

PROHIBITION GUN FIRED IN HOUSE

Bill by Porter of Morgan Would Put Legal Ban on Liquor.

FOR UTILITIES COMMISSION.

Representative Clegg of Salt Lake Speaks Strongly His Desire to See The Legislature Act.

The first gun to be fired from the ranks of the prohibitionists in the house, in the form of proposed legislation, came this afternoon from Representative Porter of Morgan county. He gained the floor to introduce H. R. 5, being an act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors within the state except for medicinal, medicinal and sacramental purposes. The bill, upon its introduction, was referred to the house committee on judiciary, of which Brigham Clegg of Salt Lake is chairman.

"I favor a searching investigation into the management of the public utilities of this city and state," said Representative Brigham Clegg, this morning. "Railroads are not the only public convenience which should come under the eye of a public utilities commission, such as is contemplated by the house committee named by the speaker. Electric light companies, telephone companies, street car companies, and others, in my opinion have such a heavy hand upon the citizens and the people of the state, through their officers, should be entitled to regulate, to a consistent degree, the charges made by such utility companies.

"I might make special reference to one condition which obtains in this city at the present time. I think it is a robbery of the worst type, and should not be continued by the citizens of the city. I refer to the telephone situation. Every business man in town is compelled to pay at least \$4 a month for the use of his office telephone, and if he desires to put in another phone, he is compelled to pay \$6.00 for the other phone, with, to say the least, no better service than he receives for the \$4 phone.

"Why should the telephone company charge \$6.50 per month for business office service, when the other company can furnish equally as good service, perhaps at the higher priced phone? This strikes in the 'case' of the ordinary business man, and the same condition is doubtless true with residence phones.

"In my opinion, residence phones should not cost more than \$3.00 and office phones should not cost to exceed \$4 per month. If phones cannot be furnished at a profit at these figures, then the public should know it. If the higher price is necessary solely for the purpose of paying high rates of interest on indebtedness, then the people should know that, too.

"All we want is a square deal, and a living price for the necessities of life. Some of the companies, by reason of a monopoly, have not hesitated to increase the price of utilities until they amount to robbery, and nothing less. By all means, let us have a public utilities commission.

Clegg introduced this afternoon H. R. 2, in relation to the matter of beginning actions at law.

Russell introduced H. R. 4, providing for the establishment of a school for the mentally defective and idiotic.

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CENSUS—Murdoch, Baker, McMillin, H. Eardley, Hansen. CLAIMS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTING—Davis, Morris, Cannon, Farnley, Thompson, Holt, Dyrenge.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES—Allen, Pope, Barnett, Porter, Nielson, Eardley, Hammond. COUNTIES—Thompson, Pope, England, Davis, Holt, Morris.

EDUCATION—Wootton, Dyrenge, Funk, McMillin, W. Hays, McCracken, Baker, Cannon, Davis. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—Barnett, Neilson, Hansen, Dyrenge, Eardley.

PUBLIC FUNDS—Eardley, Morris, Baker, Farnley, Smith. PUBLIC HEALTH—White, Thornley, Thompson, Wootton, McMillin, W. Hays.

PUBLIC LANDS—Davis, White, Porter, Nielson, King. PUBLIC PRINTING—Jensen, Ashton, Clegg, Holman and Barnett.

PUBLIC UTILITIES—Hansen, Thompson, Allen, Bower, Eardley, McMillin, Archibald, Russell, Holman. RULES—Bower, McMillin, H. Archibald, Hansen, Allen, Davis, Murdoch.

SALARIES AND FEES—McLain, Clegg, Holman, Holt, Murdoch. SCHOOL FOR DEAF, DUMB AND BLIND—Porter, Ashton, Allen, Thompson, Randall.

FOUR BILLS IN SENATE. The senate held a short session this afternoon adjourning early to permit the members to return to town to visit their homes over Sunday. Four new bills were introduced as follows:

Bill No. 5, by Badger, strengthening the statute on indecent assault. Bill No. 6, by Badger, making it a misdemeanor to print any photo of any person in an advertisement without the consent of the party photographed. Bill No. 7, also introduced by Badger, amending the law regarding indentments.

Bill No. 8, by Hulanicki, provides for an appropriation of \$3,500 to reimburse Fred J. Kiesel, T. R. Cutler and Joseph Geoghegan for money advanced covering the expenses of the National Irrigation congress held recently at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The senate will reassemble Monday at 2 p. m.

KILLED WHILE READING BIBLE

Matilda Ecklund of Sandy Shot By Inmate Visitor to Her Home.

MURDERER IN PADDED CELL.

Says He Had to Have Rest and That He Knew He Would Have It After His Deed.

In a padded cell at the county jail is Axel Anderson, admittedly guilty of murder, and one which has no equal in the criminal history of Utah. The victim was Miss Matilda Ecklund, who was shot dead in her own home while she sat reading her Bible. The murderer stood at a window, and the first bullet struck the lamp. A moment later from another window two more shots were fired and both found lodgment in Miss Ecklund's back. Making his way into the room, Anderson sent a bullet into the woman's temple.

That the murder was the act of an insane man there can be little doubt. When seen at the jail today, Anderson talked of the tragedy in a matter of fact way, freely admitted his guilt and said he was glad of what he had done. "I had to find rest, and that was the only way I could get it," he said. "Did you find rest by killing an innocent woman?"

"Sure," he replied. "I feel pretty good now, but would feel better just if I was outside." By a multitude of questions, Anderson was induced to tell the details of his crime. He said that he had been living alone in a cabin on the prairie of the north, 234 Airport street. He declared that since last winter persons had been seeking to kill him, but who they were or any of the circumstances he was not able to tell.

"Right down under the hill where I live they make a noise all night, and I cannot sleep. I have to have rest some how." TOOK CAR TO MURRAY. At 6:30 o'clock last evening he went on the car to Murray, he says, and walked from there to Sandy, going to the house of his sister, Mrs. Annie Ecklund, he found no one at home. Then he went to the Ecklund residence, and the tragedy followed.

"I had to find rest some how," he again repeated. "I thought that woman was no good to the other woman, and I had to kill to find rest." "If you had not seen her, would you have killed someone else?" Anderson was asked. "Sure not," he answered. "He said he had met the woman several times before, the last occasion being about a month ago at the home of his sister. He said there had been quarrels between them. 'I would have nothing to do with her.' Asked if he thought Miss Ecklund had anything to do with breaking an engagement between his brother Erick and a young lady, Anderson said she might have done it, but he did not kill her for this, but because he had to find rest.

Lying on the floor of the cell that Anderson occupied was another man, apparently asleep. He said he did not know who the man was, and to the question what ailed his companion, Anderson replied with a laugh. "Oh, guess he is crazy," he heard. Anderson was asked why he did not run away and hide after shooting the woman, and answered that it would have done him no good, he would have been caught anyway. The dead woman was about 47 years of age and unmarried. Anderson is 25, and is a single man. He gave the names of his brothers and sisters, there being four, Erick and Gus Anderson, Mrs. Gus Nielson and Mrs. Annie Ecklund. The first three reside in the city, and the last named in Sandy.

CREATES A SENSATION. The killing of Miss Ecklund was most startling and created a sensation in the little town of Sandy, where she was so well and favorably known. It was nearly 11 o'clock when the shooting occurred. The victim sat reading the Bible, and sitting near by was a Mrs. Dahlquist, who resided in the same house. Suddenly she heard a noise proceeding from the window, the shade of which was not drawn. The bullet, intended for Miss Ecklund, missed its mark and shattered the lamp. Almost instantly two other shots were fired, and both found their way into the back of Miss Ecklund. She fell to the floor, scarcely more than uttering a groan.

Carlson then entered the room, the door being unlocked, and bending over his victim, shot her in the temple. Mrs. Dahlquist, who was in the room all the time, was not injured by the assassin. No one in the neighborhood was present when she was shot to a neighbor's and told of the tragedy.

After committing the deed, Carlson went to the nearest saloon and took two drinks of whiskey. He then returned to the Ecklund home, and as Officer Ward had by that time reached the place, Carlson was placed under arrest. He was taken to the county jail, where he was turned over to Deputy Sheriff Beckstead, and later was brought to the county jail by Sheriff Sharp and Deputy Corcoran.

HOPE FOR CONSUMPTIVES. That tuberculosis can be cured, and that if all the people of the United States could be made to observe proper sanitary rules for 10 years the "great white plague" would disappear from the earth, is the declaration of Prof. Sandwall of the University of Utah. Prof. Sandwall concluded a series of talks on tuberculosis this morning, and he declared that the disease is not only curable, but is the result of living under improper conditions. Feather dusts should be banished, he said, and dry sweeping of floors, as well as living rooms and offices would become as nearly dustless as possible. People should avoid unventilated rooms and dark rooms, and should be acquainted with the sources of their milk and butter supplies. His statement that tuberculosis can be cured, he based upon the fighting power of a healthy constitution to overcome disease germs.

ELECTRIC CARS TO PIN TO OGDEN

Senator Simon Bamberger Closes Up Deal for His Road to Junction City.

DISPOSES OF \$600,000 BONDS

To the Harris Trust & Savings Company of Chicago—Consulting Engineer Now in the City.

Senator Simon Bamberger returned early last evening, from his important trip to Chicago where he completed arrangements for financing the Salt Lake & Ogden electrification, and inaugurating the double track system. He disposed of \$600,000 worth of bonds to the Harris Trust & Savings company of Chicago. The \$600,000 represents the total cost of electrification and re-appurtenances being figured at \$120,000. Consulting Engineer H. A. Strauss accompanied Senator Bamberger west from Chicago, and will remain here long enough to thoroughly inspect the Salt Lake & Ogden properties, and aid in completion of the plans and specifications. An option has been taken on copper purchases, so that it may be increased, if found necessary. This line of supplies will be secured from Chicago.

While the double tracking of the line is not planned for as immediate, the overhead system for a double track will be erected, as it can be done more profitably now than to enlarge the single track, which is being erected. Within the city limits of Salt Lake and Ogden the poles will be of steel, like those of the Utah Light & Railway company, while outside, Idaho iron poles will be used, which are practically in hand. The trolley wire will be of the duted variety, that is, with a groove running on either side, in which the trolley wheel fits so securely that it cannot slip off. The overhead wires will be hung at 20 foot intervals, and will be supported by poles which show marked improvement on other devices.

DIFFICULTIES PATCHED UP. It is a matter of interest to the traveling and railroad public to learn that such differences as may have existed between the Short Line and the Salt Lake & Ogden railway have been amicably adjusted, and every facility will be accorded the local line for entrance to Ogden. The Union Pacific and Short Line officials have been under the impression that the Bamberger road was a sub rosa connection of the Jim Hill roads, and an opening for the Hill interests into Salt Lake County, generally, they were not so friendly, or disposed to do anything calculated to aid a supposed competitor. But when shown that all apprehension was groundless, that the Salt Lake & Ogden road was a purely local concern, there was no further occasion for hostility, and peace now reigns. The Short Line is ready to make switch connections with Salt Lake & Ogden road, both in this city and Ogden, and interchange business.

Preparations are now in order to erect a reinforced concrete bridge over the Union Pacific tracks at Thirty-first street, which will avoid permanently any grade crossing there. With the advent of spring, the sidings along the line are to be laid, and it will be an easy matter to connect up the ends and presto; there is a double track.

Mr. Bamberger made a careful and long examination of the interurban cars and trains running in and out of Chicago, studying their various features. He decided for the first order on 16 cars equipped with 60-horse power, so that each car will be of 400 horse power, with the connections so arranged that three of them can be connected up and run by one motor-man on the first car. The cars will be 15 feet long, each, and will be comfortably furnished with 52 passenger seats. Each motor car will cost \$12,000 to \$15,000 each. Each motor car will have two trailers, for which can haul two or three trailers, for which can haul two or three trailers, for which can haul two or three trailers.

MOFFATT ROAD FINANCED. Information is received in Salt Lake to the effect that Dr. H. H. Moffatt, promoter and builder of the Denver Northwestern & Pacific railroad, otherwise known as the Moffatt road, has succeeded in completing financial arrangements in New York for the building of the road into Salt Lake. A year ago it was rumored that Jesse Knight of Provo would build the western end of the road, but the public came to just about the time the work was to be commenced, and nothing was done.

When the Colorado & Southern railroad was purchased a few weeks ago by the Burlington, the "News" forecasted the probable completion of the Moffatt road as a consequence of the acquisition, by which the Hill roads, upon the completion of the Western Pacific, would be given an outlet at the San Francisco port on the middle Pacific. Whether the Hill and Gould interests have anything to do with Mr. Moffatt's success in New York is not stated, but as those interests are closely allied in many instances it is not unreasonable to suppose that the completion of the Moffatt line into Salt Lake is only another link binding the east and west together for Hill and Gould, as opposed to and in competition with E. H. Harriman and his associates.

The Moffatt road was commenced in 1902 and is now built 200 miles west from Denver, its terminus being Steamboat Springs in Colorado. The road when completed will be considerably shorter between Salt Lake and Denver than any other road, and will pass through the largest asphalt, slate and granite deposits in the world.

When Jesse Knight was considering the completion of the western division of the road, he projected bringing the line through the mountains of eastern Utah into Provo. That plan it is believed will be followed, and that the road will be built on that town over the rails of another line, probably those of the Rio Grande. It seems certain that the completion of the road is a "go," and people of the city and state will congratulate themselves on the advent of another railroad into the commonwealth.

INCREASE IN IDLE CARS. The fortnightly bulletin of the American Railway association gives the total number of surplus cars in this country as Canada on Dec. 23 as 237,977 cars. There is an increase of 44,634 cars as compared with the surplus on Dec. 8, of which only about 2,500 is due to the return of cars from the repair shops, the remainder having been drawn from active service. The car surplus reached its recent minimum on Nov. 28, when the gross surplus was but 110,960, against which there were shortages aggregating 18,000, leaving only 102,960 more cars in the country than there was use for. At the present time the shortages foot up to little over 1,000, so that there are now, in round numbers, 22,888 more cars than the country has any use for.

The latest increases in idle cars were very generally distributed over the country, but were again prominent in the manufacturing and mining regions of the eastern states, the supply of unemployed coal and gondola cars being very heavy.

HARRIMAN ACTIVE IN MEXICO. A Mexico City dispatch to The Globe Democracy says:

The railroad buying and expansion plans in Mexico of E. H. Harriman and associates are unfolding rapidly. It has been currently reported for some time that the Canadian financier would donate a large sum to the Harriman interests are building down the Pacific slope of this country, would stop at Tepic, the southern coast terminus named in the existing general concession for the new line. Provision has just been made, however, for extending the line down the coast from Tepic to the isthmus of Tehuantepec. This proposed extension will donate a large sum to the state governments of Oaxaca, Guerrero, Michoacan, Jalisco and Colima have each granted Mr. Harriman a concession for building the extension through their respective states. These concessions were obtained by A. H. McKay, president of the Mercantile bank of this city, who is Mr. Harriman's principal representative in Mexico. It is specifically stated in the documents that the new road is to be an extension of the Cananea, Yaqui River & Pacific. The states have also made large land donations on behalf of the proposed extension.

It is expected that in addition to the respective state concessions already granted, the federal government will donate a large tract of land in the building of the proposed extension. The preliminary survey of the route has been made and it shows that some engineering and construction difficulties will be encountered at places where the rugged mountains jut so close up to the ocean as to make it necessary to tunnel or blast a way through or around them. There are, however, many wide stretches of rich lands which, with a railway outlet for their products, are destined to become a source of profit. The mountains are also filled with precious minerals which are as yet little exploited and developed on account of the lack of transportation facilities. This extension will touch at the important deep-water ports of Manzanillo, San Blas, Salina Cruz, connecting with the national Tehuantepec railroad at the latter place. The state concessions call for the building of several branch lines to interior points, and the total proposed mileage between Tepic and the isthmus of Tehuantepec aggregates more than 1,000.

BABCOCK ARRIVES TONIGHT. Traffic Manager for Commercial Club Bureau to Begin Work.

Stephen H. Babcock of Denver will arrive in Salt Lake tonight to take charge of the Commercial club traffic bureau, recently inaugurated in this city. Mr. Babcock's connection with the bureau begins officially today, and it is expected that he will immediately open up offices at the Commercial club and initiate steps to handle traffic claims, etc., and all matters incident to the business of traffic manager for the bureau.

Mr. Babcock is well known in this city and throughout the west. He was formerly assistant general traffic manager for the Rio Grande Western railroad in this city, and was later general traffic manager for the consolidated Rio Grande Western and Denver & Rio Grande railroads at Denver. For a number of years past Mr. Babcock has been connected with the construction department of the Denver, North Pacific & Pacific railroad, otherwise known as the Moffatt road, and has had many years of all round experience and knows both sides of the traffic business from start to finish.

Mr. Babcock will open offices at rooms 221-2 Commercial club building, and will doubtless be in a position to transact business for the bureau by the beginning of next week.

ESPEE BRIDGES DOWN. Storm in California Puts System Out of Commission on Its Own Lines.

Reports of alarming damage wrought by storms in California to the line of the Southern Pacific railway reached this city today. All the company's wires are down in California, and western Nevada, and business on this section of the road is at a standstill. Bridges have been washed out and all trains are being routed today over the lines of the Salt Lake route. This includes the Overland limited, which went west today over the Clark road. According to reports, two spans of the railway bridge over the American river at Sacramento have been carried away, besides other damage done in that vicinity. And near Sparks, Nev., the railroad tracks have been washed out. Through traffic is suspended indefinitely.

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Dr. T. G. Odeh of Murray, Has removed his office to the Mercantile Bldg, Murray, hours from 10 to 12 a. m.

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L. M. Walden, for several months city passenger agent for the Salt Lake route, left for San Bernardino yesterday to take up his new position of city passenger agent there.

Col. I. A. Beuton, general agent of the passenger department of the Denver & Rio Grande in this city, announces that the party of South Omaha who are visiting the National Wood growers convention at Ponchaqui, will return to South Omaha via Salt Lake via the Denver & Rio Grande. The party will arrive in Salt Lake at 7 o'clock Saturday, Jan. 16, remaining in this city until 7:25 o'clock in the evening. The special car in which the stockmen are traveling will be brought to Salt Lake from Ogden over the Rio Grande, and will be attached to No. 4 going east over the D. & R. G. as far as Denver, when it will be delivered to the Union Pacific, again for transportation to Denver.

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