

# BILLS BEFORE THE N. D. LEGISLATURE

Bismarck, Jan. 15. — The sentiment for a constitutional convention is growing among the legislators. Warner's bill in the senate provided for the submitting to a vote of the people the question of holding such a convention.

Opposition to a constitutional convention has always come from the W. C. T. U. and allied temperance workers but it is understood that these workers will not oppose it at this time.

The temperance advocates feel that prohibition has had a thorough trial in the state and that sentiment is so overwhelmingly in favor of keeping North Dakota a dry state that they have nothing to fear from wily politicians at a constitutional convention.

A number of Fargo residents were in Bismarck yesterday. Among these was Deputy Sheriff Kramer, Harry Carpenter, E. T. Conny.

Economy is the watchword in the legislative halls. Each house is apparently vying with the other to see which one can cut expenses to the limit. So far the senate seems to have the best of the contest, having under consideration a motion which if adopted will cut printing costs considerably.

The plan is that whenever a bill is already introduced in the house and printed and a duplicate is introduced in the senate it shall not be reprinted.

L. L. Twitchell introduced at the Tuesday session a bill which will clear up the titles to property sold for taxes. There is a large amount of property which has the title clouded on account of failure of former owners to file deeds to same, from county officials.

A bill was introduced two years ago by Twitchell similar in import which passed the house, but got lost in the shuffle in the senate. The present bill if passed enables the county auditors to clear the records.

Senator E. H. Sikes, Mountrail county, has recovered from his illness and is now in his place. He takes the place vacated by H. J. Linde, the present attorney general.

Senator Overton has introduced a bill repealing that section of the compiled laws of 1913 relating to appeals in cases tried without a jury.

Representative Masters has introduced a bill in the house which will provide a quicker and more definite method of action on garnishment proceedings where the property owner is a non-resident.

Representative Stinger has introduced a bill amending the law relating to county fairs so that counties having an assessed valuation of three million dollars may levy a tax for holding a county fair. The present law requires an assessed valuation of five million.

Representative L. L. Twitchell thinks the most appropriate appointment on committees is that of J. T. Purcell of Fargo, as chairman of the committee on mileage and per diem. Purcell has been a commercial traveler for a number of years and will be able to extract the fat from the mileage accounts of members and committees.

Representative Bratton wants to amend the present law relative to the publication of delinquent tax notices to read "three successive times." At present the law requires that such lists be published three times in a newspaper.

Torson, Pierce county, has introduced a bill providing that local officials shall pay for their own bonds. The only exception is where the county commissioners demand that the county treasurer provide a fidelity bond.

Roble's bill, introduced in the house Tuesday, amends the compulsory school law, so as to permit children attending private schools, those

whose aid is necessary for support of the family or who are invalids to be exempt from action of law. It also provides for the holding of an election to provide for the transportation of school children living more than 1 1/4 miles from consolidated schools.

Representative Frietag introduced a bill which requires that all state and county officials must account for all fees collected by them before they can draw their warrant for salary.

A closed season for beaver till 1920 is what Representative Dixon proposes in House Bill Number 42.

The N. P. railway has donated the use of the Exposition building for committee purposes to the legislature. The legislature will be required to repair all damages, pay six months insurance on the building, and the wages of the watchman at present employed to guard the property.

Senator Kretschmer has introduced an oil inspection bill which he claims will comply with the recent decision of the supreme court. The proposed bill cuts the fee for inspection from 35c a barrel to 5c. It is estimated that this will yield in revenue about \$25,000 a year which will cover the cost of inspection.

### IN THE SENATE.

Senate Bill No. 48, Mr. Rowe—For an act to provide for the examination, registration and regulation of trained nurses, and prescribing penalty for the violation thereof. Creating a board of five members to be appointed by the governor. Committee on Public Bills.

Senate Bill No. 49, Mr. Hamilton—For an act to amend Section 13, of Chapter 273 of the law of 1913, changing the period of liens to the service of sires, from one year to three years. Committee on Livestock.

Senate Bill No. 50, Mr. Murphy—For an act to provide for a uniform system of accounting, in the county offices, and making an appropriation of \$5,000. The governor to select and appoint a commission for same. Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill No. 51, Mr. Wartner—For an act providing for the payment of expenses of district judges, when acting outside of counties of their residence, and to amend Section 175 of the Session Laws of 1911. Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 52, Mr. Bronson—For an act to provide for the celebration of the century of peace among the English speaking people, on Feb. 17, 1915. Committee on State Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 53, Mr. Davis—For an act authorizing, hearing upon and review of the rates fixed by any bureau for fire insurance upon property within this state, before the commissioner of insurance. Committee on Insurance.

Senate Bill No. 54, Mr. Davis—An act to supervise the operations of fire insurance rate making bureaus, and to provide for their examinations by the commissioner of insurance. Committee on Insurance.

Senate Bill No. 55, Mr. Davis—For an act to require fire insurance companies to maintain or co-operate in maintaining and operating fire insurance arte making bureaus. Provides for organization of said bureau.

Senate Bill No. 56, Mr. Davis—For an act to provide for inspection and survey by rate making bureaus, of all fire insurance risks, specifically rated. Committee on Insurance.

Senate Bill No. 57, Mr. Davis—For an act relating to agreements between fire insurance companies or any other insurers, with respect to the fixing and collecting of fire insurance rates. Such agreement to be subject to approval of commissioner of insurance. Committee on Insurance.

Senate Bill No. 58, Mr. Davis—For an act prohibiting discrimination in

fixing and collecting fire insurance rates. Committee on Insurance.

Senate Bill No. 59, Mr. Rowe—To provide uniformity of school textbooks, the common schools, provides for the selection and adoption of contract by school boards and purchase sale or loan of same. Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 60, Mr. Englund—To amend and re-enact Section 181 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota, for the year 1913, relating to hail insurance adjusters. Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bills pass as amended.

### Introduced in House.

H. B. No. 9, Baldwin—Providing for tax inheritance law, following closely the Wisconsin law and repealing the present law, endorsed by tax commission. Referred to committee on taxes and tax laws.

H. B. No. 10, Smith of Ward—Concurrent resolution amending constitution relating to voting privilege of members of co-operative corporations.

H. B. No. 11, Burnett—Defining taxation of real estate mortgages, repealing all present taxations and providing graduated tax. Referred to the committee on taxes and tax laws.

H. B. No. 12, Harris—Providing for tax on foreign corporations and aimed especially at catalog houses. Endorsed by tax commission. Referred to committee on taxes and tax laws.

H. B. No. 13, Smith of Kidder—Providing for the repeal of the party registration law. Referred to committee on elections.

The governor's message was referred to committees according to the titles as follows:

Financial and budget, appropriations; accounting, state affairs; bonded debt, ways and means; legislative, ways and means; sessions of legislature, state affairs; committees, ways and means; terms of office, state affairs; business agent, manufactures; labor, labor; farmers, agriculture; cattle and hog disease, live stock; good roads, highways and bridges; Lever bill, agriculture; school lands, school and public lands; clean politics, election and election privileges; immigration, immigration; banks, banks and bank laws; rates of interest, state affairs; school textbooks, education; education, education; board of regents, state affairs; children, penal institutions; prevalence of crime, penal institutions; expositions, state affairs; art commission, public health; war, committee of the whole; trained nurse, public health; enforcement of law, temperance.

### Introduced in Senate.

S. B. No. 19, Paulson—Act to amend compiled laws making it possible to move county poor farms which are located ten miles from nearest traveled route from center of county and same distance from nearest village or city, to secure more suitable location. Counties committee.

S. B. No. 20, McLean—Concurrent resolution making term of office of state treasurer and attorney general four years, and making office of secretary of state, auditor, superintendent, commissioner of insurance, three railway commissioners and commissioner of agriculture appointive. Judiciary committee.

S. B. No. 21, McLean—Concurrent resolution extending term of office of county officers to four years and limiting sheriff and treasurer to two terms. Judiciary committee.

S. B. No. 22, McLean—Concurrent resolution providing quadrennial sessions of legislature and fixing length at ninety days, except first which may be extended to 120 days. Judiciary committee.

S. B. No. 23, McLean—Concurrent resolution fixing membership of senate between twenty-five and forty and house forty to seventy-five and providing eight-year term for senators, compensation at \$10 a day. Judiciary committee.

S. B. No. 24, McLean—Concurrent resolution providing four-year term for governor, eight-year for senators and four years representatives. Judiciary committee.

S. B. No. 25, Bond—Providing appropriation of \$99,135 for Minot normal. Appropriation committee.

S. B. No. 26, McLean—Amending section 1276 of compiled laws, providing for tax levy by boards of education to pay interest on bonds.

### IN THE SENATE.

Senate Bill No. 61, Mr. Nelson—For an act effecting the qualification for holding office of persons who have been removed from the office by the governor or by the court. Prohibits officials so removed from holding office for a period of four years after date of removal.

Senate Bill No. 62, Mr. Jacobsen—For an act fixing the time for answering in county courts having increased jurisdiction and amending Section 8944-45-49-52-53 of the compiled laws for 1913 relating to forms of summons and time to answer complaint and in garnishment proceedings providing for publication and service of summons

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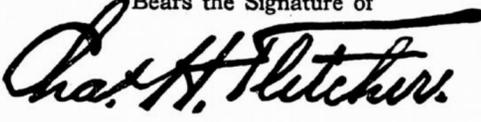
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by publication. Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 63, Mr. Hughes—For an act to amend and reenact Section 156 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for 1913 relating to the official bond of the state treasurer of North Dakota. Fixes amount of same at \$500,000.00 and provides for approval of same. Committee on state affairs.

Senate Bill No. 64, Mr. Bond—For an act to amend and reenact Sections 685-86-88-90-91-92-93-94-95 for the compiled laws of North Dakota for 1913 relating to the removal of public officers by the governor. Provides for appointment of commissioner to hear and take testimony and fix remuneration for same. Committee on ways and means.

Senate Bill No. 65, Mr. Nelson—For an act to repeal Sections 1990M-1990N-1990P-1990Q-1990R of the Compiled Laws of the State of North Dakota for 1913 and to amend Section 4087. Intention of this act being to put road construction on contract basis and allowing taxpayers to work out their own taxes. Committee on highways, bridges and ferries.

Concurrent Resolution—Committee on Appropriations. Providing for the appointment of a joint committee to assist State Auditors in preparing the State budget as provided in the laws of 1913.

Senate Bills passed—Senate Bill No. 11.

Senate Bills indefinitely postponed—Senate Bills No. 16 and 8.

### IN THE HOUSE.

H. B. No. 63, O'Keefe—Appropriating \$3,000 for purposes of the law school. Referred to the committee on appropriations.

H. B. No. 64, Hjelmstad—Providing for conviction and punishment of persons after two or more convictions and providing for accumulated sentences. Referred to the committee on judiciary.

H. B. No. 65, Hjelmstad—Providing a penalty for the unlawful entering of school houses or school buildings.

H. B. No. 66, Everson—Providing for the inspection of private hospitals, reformatory homes, houses of detention, convents, asylums, sectarian schools by the county commissioners of the county in which such institutions is located or by grand juries or persons appointed by district judges and to publish twice a year a full and complete report in one paper in the county where institution inspected is located. Referred to the committee on charitable institutions.

H. B. No. 67, Dixon of Rolette—Relating to the official estray paper. Referred to the committee on public printing.

H. B. No. 68, Blanchard—Preventing the use of railroad tracks, bridges or culverts for riding or driving or leading any animal. Referred to the committee on ways and means.

H. B. No. 69, Hoghough—Providing that it shall be unlawful for druggist or physician to furnish habit forming drugs to chronic users, except in case of emergency, without consultation with another regularly licensed physician. Referred to the committee on public health.

H. B. No. 70, Gelszler—Providing county commissioners shall be allowed 10 cents per mile for distance traveled in attending meetings, mak-

ing per diem wage of \$5 and making office hours six hours a day. Referred to the committee on counties and boundaries.

No. 71—Introduced by Moses—Referred to the committee on temperance. An office creating the office of state enforcement commissioner to be appointed by the governor at a salary of \$2,000 a year and expenses. Given the power to hire assistants and pay them wages. Clothed with power of peace officer to enforce temperance, anti-cigarette and laws against moral welfare of state.

No. 72—Introduced by Larson. Referred to committee on state affairs. An act to amend Chapter 154 of the session laws of 1907. Limits salaries of officers to \$5,000 a year, limits length of agreement as to services to period not in excess one year. Prohibits granting of pensions to employees who are officers, trustees or directors or to any member of their families after death.

No. 74—Introduced by Dean. Referred to Ways and Means committee. An act prohibiting pool rooms, billiard halls, bowling alleys and other places of amusement from remaining open after eleven or from opening before seven in the morning. Violation punishable by fine of \$10 to \$100 or imprisonment for thirty days or both fine and imprisonment.

No. 75—Introduced by Cross. Referred to Ways and Means Committee. An act amending section 9112 of 1905 code relating to duties of auctioneers, regulating manner of making sales and protecting public against loss of taxes assessed or due on property sold. Notice of sale must be given to sheriff four days prior to time fixed for sale.

No. 76—Introduced by Carey. Referred to committee on education. An act amending laws of 1913. Provides for the holding of an election on demand of one third of the voters in any consolidated school district to determine the question of conveying pupils to and from consolidated schools at expense of district; also to determine question of moving school house from one site to another or of building a new building.

No. 77—Introduced by Carey. Referred to committee on state affairs. An act amending law relating to automobile tags so as to require dealers and manufacturers to pay license fee of \$12 a year and \$150 for duplicate tags required. Except motor cars used for private use or for hire.

No. 78—Introduced by Stinger. Referred to committee on live stock. Excepts from provisions of Section 10193, laws of 1913, jacks, stallions, bulls and rams kept with a herd tended by a herder.

No. 79—Introduced by Turner and Westdahl. Referred to committee on appropriations. Provides and appropriates \$20,000 for indemnifying persons who have animals destroyed on account of dourine. Amount limited to \$50 for horses of standard breed and to \$75 for those of pure breed.

No. 80—Introduced by Turner and Westdahl. Referred to committee on live stock. Authorizing the levy of a tax of 1-10 of one mill to be used for indemnifying owners of animals killed by reason of glanders and dourine. Provides for appraisal by State Live (Continued on Another Page.)

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## Methodist Ladies Aid Held Good Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1915.

A regular meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church was held yesterday afternoon in the church parlors. The general yearly report was read, and the treasurers' books showed that after all debts had been paid there was a balance on hand of \$103.00. The annual election of officers was held yesterday and the new officers elected for the coming year are as follows:

President—Mrs. S. A. Zimmerman.  
Vice-President—Mrs. L. T. Olson.  
Secretary—Mrs. Harvey Pray.  
Treasurer—Mrs. F. W. Heidel.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers, and the work of Mrs. W. L. Witter, who was former president, was especially emphasized. The vote of thanks was also particularly extended to the efficient retiring treasurer, Mrs. Seymour Granger, who has held this office for the past five years. Sixty ladies were present at the meeting yesterday, and following the business session, the Ideal Circle served a nice lunch.

To any family in Valley City who is not now a subscriber to the Evening Times Record the paper will be delivered free of all charges for one week. Contains everything that's news.

The life term of John F. Dietz, the outlaw of Cameron Dam, convicted in 1911 of murdering Oscar Harp, a deputy sheriff of Sawyer county, was commuted to 20 years. Many petitions have been out for his pardon.

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