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SIX BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE WEDNESDAY

Six bills were passed by the senate Wednesday providing by referendum for constitutional amendments. They are S. B. No. 14, amending the law for debt taxation, revenue and exemptions, providing that only real property owners shall vote at bond elections and that no bonded debt shall be more than 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property involved; S. B. No. 16 to abolish the direct primary; S. B. No. 17 providing for biennial election for congressman; S. B. No. 13 providing four-year term for county officers; S. B. No. 19 providing four-year term for state officers; S. B. No. 20 providing four-year term for members of the legislature.

President Wilkinson raised a question on S. B. No. 14 before roll call, saying he was in doubt whether this bill would cause a contest and court action. He said: "We now have woman suffrage and frequently a man owning property has it in his wife's name." He said he would not offer any amendment but said he thought the senate should include "man and wife" so as to avoid possible litigation. The vote on this bill was 14 to 4. The negative vote was: Claypool, Curtin, Hedrick, Larsen.

The vote on S. B. No. 16, to abolish the direct primary, was 12 to 6. The negatives: Claypool, Curtin, Eddy, Larsen, MacMillin and Wilkinson.

The vote on S. B. No. 17, for biennial elections for congressman, was 14 to 4. The negatives: Claypool, Curtin, Larsen and MacMillin.

The vote on No. 18, four-year term for county officers, was 15 to 3. The negatives: Claypool, Curtin, Larsen.

The vote on S. B. No. 19, four-year term for state officers, was 15 to 3. The negatives: Claypool, Curtin, Larsen.

A Brief Debate

The vote on S. B. No. 20, four-year term for members of the legislature, was 14 to 5. The negatives: Wilkinson, MacMillin, Larsen, Curtin and Claypool. Before this vote was taken a brief debate occurred, in which several made remarks concerning the status of a senator voting for a four-year term if he should decide to run for governor later. Senator Wilkinson did not enter the debate but he voted against the bill.

A letter was read at the opening of the session from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, dated Winslow, Ariz., protesting against all constitutional amendments. "We protest against anything that would increase the tax burden or take anything away from the people," the letter stated.

A note signed "George Washington," asking that the flag in the senate be displayed with field up instead of drooping about the clock, was read. The letter was addressed to the senators as "My sons" and closed thus: "Affectionately, your poor old father, George Washington." Senator Claypool was appointed a committee of one to see what could be done. Later Senator Claypool reported that the custodian had been asked to drape the flag properly.

House Bill No. 2, restoring competitive bidding in paving, was reported out of committee with recommendation that it be passed.

In the House

Representative Burk, Maricopa county, introduced H. B. No. 40 to abolish the office of state historian, a position now held by Colonel James H. McClintock. The bill provides that the work of the historian be done in the office of the state librarian.

Representative Betts, Maricopa county, introduced H. B. No. 41, the banking code, a duplicate of the code as introduced in the senate Tuesday.

House joint resolution No. 1, thank-

ing Congressman Hayden for introducing a bill for the relief of homesteaders in Mohave County, was passed and sent to the governor.

The house received senate bill No. 6, on irrigation and drainage districts Hays bills, H. B. Nos. 37 and 38, were referred to the committee on good roads. They provide that auto and gasoline tax money go to the county treasury instead of the state treasury. A favorable report was received from committee on H. B. No. 12, as amended to read \$10,000 instead of \$20,000. This bill is for cooperation of irrigation surveys for state aid.

A favorable report was received on H. B. No. 18, providing that unused military institute money revert to the general fund.

House concurrent resolution No. 1 inviting Herbert Hoover to address the legislature on or about March 15 was passed and transmitted to the senate.

CLEAN UP SQUAD

HANDLE 19 CLAIMS

The Clean-up squad of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau that visited Safford on February 28, reports that they handled the compensation claims of 19 ex-service men. The men came from all parts of Graham county, and most of them had legitimate claims for disabilities that they had contracted while in the military service of the United States. The nature of the claims presented ranged from machine gun wounds, shrapnel, gassing, shell shocks, etc. Many of the men, due to their wounds, have suffered vocational handicaps and are unable to resume their pre-war vocations. In most of these cases the government will train the men for new physical capabilities.

Geo. P. Miller, of the U. S. Veterans Bureau, and Charles H. Cunningham of the American Legion, are in charge of the party which numbers five. The squad was ably assisted in their work by the officers of Swift-Murphy Post of the American Legion.

SUPERIOR COURT IS STILL IN SESSION

In the superior court Tuesday the jury in the case of Steel Barton, after being out all night and until noon Wednesday, failed to agree and were excused by Judge Chambers. Chico Chavarri, the jitney driver, who was indicted jointly with Barton by the grand jury for giving away whiskey, was discharged for lack of evidence.

After the disposal of these cases, court adjourned until Friday, when Judge Laine arrived from Clifton and convened court in the morning.

The first case this morning was that of Robert Allen Smith vs. Martin Jacobson, an action for damages on certain papers.

The case of the Arizona Trust and Savings Bank vs. H. L. Wells, which was an action on note, was the next case taken up. After hearing the evidence in the case Judge Laine rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

FAMOUS MINSTREL TROUPE COMING TO SAFFORD

In a communication to a friend in Safford, Mr. Rastus, of the Famous Minstrels, stated that he and a large number of his friends would visit Safford and while here would put on a minstrel show in Brier's hall, one night only. It is not often that Mr. Rastus and his friends will descend to appear at a public performance, but as this is for a worthy cause and as they were stopping here for a short visit, having heard so much of the glorious climate and wonderful scenery of Safford and the Gila Valley, they very kindly consented to give one of their famous negro shows. Mr. Rastus did not say when he and his company would be here, but his friend states that it will probably be in the very near future.

OVERDRAFTS WILL NOT BE HONORED BY THE BANKS

The practice by some banks of paying overdrafts for certain customers, or at least privileged customers, has for some time been looked upon by the departments of banking of the various states and national banking act with disfavor. A great many of the most conservative banks have absolutely refused to pay overdrafts.

This practice by certain individuals to continue to overdraw their accounts is also one of the greatest worries that the banking officers have to contend with. The Board of Directors look upon it not favorably, and certain depositors whose affairs are managed so that they always maintain a satisfactory deposit balance prefer to bank with institutions that do not tolerate overdrafts.

The Bank of Safford, having considered for some time the discontinuance of overdrafts, have now decided to not pay overdrafts for any one in the future. They are appreciative of the business which they have been favored with by their customers, and have always tried to furnish them with every accommodation consistent with the condition of the times.

They believe, however, that it will better the advantage of their customers to not continue to pay overdrafts as in the past, and earnestly solicit the cooperation of their depositors in not writing checks when they do not have funds on deposit to pay them. Arizona Trust & Savings Bank, Bank of Safford, Gila Valley Bank & Trust Co.

BAPTIST CHURCH

ELECTS NEW OFFICER

The supper given at the Baptist church last evening by the ladies of the church added to the fame of these ladies as cooks, for the repast served was most delicious and appetizing.

While the supper was being served Miss Eliza Sanders sang two beautiful solos. The first was one that was written on the death of Cattie and is entitled, "They neeued a Song 'Twd in Heaven." The other, by Miss Sanders was entitled "Longing," composed by Lloyd Kueche, who is a friend of Miss Sanders.

Election of church officers was held during the Sevealing Sand Steh new officers are: Miss Mary Houck secretary of the Sunday school; Mrs. U. I. Paxton, church clerk; Mr. Steurmer, church reasurer; Mrs. S. C. Roach, Sunday school superintendent; Miss Wright, choir leader; Mrs. Ringer, charge of cradle roll.

EN ROUTE TO GLOBE

Rev. H. Q. Morton, secretary of the State Baptist Missions, was the guest Monday of Rev. R. L. Carter while en route from Clifton to Globe.



Uncle John's Josh

THE BANDS ON SOME CIGARS NOWADAYS BURN BETTER 'N TH' TOBACCO.

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Society

PARTY IN HONOR OF MRS. DOWDLE

A charming party was given Monday evening by Mrs. M. S. Freeman at her home on Center street in honor of the birthday of Mrs. H. J. Dowdle of Klondyke. Four tables of bridge were played and at the close of the game it was found that Mrs. Kate Jennings held high score for the ladies and J. M. Wilson the high score for the gentlemen. J. H. Dowdle was given the prize for low score. Mrs. Dowdle was given a lovely guest prize.

During the evening refreshments were served by the hostess.

TUESDAY BRIDGE CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The Tuesday bridge club met at the home of Mrs. G. T. Gearhart on Tuesday afternoon and a delightful time was spent playing cards. High score was held by Mrs. Herbert Fisher and Mrs. F. L. Ginter held low score.

FORMER SAFFORD GIRL MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Birdno, of Santa Monica, California, former residents of Safford announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lucille, to John Freeman, Jr., of Snowflake, Arizona. The marriage took place in Los Angeles, on Wednesday, February 22nd, and was witnessed only by relatives.

Miss Birdno was, until last year, one of Safford's most charming and popular young ladies, having grown to womanhood in this place. She was educated in the Safford schools and after her graduation from the high school was employed for two years in the law offices of Statton & Lynch, when she went to Snowflake to take a position.

The groom is a large land owner and cattle man of Snowflake, and is a cousin of Mrs. H. J. Dowdle of Klondyke, and M. S. Freeman of this place.

The bride's friends and relatives in Safford and the valley extend to her and her husband their best wishes and congratulations.

"LET JIMMIE DO IT" AT BRIER HALL NEXT WEDNESDAY

Galvin's Comedians, advertised as the best balanced stock company that has played this territory in many years has been secured by Manager Brier for one night at Brier Hall next Wednesday night, March 8th, at which time they will present what is said to be the funniest play ever written, "Let Jimmie Do It" in three acts. This company comes well recommended from Miami and Globe where they are playing to crowded houses nightly and should the attendance justify next Wednesday night, will no doubt play a return date in Safford, as they have in their repertoire such well known plays as "The Brat," "The Vamp," "The Girl of the Golden West" and "Pals." Johnny Galvin and his sister, "Tootsie" Galvin are at the head of this clever company, and are two dynamic stars. Johnny Galvin is a comedian of the first water while "Tootsie" Galvin, said to be the most beautiful and best dressed leading lady in the West, has her audience immediately on her first appearance. The company numbers eight people, carrying all their own special scenery and there is a rare treat in store for theatregoers of Safford, for the productions presented by this exceptional organization are all guaranteed to be clean, moral, legitimate entertainment for the ladies and children. High class vaudeville specialties are introduced between acts, making it a continuous two hour show. "Let Jimmie Do It" is a sure cure for the blues it being one continued scream from start to finish. Get in line early and get your seats for this big show and don't say after it has gone that you wish you had seen it.

NEW DEATH HOUSE FOR COLORADO PENITENTIARY

CANON CITY, Colo.—The grim old building abutting the Main street wall of the Colorado state penitentiary, in which many condemned criminals have paid with their lives for the commission of crimes punishable by death is being torn down to make place for the new modern execution chamber and a number of condemned cells.

The old building two stories high has a facade of approximately 30 feet. The outer walls are of cut stone and are without windows. The only light that can penetrate its stern, forbidding interior finds its way through a couple of strongly barred and grated doors which can be closed when so desired, in such a way as to exclude all view and sound of the outside world.

Inside the building are six dark cells for those, who, by order of the courts are under the shadow of death. These cells are in two tiers arranged, three above each other. They are dark at all times except when a little light is permitted to trickle into them from the dingy corridor along which they are built. Constructed of steel and concrete, these cells literally can resist the strength of a Sampson. In addition it is possible, merely by turning a lever, to change the cells into a veritable dungeon, "as black as trebuchet."

The ingenious contrivance used in "springing the trap" said to have been invented by a condemned criminal who himself tried out the efficiency of his idea, will be contained in the new condemned house and execution chamber.

The condemned prisoner, by use of the contrivance in use, springs his own trap. He mounts a platform which opens valves that cause a flow of water into a reservoir, which at the proper time, releases the spring of a hydraulic mechanism that automatically sets off a trap which causes a 300 pound weight in an adjoining room to drop a distance of from 10 to 12 feet jerking the prisoner up and thereby breaking his neck. The last time the mechanism was used in the Colorado penitentiary was in December, 1920, when George Bosko was executed for the murder of two men on the Pueblo-Rye road, after they had offered him a ride in their automobile.

There are now no condemned men in the prison and Warden Tynan anticipates that ample time will be given for the construction of a new death house before it is actually needed.

RELIEF SOCIETY DANCE IN LAYTON MARCH 10

What? A big dance Where? Layton Hall. When? Friday, March 10th. By whom? Layton Relief Society. Lunch will be served. Tickets \$1.00 including one plate. Three angel food cakes will be given free as prizes for the first, second and third best dancers in the prize waltz.

Both young and old are invited and there will be dances to suit everyone.

The music will be furnished by the Happy Jack Orchestra.

JUDGE McALISTER ILL

Word has been received in Safford that Judge A. G. McAlister is confined to his home in Phoenix, suffering from influenza. The judge's many friends here wish for his speedy recovery.

TWO ACCIDENTS AT SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Monday two accidents happened at the grammar grade school building in which two of the children were injured. In the forenoon little Elman Pace, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pace had his collar bone broken while scuffling with another boy at recess time. The little fellow was taken to the home of his aunt, Dr. Maud Callison, who gave him medical attention and he is now resting fairly easy.

In the afternoon of the same day little Jarrel Johns had his right arm broken in the wrist by being struck with a swing. A little girl jumped from one swing and as she did so little Jerral, who was in another swing nearby, was struck by it, the blow being sufficient to break the wrist. He was taken to the office of Dr. Stratton, who set the broken bone.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. W. E. Hawkins, of Ft. Worth, Texas, will assist in a series of services at the Methodist church, beginning Sunday, March 5th, at 11:00 a. m., and continuing about two weeks.

Rev. Hawkins is a strong preacher and has been exceptionally successful in his chosen field of work. He has recently held successful services at Miami and is now conducting a series of meetings at Duncan.

All services will be held in the auditorium of the church and will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Special music has been arranged for these services and will include songs by the choir and solos.

Everybody is invited to attend these services.

ST. JOSEPH STAKE

Home Missionary Appointments for March 12th, 1922.

- EDEN—Oscar G. Layton and Wm. E. McBride.
- BRYCE—Eugene Rohner and Warner Mattice.
- HUBBARD—Delbert Tyler and Douglas Lamoreaux.
- GRAHAM—Wesley Taylor and Ross S. Bean.
- SOLOMONVILLE—L. E. Holladay and Glen Evans.
- LEBANON—M. Tanner and Wilford Reichmann.
- LAYTON—Elige Saline and Andrew Angle.
- THATCHER—Emery Hubbard and Lester Mechem.
- THATCHER WEST—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McRae.
- CENTRAL—Paul Merrill and Ellis Weech.
- PIMA—Lawrence Welker and Harry McCarroll.
- MATTHEWS—Wm. Paul Beebe and Grover Hooper.
- ASHURST—Gran Curtis and Walter Harms.
- EMERY—Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Larson.
- VIRDEN—Vernal Anderson and Robert Stinson.
- GLOBE or MIAMI—Lawrence Kempton and Walter Foote.
- Spencer Kimball, Stake Clerk

BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be no preaching service at the Baptist church Sunday. The other services will go on as usual. Every one go and hear Rev. Hawkins at the Methodist church.

Sunday school each Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Sunday.

Prayer service every Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

The general public is given a hearty invitation to attend any of these services.

L. R. Carter, Pastor

INCREASES AND ECONOMIES FOR STATE UNIVERSITY

TUCSON—An agreeable spirit toward reasonable economies wherever possible in the administration of the University of Arizona, was found on the part of the board of regents, according to a statement made by Senator F. A. Woodward this week following a conference between the joint legislative committee and the university body.

While the joint committee appointed by the legislature was unable for several reasons to make disclosures as to the probable result in Phoenix they asserted before departure Saturday night that they were highly pleased with the results of the Saturday conference.

The joint committee was headed by Senator F. A. Woodward, Gila county, and the remaining members were Senator Charles E. Larson, Coconino, Senator H. A. Elliott, Greenlee, Representative Curlee, Cochise, McGraw, Greenlee, and Stewart, Yavapai.

Meeting throughout most of the day with the board of regents, the joint committee made a thorough detailed inquiry into the operation of the university, seeking to ascertain exactly what will be required in operating expenses for the coming year.

It was learned last night that the legislators showed a disposition toward fairness to the University of Arizona and were willing to admit of the necessity of increases in certain instances as well as economies in other appropriations.

FAKE SANDSTORM? NO! GENUINE ONE IN "THE SHEIK"

The great wind machine was working its hardest in a desert sandstorm scene of "The Sheik" which George Melford was producing for Paramount and which will come to the Safford theatre next Mon. and Tue. The millions of particles were swirling at a high rate of speed as Agnes Ayers and Rudolph Valentino, the featured players, were engaged in a dramatic scene wherein he rescues her from marauding Bedouins.

"Stop the engine," called Melford. Obediently the mechanic switched off the aeroplane motor which was raising so much dust—but the sand continued to fly.

"What the deuce—" began Melford. "Didn't I tell you to stop that sandstorm?"

Then everybody realized that a real sandstorm had come up during the artificial one. They crawled under cover and for five minutes the air was almost unbreathable.

HERE FROM FT. THOMAS

Albert Todd, W. O. Tuttle and T. L. Willis were visitors in town Thursday. They made the trip by auto and returned the same day.

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