HISTORIAN'S OFFICE

TWO-THIRDS GONE.

The First Session of the Utah State Legislature.

FIRE AND POLICE BILL AGAIN.

It Awakens Lively Interest in the House—Miss Miller's Journalists Bill—County Extra Warrants.

The first item of special interest to-day was the fire and police bill in the House, and a lively fight it was, both sides being prepared for a substantial contest. The most important item in the Senate was the excess county warrants bill.

SENATE.

The first business in the Senate today was listening to committee reports.

The committee on labor reported on S. B. 65, to provide for the payment of labor in cash, and recommended that it be passed as amended.

The committee on appropriations and claims reported that C. C. Dey's petition for $1,000 for compensation of Joseph F. Bitter, Territorial statistician, should go to the State board of examiners, report adopted.

The appropriations committee reported favorably on H. B. 125, making a special appropriation for the Reform school.

The committee on judiciary reported in favor of the passage of S. B. 91, in relation to deeds for real property executed under execution.

A substitute was reported by the judiciary to Senate concurrent resolution No. 4.

The judiciary recommended the passage of S. B. 94, laws and judgments in district and circuit courts of the United States.

The committee on judiciary reported in favor of the passage of the bill authorizing district courts to confer military powers on sheriffs in certain cases.

The judiciary committee also reported on S. B. 72, in relation to the duties of executors of persons, interdicted by reason of lunacy. The committee recommended that the bill be indefinitely postponed, for the reason that it was a local law and that the time and height to be petty taken up by a special commission of 12 by the next legislature.

PROTECT EMPLOYES.

S. B. 59, to protect employes in their wages, was received from the House with amendments. The amendments were concurred in.

S. B. 60, relative to the payment of employes' wages in money, was amended and passed with first reading. There will be considerable objection to the bill.

TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS.

Miss Miller introduced S. B. 100, to protect journalists.

Booth asked what crime it was proposed should be furnished journalists, but got no information.

The president asked if the bill should go to the committee on militia.

The author asked that it go to the committee on printing and it was so ordered.

OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL POWERS.

S. B. 81, enlarging the powers of third class cities, was taken up and House amendments, which were not concurred in, and Cleveland, Snow and Chidester were appointed a conference committee.

MINING BOARD.

S. B. 93, providing for a State board of mining inspectors, was taken up. An inspector, chemists, an assayer, an engineer, was proposed. The bill was postponed till Wednesday next. A motion that it pass its second reading by its title was defeated.

MINORS.

S. B. 99, empowering district courts to confer majority powers upon minors, passed its first reading and was taken up for second reading. Jones registered his vote as against the bill.

LIENS IN U. S. COURTS.

S. B. 94, relative to liens and judgments in district and circuit courts of the U. S. was taken up and passed without opposition.

DEEDS UNDER FORCED SALES.

S. B. 97, relative to deeds and real property sold under execution, was taken up and passed without opposition.

COUNTY EXCESS WARRANTS.

H. B. 94, providing for the payment of county warrants issued prior to Jan. 4, 1895, in excess of the legal limit, was taken up on final passage by the Senate.

The bill passed without a dissenting vote and the bill returned to the House with Senate amendments.

REFORM SCHOOL APPROPRIATION.

H. B. 125, special appropriation for the State Reform school, was passed. The appropriation is $5,000.

HOUSE.

The House adjourned yesterday evening at 6:10, having transacted the full week's business after 4 o'clock time.

House bill 55, to protect employes, servants and laborers in their claims for wages, was read the third time and passed.

House bill 131, to amend section 4611 of the compiled laws of Utah, 1888, relating to justifiable homicide, was taken up on third reading and further consideration postponed until to-day.

On motion of Mr. Lewis the vote by which House bill 96, regulating the practice of dentistry, was reconsidered and the bill filed for third reading.

Mr. Musser gave notice of a motion to reconsider the vote by which House bill 46 was recommitted to the public health committee.

Today's Sitting.

At 1:35, city time, the House resumed business. There was a quorum present, but no proposition would not be a source of congratulation. The minutes of yesterday were approved and the routine taken up.

PETITIONS.

Two petitions were received and referred to the elections committee. One was from eleven residents of Wayne county and presented by Mr. Mackelvie. The other came from J. H. McCoy and fifty-nine others (almost employes at Ogden), presented by Mr. Curtis. Both petitions asked the passage of Senate bill 22, on elections.

AS TO ESTRAYS.

The live stock committee reported amendments to House bill 34, relating to estrays, and recommended the passage of the bill. On motion of Mr. Mansfield the report was adopted.

TO PROTECT GAME.

The same committee reported on Senate bill 12, to prevent the spread of disease among sheep, recommending its passage.

THE DOG BILL.

The committee on live stock recommended the passage of Senate bill 10 (substitute) providing for the recovery of damages for injuries by reason of trespass of dogs.

POLICE AND FIRE BILL.

The municipal corporations committee presented any city and minority reports, as well as an excerpt of Chairman Nye, on Senate bill 9 and House bills 115 and 87, relating to fire and police boards. The majority report recommended the rejection of House bills 115 and 87 and the passage of Senate bill 9, with amendments presented.

Chairman Nye, of the committee, presented a reformal explanation, saying that while, as chairman of the committee, he had signed the report of the majority, he was opposed to section one of the bill as amended.

MR. CURTIS PROTESTS.

A minority report from Mr. Curtis was read as follows:

"A minority of your committee on municipal corporations respectfully report that we do not concur with the action of the majority of the committee in submitting to the Legislature such a vicious measure as Senate bill No. 9, as amended."

"This bill takes away from the people—the residents and taxpayers of cities of 12,000 inhabitants and over—what few rights they have had left, as to the police and fire departments, and places all the power in the hands of persons not residents of the city, and who pay no taxes in the city, and who, therefore, have no interest in the welfare of the city, as to the direction of such police, and also provides that it will take three members of the board to constitute a quorum, and that two members shall be sufficient to form the amount of the fine, thereby giving to three men an absolute power over the rights of five hundred citizens."

"Now, Mr. Speaker, with all due respect for our Governor, we must positively pronounce this treating the one man power over the people as un-American, vicious and dangerous to the welfare, and such legislation should never have a place on the statute books of the State of Utah."

"Why should the people be compelled to submit to such villainous legislation? Have they not a right from the State conferring municipal matters on the Mayor and city council, officers elected by the people as representative of the municipality? If so, then why should these officers be deprived of a voice in the appointing power of the fire and police commissioners, in the judgment of this Legislature, such an organization should exist?"

"We protest, and appeal to the members of this Legislature to consider well what their action shall be before casting a vote for such a vicious and absolutely wicked piece of legislation as the said bill No. 9, as amended."

[Signed] "CURTIS."

SQUABBLE OVER SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Cushing moved that the House, at 2:10, go into committee of the whole on House bill 83, the Holden land bill.

Mr. Nye called the attention of the House to the fact that consideration of the report of the municipal corporations committee on Senate bill 9, substituting cities, was the special order set for 2 o'clock today, and the speaker ruled that it was entitled to preference.

The committee's report, recommending the passage of the bill, was adopted.

Mr. Nye now moved a suspension of the rules and the passage of the bill, but the proposition was defeated.

EIGHT HOURS DON'T WAIT.

The motion to go into committee of the whole was being put by the Speaker when Mr. Mullen called attention to the fact that there were eight bills, House bills 129, 135, 99, 23 and 109, and Senate bills 40 and 81, ready for third reading and passage, and he desired to impress upon them that they could be sent to the Senate or that today's action. He contended that these bills in the aggregate were as important as the land bill, if not to take long to discuss or them and time would be saved. The vote on the motion, however, showed that a majority of the members dissented from Mr. Mullen's opinion.

LAND BILL CONSIDERED.

Mr. Harris resumed the chair in the committee of the whole and consideration of the land bill was taken up.

Amendments were offered by Messrs. Mansfield, Marrows and Barnesdall, which received only their own affirmative votes.

Mr. Taylor moved that section 41 be stricken out. The motion prevailed and under the provisions of the bill shall not be taxed until the right to a deed shall have been exercised.

Mr. Lewis said the section was a good one if the bill was to be fixed "in favor of the farmers living on sections 16 and 36 of those lands, but if we are legislating for farmers or on purchasers of the remaining forty-four sections, section 41 should be stricken out of the bill."

Mr. Nye said it has happened time without number that Mr. speculators have purchased millions of acres of these public lands simply because they were on the inside and knew just when the lands were to be sold and were induced by the incentive that the lands were not taxable for ten years.

Mr. Stevens thought the State was treated enough in allowing ten years in which to pay for the land, and taxes should not be paid on the property.

Mr. Taylor said that the outside counties were in error in thinking the proposition was to tax was in favor of the irrigators.

Mr. Rolfe said the committee had not as much thought of the farmer's interest in this section as it had that of the State. It was desired to offer the inducement as an inducement to purchase the land.

Mr. Mattson offered an amendment to fix one cent per acre and $1 minimum price on the different grades.

A vote on Mr. Taylor's motion to strike out that portion of section 41 providing for an increase in the minimum price had passed to the pavement. The vote was 24 to 20.

Mr. Thomason, of Sanpete, moved to strike out section 43, reserving right of way for canals, etc., which was lost.

Mr. Critchlow, in order to get the sense of the committee, moved to insert a proviso that no patent be issued to lands. The gentleman was tearing in favor of his amendment at press time.

The prospect was for a long session in consideration of the bill before adjournment.

SENATE.

Quill Nebeker's committee meets in the "baggage car."

Senator Allison was in his place in the Senate chamber today.

Mr. Gibson is a firm believer in "economy" in State expenditures.

The indiscriminate printing of bills has received a setback in the interests of economy.

The Senate absentee today were Barlow, Chadwick, Sutherland and Warnick.

Considerable of the afternoon's session in the Senate was taken up by the opening prayer.

S. J. Kenyon was a visitor to the Senate chamber today as also was County Treasurer W. F. Lyman.

The Ogden Standard is again a morning paper and enjoyed it six hours in the House every day.

Mr. Nebeker, of Rich, objects to the amount of the Tribune in making light of his "serious" resolutions.

Mr. Ferguson of Carbon: "We have selected a committee to consider the measure," referring to Senate bill 85.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of some D mocratic members of the House to force into the land bill a politico complexion.

Mr. McKay of the Senate disclaims any proceeding prejudicial on the part of Weber people in their misunderstandings.

Saturday sittings are now in order to complete the work of the Legislature, and it is quite likely that morning meetings may soon become necessary.

City Attorney McKay occupied Senator Chamberlain's seat in the Senate for a time today. He next took a consultation with Senator Glen Miller.

Senator Candland's five-year-old girl, who had a portion of the third finger of her right hand accidentally chopped off the other day, is progressing nicely.

Mr. Lewis's call to regulate the practice of dentistry was "amended to a finish" by Dr. Condon's committee, and the author was glad to see his creation "go by the board."

The Italian army in Abyssinia has been almost annihilated. If the same could be said of the Spanish army in Cuba, some of our legislators would feel immensely satisfied.

The illness of Senator Barnes, of Davis county, and Senator Barnes's son, Arthur F., who has been laboring as a missionary in the Eastern States, has been heightened for to come home. He is expected to arrive on Saturday night.

The clock in the House, as if aware of the slow work of the legislature, is doing its utmost to turn back the years to some time and give the legislature another chance. The temperance has succeeded in stealing two minutes so far.

Docket Clerk Joe O'Dell and Messenger Al. Hook, of the Senate, are printers. Mr. O'Dell "feels down" a "gill" on the Ogden Standard in its days of home rule and special editions, but is now a newspaper man. Mr. Hook resides at North Ogden when at home and has been engaged in the printing business in Ogden at divers times, including on the Standard.

The committee on enrolls was instructed by the Senate to report sufficient salaries for the officers of Salt Lake and Weber counties, and a mandamus for the salary list in other counties. This plan is pointed out by legal authorities as clearly in violation of the Constitution, which says the salaries shall be regulated as far from section to section.

This is not from Mr. Condon, but he has been making a list of similar things:

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COMPLAINT SWORN OUT TODAY

Two Salt Lake and Three Provo People Accused of the Crime—Sad and Shocking Case.

Five persons, two of them residing in Salt Lake and three citizens of Provo, all more or less well known here as Assistant County Attorney Harrington's office, are this afternoon formally charged with the crime of murder. The charge in the case is a Miss Bennett. Those here responsible for her death, according to the complaint, are S. M. Baggett, Frank Carter and Dr. Noyes of Provo and Dr. Wm. McCoy and Mrs. Reeves of this city. The particulars in the sad case to date are as follows:

This morning's train from Provo brought to this city Coroner Bennett, the father of the murdered young lady, and Colonel A. D. Rich, attorney for Utah county. The purport of their visit here was to consult with the Salt Lake county authorities with regard to the matter, and proceed at once to start an action against the guilty parties.

They proceeded directly to the office of Assistant County Attorney Dexter Harrington, where they held a consultation with Mr. Harrington and Deputy Sheriff Brown. A NEWS reporter called at Mr. Harrington's office and learned the above facts, for the gentlemen from Provo had just left the assistant county attorney. However, was not inclined to be very way averse to giving the desired information to the NEWS man he related the following:

"The young lady's father and Utah County Attorney took action in the morning in further inquiries into the details of this most revolting and shocking case. The result of the efforts was one of Provo's favorite daughters and the loving brother-in-law, right now right against S. M. Baggett and Frank Carter, two of the alleged principals, that for a time it was feared they would both be injured.

"The men were taken into custody on complaints made by the coroner's jury. The verdict practically refused to have anything at all to do with the case, and the result day it was learned that they came to this city, bringing Bishop with them. Mr. Bennett, the coroner, visited Mr. Bennett, the coroner, visited Mr. Bennett, the coroner, visited