

## The Legislature Has at Last Passed a Bank Guaranty Law, But a Printer Had No Cause to Worry Anyway

### LEGISLATURE TO FINISH SATURDAY

Much of the Important Work Will Be Left Undone.

### UTILITIES BILL IS KILLED

The Session has entered upon its last week of deliberation. While there are a large number of bills pending on the calendar of each House, and while there have been comparatively few measures passed, the time is about up, and an adjournment will likely be taken Saturday evening. There is some talk now that the Governor will call an extra session, to begin immediately after the adjournment of the regular session. That is to be done, because there is some important measures that will likely not receive consideration this week and then, every member has one or more personal bills, which he is anxious to have enacted into law.

The House and Senate are at this time at "logheads" over the Bank Guaranty bill. The bill, as it passed the House, contained some provisions that the Senate did not like. Among them is what is known as the "Edwards Amendment," which provides that in localities where banks now in existence refuse to become members of the Guaranty Association, that a new Bank starting could become a member of the Association at once, without waiting for the first years business to roll round. The Law does provide that no Bank should be eligible until it had been in business a year. Other amendments added by the House were putting in time deposits bearing not more than 3 per cent interest and without limit as to amount. This clause had been limited in the Senate to \$3000.00. Another amendment by the House was that Bank Deposits in other banks should be guaranteed, and not to exceed \$3000.00. The House Bill also provided that savings bank accounts should be included in the Guaranty, and that Trust Companies could avail themselves of the Law, and become members of the Association. The first conference committee appointed on the bill reached an agreement, but said agreement was not concurred in by the Senate. Hence, the second committee was appointed. They have, at this time, not agreed, but likely will.

The good roads law, or the dirt roads law mentioned in past correspondence has passed the Senate, providing for the working of poll tax instead of paying it in cash, and also reduces the age limit from fifty-five to fifty years.

The session last week was mostly taken up with the utility proposition. This was a big one, and one which caused more cross feeling among members of the House on both sides of the Chamber, than any other measure that has been before the House. The bill, as originally introduced, provided that a commission of five men, who should have general supervision and control over every public utility, great and small, in this State, and is practically the law which is now in force in New York and Wisconsin. These men have control over every little water-works system and telephone line in the State subject to this commission, and would add thousands of dollars of expense to the State for a certainty, and whose benefits were only to be guessed at. After a heated discussion, the bill was referred back to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report a bill granting to Cities self government, in other words eliminating the towns and Cities of the State from the provisions of the general bill, and leaving them to the commissions of the various towns. When this bill came back, the chief promoters of the general bill began attempting to have the general bill acted upon, by offering it as a substitute, and after an all

afternoon and all night argument the proposition was defeated, and the chances for a utility commission at this session went glimmering. No one denies the fact, what is known as the state wide that the greater utilities, or utilities, should be regulated, but those who opposed the general bill did so on the ground, that it created an expensive burden of taxation on the people of the State, and provided for the creation of an army of officers without number, who could be used for political purposes at any time that the Administration saw fit. No member who voted against this Bill did so, because he favored the corporations, or because he thought that the regulation of these corporations, if not already amply provided for, could be provided for, and that our State Board of Public Commissioners could take care of the work.

As to the physical valuation of land and properties, which is the proposition that must be ascertained in order that adequate, satisfactory freight rates may be set, was the chief argument of the promoters of the bill, but that question is already provided for in a law enacted in the 1907 session, and only awaits an appropriation sufficiently large to get the railroad commissioners to go to work, and then some kind of a big stick to put them at work. A bill will be introduced which will put in the control of the railroad board such state-wide utilities, as are not now under the State Boards' control, and for one, I sincerely believe that we have sufficient law now to properly regulate our state wide utilities, if we could get the railroad commissioners whose duty it is to execute these laws to set. I do not believe that the people of Kansas are ready, or I should say the farmers, and the people living in the smaller towns are ready to add to their burden of taxation \$100,000.00 or more for the next two years, in order that the utilities of the larger cities might be regulated. And as to the regulation of the larger utilities, I think this is fully provided for, and if not, I am ready after a full and fair discussion to vote for measures which will give such authority. I will even go further than that and say that if the people of Kansas are a thorough discussion of the general utility bill, say they are for it, and that they are ready for it, I will do what I can to give it to them. This is a proposition that has not been discussed by the people of the State, and therefore I do not think that they, at this time, fully understand the question or they are ready to act on it. Whenever the general bill, as proposed, becomes a law, it will mean the proposition, which will in the end cost them not less than a half million dollars. And for one, no matter how strong I feel like supporting such a measure, do not want to do it until I hear from the fellows that pay the taxes.

The House has also passed the Quincy Tax Bill, with the amendments as substituted by the minority member of the Tax committee. This amendment provided for the election of the Tax Commission by the people, and doing away with the County assessor in all counties, and making the township trustees, the township assessors, and the county clerks the County assessors ex-officio, and giving them additional compensation for such work. The bill, as passed, gives counties of 40,000 or over, the privilege of having County assessors. The fate of this bill in the Senate is hard to say, it will probably be killed.

The Senate has killed a very commendable bill mentioned in my recent correspondence, which proposed the reduction of State Boards into one State Board of Control. Just why this was done, I have not been able to learn.

The House has passed a very drastic employers liability bill, which has been urged by the laboring interests of the State. The bill provides that every railroad company or corporation, and

every person, association of persons, or corporations, owing or operating any mine or factory, shall be liable for damages to any person suffering injury, while employed by such business, etc. The bill is a very drastic one, and met with considerable opposition.

The anti-cigarette bill is a very drastic one. The selling or giving away of cigarettes or cigarette papers, or for a store to have any on the premises is made a misdemeanor. All minors are forbidden to use tobacco in any form.

There was something of a stir in the House the other day, over a bill introduced by Morrison of Neosho, it provides that the people of the State could instruct the Legislature upon the U. S. senatorship. It was considered in Committee of the Whole, and that body recommended that it be not passed. However, when it came up for report to the House proper from the Committee, a motion was made by Foley, the minority leader, that the House not concur in that portion of the minority report, relating to the Morrison Bill, and on this proposition he demanded a roll call, and by a vote of 52 to 48, he motion to not concur was adopted, and the bill went back on the calendar retaining its place. The bill is said to be a copy of the Oregon law, its provisions are short, and are as follows:

At all general elections next preceding the election of a Senator in Congress by the legislature of Kansas there shall be placed on the official ballot by the Secretary of State and the county clerks, the names of all candidates for the office of Senator in Congress that have been nominated in any of the methods now or which may hereafter be provided by law for the nomination of candidates for such office for the state of Kansas, the votes for which said candidates shall be counted and certified to by the county judges in the same manner as the votes for other candidates; and records of the vote for such candidates shall be made out and sworn to by the board of canvassers of each county of the state and returned to the Secretary of State, who shall transmit duplicate copies of such returns to the Legislature at its next ensuing session, one of which shall be addressed to the Senate and other to the House of Representatives of the state of Kansas, one copy of which shall be delivered to the President of the senate and the other to the Speaker of the House of Representatives immediately after the organization of such bodies, which officers will open and lay the same before the separate houses, when assembled to elect a Senator in Congress as now required by the act of Congress; and it shall be the duty of each house to count the votes and announce the candidate for Senator having the highest number and thereupon they shall proceed to the election of a Senator as required by the act of Congress.

A large number of minor bills have been recommended and passed. I have finally succeeded in getting the circulation bill introduced early in the session, and up to the Governor's signature. I have also succeeded in getting a bill, providing for the removal of the bodies of ex-union soldiers through both Houses, and up to the Governor for his signature.

I was absent from the House on Tuesday, Wednesday, and on Thursday of last week, attending a grand Lodge meeting of the A. O. U. W. at Salina. Up to the time of going there, I had not missed a single roll call, or fifteen minutes of the session, and I would not have missed the three days, but for the fact that I was an officer of the Grand Lodge, and thought it my duty in a degree to attend. I did so, and was very glad to have been made past Grand-Master Workman of the Kansas Jurisdiction, and also to secure the contract for the official publication of the Grand Lodge for two years, commencing May 1st. This means the publication of a Journal of a circulation of about

40,000 copies per month. It will mean about \$100.00 per month additional receipts to the Grand Bend postoffice, and probably \$300.00 per month additional money paid for wages in our city. The contract will likely amount to for the two years to about \$25,000.00, and I consider myself extremely fortunate in landing such a business proposition for myself and City.

Session of the grand lodge was well attended and harmonious throughout. The Ancient Order of United Workmen in Kansas, with a membership of close to 40,000, is in excellent condition, and has almost a half million dollars in its reserve fund.

I have enjoyed the work of the legislature immensely, and be as well as the average member, even that I have gotten along who has been sent from our County, and as well as the average member of any Legislature does. I have adhered strictly to my work, put in nights and Sundays with the exception of the three days above mentioned, and yet I am glad that the end is in sight, so that I can get back to Great Bend, and Barton County, and County that I love best in all the world.

W. P. FEDER.

### Commissioner's Proceedings

Office of County Clerk, March 1st, 1909.

The Board of County Commissioners of Barton County met in regular session at the office of the office of the County Clerk, Monday, March 1st, 1909:

Present, N. W. Klepper, Chm., Frank Wood, P. E. Murphy, Commissioner, M. Daily, Sheriff, J. W. Clarke, Co. Atty and C. F. Yonkin, Co. Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly approved. The following bills were allowed as filed in the office of the County Clerk.

- Jacob Shively, making desk for P. Judge H. Hall \$ 15.35
- Tribune Pub. Co. print for Probate Judge.....42.00
- Democrat Pub Co print for Co Supt.....10.50
- W. O. Riggs, material and labor for P Judge's desk 4.00
- Copple & Miller, cleaning cess-pool.....16.00
- J. E. DeMotte, janitor for C. H. and jail for Feb.....40.00
- H. A. Hall, P. J report of estates to co assessors.....19.49
- Fred Richardson, plumbing for co jail.....11.25
- H. C. Colegrove, T. W Ribbon and paper.....2.11
- Lunaey Case Nelia Smith
- H. A. Hall, P. J.....8.10
- R. H Meade, phys ex.....5.00
- M F Russell, phys ex.....5.00
- M Daily sheriff.....3.00
- Lunaey Case Harry Wells
- H A Hall, P. J.....8.10
- E. H. Morrison, phys ex.....5.00
- A H Connatt, same.....5.00
- M Daily, sheriff.....3.00
- H D Ashpole, trans. of comms to view bridges.....15.00
- Citizens' National Bank, bridge work, Faus contract.....800.00
- Citizens National Bank, same.....24.75
- Citizens National Bank, same.....827.40
- Dr. Ed Atkin, care of Anna Swobeda.....10.00
- N W Klepper, unloading lumber at Ellinwood.....10.00
- Barton House, board for Harvey Peston.....4.75
- Nat. Office Supply Co, carbon paper.....2.25
- H Born, clothing for poor.....37.73
- W. Hemker, nails.....1.45
- McNown & Hayes, meat for P. H. Noe.....6.50
- M. Dailey, payment on salary.....100.00
- Gt Bend Hdwe Impl Co, supplies for sheriff.....7.40
- W F Honnen, Mdse for poor.....34.25
- J H Deeble, printing for Co. Supt.....2.00
- M Lutschig, plat book of county.....5.00
- G W Thatcher, truant officer, Feb.....8.00
- A-S Doty, care of Mamie Monarch.....20.00
- Tribune Pub. Co. (former bill).....69.40

Total.....\$2179.73

**Contract in Duplicate**  
This agreement signed this 1st day of March, 1909, by and between W. D. Faus of Great Bend, Kansas, party of the first part and the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, State of Kansas, party of the second part.

Witnesseth:—That the party of the first part agrees to furnish all material except sand and stone and to construct and complete ready for the earth fill, one 30 ft. arch in Logan township between sections 8 and 9, one 20 ft. flat top bridge in Independence township between section 16 and 21, one thirty ft. arch in Cleveland township between sec 11 and 12, and one 20 ft. flat top bridge on county line at cor. of secs. 1 and 2, Cleveland twp. for \$2400.00. Also, floor and repair on old bridge thea amount paid to be cost of work and material plus 15 per cent for superintending said bridges to have 4 ft. clear road way and to be built to conform with the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the County Clerk; drawn and submitted by the said W. D. Faus, who may hereby be made a part of the contract.

The first party hereby agrees to have the bridges completed by May 1, 1909, unless that by reason of the violence of the elements, or for other reasons unavoidable and beyond the control of the party of the first part, it shall be impossible to perform the said work within the time above specified, in which case the time shall be extended for a period not less than that necessary to complete the work.

In consideration for the foregoing material to be furnished and work to be executed by the party of the first part, said party of the second part agrees to pay said party of the first part in the following manner, to-wit:—at the end of each month (80 per cent) eighty per cent of the estimated amount of work done and the cost of all material delivered to the nearest railroad station during said month, the balance to be paid upon the completion of said bridges according to the plans and specifications, said payments to be in cash.

And for the performance of each and every article of this agreement said parties hereby bind themselves by these presence. In presence thereof witness the signatures of said parties. Party of the second part to do all hauling except the concrete outfit. Any extra concrete required at \$7.00 per cubic yard extra, including excavating.

W. D. FAUS, Contractor.  
N. W. KLEPPER, Chrmn. Board of Commsrs.  
In the matter of the board petition for a roadway between sections 16 and 21, twp 18, range 12, The former action of the Board was reconsidered, and the roadway was allowed as prayed for in the petition presented by H. H. Deskin and eighteen other house holders.

Mrs. M. E. Mathewson was refunded \$2.32 and on personal property valuation of \$200.00 said valuation being excessive, The Board viewed bridges on Dry Creek, lately constructed by W. D. Faus.

The resignation of J. G. Uleh as clerk of Cleveland township was accepted and F. A. Peirano was appointed to fill vacancy. Contract between W. D. Faus and Board of Com. for the erection of cement bridges in Independence, Cleveland and Logan twp. were signed and duly filed.

**Resolutions**  
The following resolutions were adopted by the Board, WHEREAS— It has pleased God in his infinite wisdom to summon from this world of care and strife to the celestial courts above the wife of Michael Daily, Sheriff of Barton County, Therefore be it Resolved, By the Board of

County Commissioners of Barton County, in this their regular session, while we bow in humble submission, to the Divine Mandate, yet we deeply regret and grievously deplore the loss to our Sheriff and family, the devoted wife and mother.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Daily and children, and that these resolutions be spread on the records of our proceedings, and a copy be presented to the family of the deceased, and a copy furnished to the County papers for publication.

Board of Commissioners,  
N. W. KLEPPER, Chrm.  
FRANK WOOD  
P. E. MURPHY  
There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet on Wednesday March 10th, 1909, in an adjourned meeting to view the proposed road in Fairview twp.  
N. W. KLEPPER,  
Chairman of Board  
C. F. YOUNKIN,  
County Clerk.

**School Board Meeting**  
to order by Porter Young. On Board of Education was called roll call the following members were present: Newcombe, Sams, Collins, Young, McMullen, Cox, McKinney and Gwinn.

Moved and carried that the salary list as certified to Superintendent Shirk, be allowed and warrants authorized. Other bills were:

- Geo W Thatcher, truant officer.....\$ 6.00
- D F Shirk, bill for paper.....17.50
- E R Moses, supplies.....23.15
- M L Crow, setting glass.....3.00
- Gt Bend Transfer Co.....8.25
- J W Piper, brooms.....1.90
- Gt Bend Tel Co., batteries 1.00
- Bond Fur Co., supplies.....4.00
- R B Gorden, fencing.....17.51
- Geo W Thatcher, Ins.....40.00
- Fred Hemker, supplies.....26.61
- Gt. Bend Water & Elec Co 85.32
- R Demo, extra labor.....10.00

The resignations of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brown were read and on motion of Dr. Morrison, were not accepted, because reasons given were inadequate.

Treasurer's monthly report read and filed.  
Superintendent's report read and filed.

On motion teachers are given privileges of attending Teachers' Association at Hutchinson, Association at Hutchinson April 2.

Resolutions in respect of the death of Prof. Willis were adopted as reported.

The following resolution was on motion adopted:  
Whereas, conditions are such that we can dispense with the room and teacher added to the east building earlier in the year.

Resolved, That the room be discontinued and the pupils distributed among their respective grades.

Geo. W. Thatcher, Clerk Pro tem.

James Buchanan has returned to his home at Topeka after a visit here.

E. M. Bortz returned Tuesday evening from a business trip around St. John

Ed Griffith left Tuesday evening for Washoe, Nevada, to put in the electric wiring for the Harris mine.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mansolf, of east Rush county, has returned from a visit of three weeks at the old home in Iowa.

J. C. Gregory came in from Kiowa county Tuesday evening. He purchased a half section of land near Greensburg while gone.

Max Shaffer leaves for Old Mexico the 15th of March to examine a tract of land which is offered at \$1.00 per acre. They say the grass and timber is fine. Anyone wishing to join him on this trip will be furnished round trip to the city of Durango and return with stop over privileges both ways. Special rate \$37.65. Phone 27715.