clusion law to meet its terms may be necessary.

Amending Irrigation Laws.

Senator Dillingham has reported from the Committee on Immigration a bill amending the immigration laws, and it is his intention to push for its consideration. The principal feature of the bill is a provision for an agent of the United States, accompanied by a surgeon, to be stationed at important European immigrant ports to inspect aliens seeking admission to the United States. It also provides for a head tax of $2 an immigrant.

Reduced representation in Southern States, which have by one form or another, disfranchised negroes, will be a theme of discussion, but not action, during the winter. The Republican National platform is interpreted by some of the more radical members of the party to call for such reduction and they will go at the subject from the beginning.

The trusts will receive attention, at least in debate, although some doubt is expressed about passing any effective legislation.

Inter-state commerce legislation is always pending and there may be an effort to enlarge the powers of the Inter-state Commerce commission so as to allow it to fix rates. Railroad interests will continue to oppose this measure. Another pending measure is to permit pooling and this is opposed by the shippers. A bill to amend the law for the safety of employees of railroads has been reported and it is expected that it will pass.

Eight-Hour Bill.

A bill which has agitated Congress for a number of years providing for eight hours' work only, on all Government contracts, will be reported from the Senate Committee on Labor which has given much time to hearings.

Senator Heyburn of Idaho has given notice that he will call up the pure food bill during the first week of the session.

A measure which created a great deal of interest in the last session is a bill providing for several large camp sites in different sections of the country, for the use of the Regular army and militia for drill purposes. The localities most likely to get the sites if the bill becomes a law are energetically pushing it.

Senator Fairbanks, who has only three months to serve as a Senator before he becomes Vice-President, and who, as chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings, has endeavored to secure a bill providing a building for the departments of State, justice and commerce and labor, will try to bring about favorable action on the bill in the ninety days he is to remain a National Legislator.

Irrigation Measures.

Irrigation has become a permanent Legislative topic. Interwoven closely with the public land question, it has resulted in setting two House committees by the ears and creating a wide difference of opinion among Senators from Western States. Several measures intended as amendments to the irrigation law have been suggested and are before Congress.

Among other bills of public interest pending in the Senate or House are the following: Providing for the transportation of naval and other stores in American-built ships; for the protection of forest reserves and the creation of additional reserves; for the payment of $200,000 to ex-Queen Liliuokalani; to amend the act for the suppression of lottery traffic; to make liquor transported by interstate traffic subject to the laws of the State where it is sold.

One day during the morning session will be devoted to counting the electoral vote cast for the President and Vice-President. The ballots of electors of the different States are sent to the President Pro Tem. of the Senate and on the second Wednesday in February the Senate, with the forty-five ballot-boxes, one from each State, will proceed to the House, canvass the vote and declare the result.

No Official Notification.

Though all machinery is provided for the election of a President and Vice-President and for the official canvass and declaration of the vote, no provision is made for officially notifying the men elected. Both President Roosevelt and Senator Fairbanks will have to take the proceedings of the joint session of Congress as their notification of the result of the recent election.

Two Senators are to take oath of office, Philander C. Knox, the successor of Senator Quay from Pennsylvania, and W. Murray Crane, the successor of Senator Hoar from Massachusetts, both seats having been made vacant by death since the last session.

Two chairmanships of committees may be filled at the coming session. The Senate never filled the vacancy at the head of the Interoceanic Canals committee after the death of Senator Hanna, and Senator Hoar's death leaves a vacancy at the head of the important Committee on Judiciary. Senator Platt of Connecticut will be the acting chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, as Senatory Platt of New York has been the acting chairman of the Canal committee.

Killing Was in Self-Defense.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Stuart A. Felton, the gambler who shot Guy Roche, another gambler, in a crowded section of Broadway, Thanksgiving evening, was exonerated today by a Coroner's jury, which decided that he acted in self-defense. He was remanded back to the Tombs, as he is under another indictment on a charge of murder in the first degree.

WERE SURPRISED AND ANGERED

Sectaries Do Not Like Exposures.

Tribune's Supported Statements of Church Encroachments Talk of Town.

Ample Proof That Religion Is Made Test for Employment of School Teachers.

Nothing in recent years has caused more anxiety in sectarian circles than the exclusive announcement by The Tribune that Superintendent of Public Instruction A. C. Nelson was making investigation of the claims that "religion classes" are taught in the public schools. And that official's admission that his investigation had revealed the fact that "religion classes" are taught in "fully one hundred" school-rooms was a stunning surprise.

Naturally Superintendent Nelson regrets that the matter of his inquiry has reached the public prematurely, but he has been manly and has not evaded any direct questions put to him on the subject. The Tribune's disclosure, therefore, is not only supported by reliable persons who are not in official positions, but the facts are vouched for by the head of the schools of the State.

Religion is taught in public schools by public school teachers. Sectarianism is defeating the very spirit and letter of the Constitution. School children are, by virtue of the compulsory educational law, forced into the school-room to fall under the guidance of teachers selected by sectarian boards of education.

The sectaries deny that there is a religion test. But the fact remains that the sectaries want the religion classes taught and they discriminate against Gentile teachers because Gentile teachers will not teach the religion classes. This should be perfectly plain to every one and this is in direct violation of the Constitution which declares (See Article X., Section 12: "Neither religious nor partisan test or qualification shall be required of any person, as a condition of admission, as teacher or student, into any public educational institution of the State."

There is a religious test. No honest man, knowing that religion classes are recommended and desired by the authorities of the church, will deny it. Every honest person must know that the Mormon teacher is necessary to the success of this species of propagation of the faith. Gentiles are not employed where the sectaries are in full control when it is possible to employ a Mormon.

In Salt Lake City, where the Gentiles are in greater proportion, the Mormon sectaries are wary about religion classes. This is true in Ogden. But it is because of fear and not lack of desire that this is so.

If the sectarian ticket is elected next Wednesday this will be taken by the church authorities as an indorsement of their encroachment on the schools by the Gentiles of Salt Lake. And they will make the most possible of the victory.

* * *

Joseph Oberndorfer, the well-known broker, has been nominated by the American party committee for the Board of Education in the Fifth precinct to succeed W. J. Halloran, who resigned. He is one of Salt Lake's most progressive business men and would add much strength to the School Board if elected.

* * *

Article 10, Section 12, of the Constitution of Utah, says: "Neither religion nor partisan test or qualification shall be required of any person as a condition of admission as teacher or student in any public educational institution of the State."

This section is not only violated in Utah hundreds of times, but the Deseret News and the sectaries of the Mormon church are striving to secure such complete control of the Salt Lake schools that Gentile teachers will be supplanted by Mormon teachers in all instances that are at all possible.

* * *

Some of the political leaders of the church are very wrathy because The Tribune called attention to the movement to have a Mormon made Clerk of the Supreme court. The Tribune had such information on the subject that its expose was an effective blow to the plans of the Smootites.

* * *

Now that so many things have been disclosed concerning the Infirmary administration and the Infirmary farm site purchase, together with the padding of the road fund pay rolls for election purposes, there is a very general protest against any further honoring of "Fussy Jimmy."

* * *

"Fussy Jimmy" will neither be made private secretary to Governor-elect Cutler nor Secretary of the Land Board. He is entirely too offensive to so many Republicans for Mr. Cutler to put him so close to the throne. Anderson's administration of Salt Lake county during the past four years is open to so much criticism that it is now a bitter reflection of hundreds of the most prominent taxpayers in the party.

WOULD YOU HAVE YOUR BOY PATTERN AFTER MR. ROBERTS?

Brigham H. Roberts was refused a seat in Congress because of his avowed practice of polygamy. Recently before the Senate committee at Washington his testimony indicated his intention to continue this unlawful practice.

The "religion classes" of the Mormon church, held in public schoolhouses, with the public school teacher as tutor and the public school pupils as the tutored, take this man Roberts's life as one of emulation.

Will the Deseret News answer if that is decent?

If not, it is within the power of the mothers and fathers to answer at the polls next Wednesday.

WILL THE NEWS ANSWER?

Here is just a little inquiry for the Deseret News.

Heber J. Grant told the students of the University of Utah that he already had two wives, and would have more, if the Government would permit. Some of the young and modest girls who were present left the hall in disgust.

Do you think it is decent to have the public school teachers of Utah offer to the pupils of the public schools, in the public schoolhouses, this man Grant as an exemplar to the youth of America?

If you don't like to answer, perhaps the voters of Salt Lake may reply to this question next Wesnesday.

Rich Woman Tries to Buy a Husband

But the Poor Man Belonged to Another by Marriage, and There Was Trouble.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 2.—Thirty-four thousand dollars is the sum William Johnson, a handsome street car conductor, testified in Justice Lemkle's court that Mrs. Dena E. Laing, wife of a traveling salesman, offered him if he would forsake his wife for her.

The sensational testimony developed during the progress of the suit brought by Mrs. Laing against Johnson for the collection of $255, which she claimed she loaned to Johnson July 6, 1904, but which the street car man denied. According to testimony, Mrs. Laing met Johnson on a street car while he was at work, and it was love at first sight.

Johnson said that his wife caught him on a car and handed him a letter, saying at the time that he had "evidently been flirting." Mrs. Johnson gave the lawyers the letter, so that it could be used as evidence, but the Justice refused to admit it in the case.

The letter was rather spicy and contained enough endearing words to lead Johnson into the belief that he was a second J. Pierpont Morgan, with Hetty Green as his ladylove. In the letter Mrs. Laing also informed Johnson that she had something very important to tell him.

Gen. Chaffee to Be Grand Marshal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Gen. John M. Wilson, chairman of the inaugural committee, has appointed Lieut.-Gen. Adna Chaffee, U. S. A., to be grand marshal of the inaugural parade.

Democratic Leader Dead.

YORK, Pa., Dec. 2.—Chauncy F. Black, former Lieutenant-Governor of Pennsylvania and a leader of the Democratic party, died at Brockle, his suburban home near this city, today.