

## BUSY SCENES IN COMMITTEE ROOMS

Members of the Senate Wrestling With Important Measures Now Before Them.

### SHORT SESSION HELD TODAY

Appropriation Bill Being Considered — Is Likely to Cause Much Debate.

People who read of 11-minute sessions of the senate and acquire the impression that the lawmakers are an idle body, will have a decided change to make in their opinion when the committees now wrestling with difficult measures give over their reports for the senate as a whole to discuss. The present bill is considered one of quiet preparation for as strenuous a session as the Legislature has yet known.

Today, while the session itself was brief, the senate chamber was filled with senators from early morning. The committee rooms were crowded with groups of committees sitting on vexing problems, and in the senate chamber men discussed vital problems of state with fellow legislators or with people not of the state officials, especially interested in proposed legislation.

The partisan board bill is one of those that are steering in the direction of a hurricane or debate, and it is clear that it is the proposed appropriations for state institutions, each of which is applying for what the state can give, and each of which is wanting to take its neighbor from getting a lead in the matter of worldly wealth.

#### REVENUE FAR TOO LITTLE.

"Independent of all minor matters and incidental appropriations which are demanding attention every day," said Senator Bennington of the committee on appropriations today, "the demand for money made by the state's total income to be \$65,000 and when it comes to trimming down, we can hardly look for anything but friction."

The fight on appropriations will, it appears, be largely centered between the Agricultural college and the University of Utah. The fight has not yet broken loose in the open, but the command of the Agricultural college for as much money as the University asks, and especially the demand for as large an appropriation for a gymnasium, will be serious problems in the minds of most senators, to properly adjudicate, Senator Gardner is strongly opposed to any duplication in function of the two schools. He wants the Logan institution to be purely an agricultural college with experiment stations and manual training departments. Furthermore he would like the preparation department freed from the University of Utah and the money it takes to maintain it spent in fostering the growth of high schools over the state.

It is probable that a resolution introduced two years ago and dropped, providing for the bringing of the two schools under one board of control will be again taken up at this session for the purpose of making the two colleges work in harmony in their curriculum.

#### BOUNTY LAW AGAIN.

While the bounty frauds have not been a lively topic of conversation for a few days, talk on a new measure was revived today informally before the session. Senator Waitton said bounty frauds were an old story with him. He had once tried to buy up squirrels worth as much as 5 cents per head, the evidence of death to consist of the tail. He discovered soon that his ranch was overrun with bot-tailed squirrels, and on looking it up he found the boys were catching the squirrels and turning them loose to grow new tails after cutting off their visible supply.

Senator Gardner is an old hunter, who says he has killed over a million of the little critters except a bear. "That is dead as a hunting ground," he declared, "and I regard almost every claim for bounty on bears, mountain lions, lynx and wild cats to be fictitious and fraudulent. When the law was passed we never thought claims on these kinds of skins would amount to anything."

A plan of Senator Hollingsworth is to provide a new bounty law for the state, but the bill has not yet been introduced, and have the county sheriffs pass upon the validity of the skins, then issue a warrant, which the county commissioners would audit and pay the counties for the formation of corporations, etc.; also to repeat certain acts and parts of acts relating to the same subject. The bill was referred to the committee on railroads and common carriers, who, after considering its provisions, reported the substitute by Mr. Roberts.

#### "In Unity there is Strength."

### Why Not Build Up the Industries that Build Up UTAH?

#### OUR GUARANTEE.

We guarantee Three Crown Baking Powder, Flavoring Extracts, and Spices to be absolutely pure and wholesome.

They are equal in excellence and high quality to any similar products in the world.

If you are not satisfied your money will be cheerfully refunded.

#### "Best of the good ones!"

Mrs. Mary Snow, wife of the sergeant-at-arms of the lower house, was interested spectator this afternoon.

The Commercial club was organized nearly three years ago with 55 members, all residents of this city. From this small beginning the club has grown until it numbers 380 resident and 70 non-resident members. This increase has been accomplished without particular effort on the part of the club as an organization, or of its members as individuals. Every reputable citizen is entitled to be and should be a member of the club, and we feel that the time has arrived when a general and earnest effort should be made to secure a fuller representation of the business and professional men of the community in the work of the organization. The club has made a most admirable and commendable record in the past and has amply demonstrated the necessity for its existence. We think it is no exaggeration to say that there are fully 200 residents of this city who not only should be members of the club, but whose aid in the public work of the organization could be secured with but little effort. It is manifestly evident that the more the club grows, the club membership would vastly increase. Its power for good, with this idea in view we respectfully urge you to use your individual efforts in bringing about the result desired.

**POOR MAN ORDERED OFF.**

#### He Had to Quit When Man of Special Privileges Appeared.

Salt Lake City—Editor of the *Deseret News*, King Siri, read in the "News" that the man of special privileges had come to the state. A constant reader of your paper, and I desire through your columns to make a few observations upon the subject in hand.

Two years ago I was for some time at the White Rock Indian agency and there witnessed some transactions that seemed to me to be rather unusual. One evening between the 25th of May and June, 1903, an agent of the Florence Mining company, of Colorado, came to White Rock, and applied to the state auditor for his discharge at Washington, D. C., granting him the privilege of prospecting the reservation at will and of locating for his company the claims of gold, silver, and other minerals in the mountains.

Just previous to this time Maj. H. P. Merton had vacated his office as Indian agent, and Capt. Munro, the Seventh Cavalry, who was assigned to the post in his stead. The agent of the Florence Mining company was not permitted to carry out his intentions, and Capt. Munro, who had been assigned to the Indians department at Washington, and from whom he received instructions to allow the mining company to proceed. The act of the company was denied that day, and they were given the concession of the traditional "men of special privileges." They threatened disorganization of A. and B. companies has entirely disappeared, and both officers and men of the guard who received instructions to allow the mining company to proceed. It is understood among the boys that plans for a new state army have progressed far enough to give assurances of a successful outcome of the scheme, and that in decent territory there will be no trouble in procuring the men to command up to the standard strength.

The troubles that sprang up in the guard earlier in the month have proven of no consequence at all, have hardly even disturbed the dignity of the traditional "men of special privileges." The threatened disorganization of A. and B. companies has entirely disappeared, and both officers and men of the guard are most hopeful for the future. It is understood among the boys that plans for a new state army have progressed far enough to give assurances of a successful outcome of the scheme, and that in decent territory there will be no trouble in procuring the men to command up to the standard strength.

Brig.-Gen. Park is taking such an active interest in the guard that the boys are much encouraged. He is visiting the different company commanders and organizations—not in a critical, fault-finding way, but in a very friendly spirit, with suggestions and speeches of encouragement that are having an excellent effect on the morale of the men.

**HONEST BOY.**

Sends Nickle for Riding on Street Car To Street Car Company.

**MELBA IS HERE.**

The Great Singer Arrived This Morning And is Enjoying Our Fine Weather.

Melba arrived this morning in her private car "Riva." Soon after she reached the city she started out for a walk and was seen on Main street apparently enjoying our beautiful weather. The manager of the Diva's company, who is also the manager of the Kirofors, eat in "Melba's Weather" on account of the sunshiny that has been found in every city where she has performed. In them to sing all through the present tour she has had a great variety of health. Those of her company who have not been here before began singing soon after their arrival and are soon to be in the United States.

Melba's triumphant career since she first became known to the musical world is pretty generally known. She made her debut in Brussels, as Gilda in "Rigoletto," in October, 1885, and sang in the Royal Garden in 1888, and that of Operetta in Paris in 1889.

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**HEARING ON PHILIPPINE SUGAR BILL OPENS.**

Washington, Jan. 26.—James D. Hill, speaking for the Louisiana sugar planters before the house committee on ways and means, today opposed the proposed reduction of tariff on sugar from the Philippines to 25 per cent of the Dingley rates. He urged that the reduction of tariff on Philippine sugar would increase the products of the islands where the sugar can be grown at a much less cost than in the United States.

Representative Burwell (D.), quoting a newspaper that the only enemy sugar need have fear, was the tariff tinker and the reciprocity cranks, asked Mr. Hill if he subscribed to that view.

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**SEN. ELECT SUTHERLAND.**

Senator Smoot Presents His Certificate of Election.

Washington, Jan. 26.—In the senate today Mr. Smoot presented the certificate of election of George Sutherland as senator from Utah.

**HEAVY TREE PLANTING.**

Local nurserymen report the spring outlook as encouraging as there are many deliveries to make of large orders, and the fall trade has been gratifying. One dealer said today, that all of his stock would go out this summer. The demand is for shade and fruit trees. In Colorado the call is for peach trees, while in Utah it is for apple trees. Shade and fruit trees are being planted all over the Salt Lake valley, but the local demand is not as lively as it was up to three years ago.

In the Bear river country the tree planting has been heavy, and in the fall of 1902, for instance, 50,000 apple trees were planted and delivered there from this city, by one nursery firm alone. Since that time the planting has continued heavy, and this spring will witness much activity there along this same line. Moreover, in the Snake River valley, the same prosperous conditions obtain, and the sale and delivery of shade and fruit trees are rapidly increasing every season. One Salt Lake nurseryman sold over 5,000 Carolina poplar trees there last year,

**LIVERPOOL GRAIN.**

Liverpool, Jan. 26.—Close, Wheat-March, 7s; May and July, 7s.

**BOSTON MARKET.**

Closing quotations today as reported by the Brokerage & Finance Co., successors to Hudson Sons Co., brokers, were:

Bid.	Asked	
Amalgamated	72½	73
Bingham	30½	31
Conn. Mutual	35	37
Daly-West	16½	18½
Utah	41½	45
U. S. Mining	72	72½

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