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suggested. Frame such a bill and enact it; then the people, not the railways, would have the last word in matters of transportation.

This is a case where it is better to build a new house than to repair the old. Erect a structure that will not leak, and into which railway attorneys cannot force entrance.

A BAD PRACTICE.

Railroading bills through a Legislature is bad practice.

That it is a "purely local" bill affords no excuse for so doing.

As a matter of fact, it is in these "purely local" bills that the most evil is found—the peculiar kind of legislation that many times may be harmful to the interests of the greater number of the inhabitants of a community, or if it not be harmful, it may be in opposition to the wishes of the majority.

It will be remembered that two sessions ago strife was aroused in Lake City through one of these "purely local" bills, and the fight was brought to the Capital by the famous Boxer delegation that insisted on a rehearing of the measure.

That incident was sufficient to show what trouble a "purely local" bill might provoke, and in view of the haste exhibited in the Legislature the first week of its session, it would be profitable to call it to mind that another Boxer uprising may not result.

Take sufficient time for information concerning the character of a proposed measure. Learn of its provisions before action that injustice may not be done.

GOOD BILL; TO CUT OFF SPECIAL COUNSEL.

Providing an assistant to the Attorney General is good, so is the provision in the bill creating such office that the Attorney General shall furnish legal advice for all the boards.

More salary to the Attorney General, under the State government, which is proper, because the position is worth it, and sufficient salary to the assistant in like reason, is an economical measure because special counsel will be cut off.

Special counsel for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the Railroad Commission, and other boards has been a source of much expense to the State.

True, the special counsel was needed, and no other way was possible than to hire it. The duties of the Attorney General are many; his time was fully occupied, and it was not possible that he could give full attention to the litigation of the State boards, hence the necessity for the employment of special counsel.

Under this bill such necessity will no longer exist, and the State will be the gainer thereby, besides having the legal advice needed direct from the office of the Attorney General, the rightful place from which it should come.

The most northern lighthouse in Great Britain, the northwest tower on the coast of Shetland, is built on a towering rock that rises 200 feet high, the summit of which barely affords room for the necessary buildings. The rock itself has the appearance of a gigantic iceberg.



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