

EPHRATA, Wash., Feb. 2.—The introduction of the legislature at Olympia of a bill to repeal an act now on the statutes reserving from sale a quarter section of land five miles west of Ephrata, has caused the relating of wonderful stories of the medical properties of Soap Lake, a small body of water upon which the reserved land borders.

The lake is about two miles long. A recitation of what can be accomplished for the afflicted of body by the use of the waters reads like a patent medicine advertisement. For instance: It will cure scrofula, rheumatism, stomach troubles, kidney diseases, corns and bunions, stop falling hair, cure mange and take grease spots out of clothing.

The state lands bordering on the lake were reserved in 1901 by the legislature by the solicitation of residents of the county who were acquainted with the wonderful properties of the lake. Since that time the fame of the waters has spread, and there is a demand for the purchase of an available site on the lake for the purpose of erecting a sanitarium.

Those who are familiar with the history of the body of water relate stories of persons who have come from far off states despondent over their condition and who, after a few weeks spent in camping on the sage brush flats that surround the lake, have gone away cured.

The lake is an uninviting spot, as far as scenic surroundings are concerned. A widow has a homestead on one portion of the shore and has a well within a few feet of the lake shore that furnishes pure, clear water. The water in the lake has a very soapy, saline taste, not unlike that of epsom salts. When the surface of the water is stirred by a breeze the waves churn up foam and froth, which piles up on the lee shore, sometimes two feet high.

TO CHANGE NAME OF SNAKE

Representative Ashley Would Call the Stream Shoshonee

BOISE, Feb. 2.—In accordance with the suggestion made a few days ago by United States Surveyor General Eagleston, Representative Ashley of Kootenai county, himself a civil engineer, has introduced a measure in the house to change the name of the Snake river to the old Indian word, Shoshonee. The full text of his bill is as follows:

"An act to change the name of Snake river and hereafter designate said stream as Shoshonee river in all official documents filed in or issued from the state, county and municipal offices of the state of Idaho."

"Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Idaho: "Section 1. That the name of the river flowing westerly and northerly through southern and western Idaho, commonly known as 'Snake river,' is changed and hereafter shall be designated as 'Shoshonee river' in all official documents and communications filed in or issued from all state, county and municipal offices in the state of Idaho."

TO BRIDGE THE SNAKE

Oregon State Senator Wants Structure at Ontario

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 31.—Senator Rand, of Baker county, wants an appropriation for \$35,000 from the state to build an interstate bridge across the Snake river at Ontario, connecting with Idaho. Senator Rand stated that he has been given to understand the legislature of Idaho will appropriate \$35,000 for the work, if Oregon shows any desire to do the same, and that with the funds thus raised a good bridge can be put up.

There is no town in Idaho directly across from Ontario, although the proposed bridge is to be located not more than four miles from Payette, Idaho. The Oregon state senator declares that such a bridge would open up a great amount of Idaho trade that is diverted into other channels, because there is no way to reach Ontario, and that he believes the state would be recompensed for whatever money was spent.