WORK FOR THE POOR.

Witnesses to Be Summoned Before a House Committee.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CLOSEN.

The Coal Royalty Bill in the House.—The Fox Bill Killed in the Council. —A Possible Scandal.

In the House this afternoon Parsons, chairman of the committee on appropriations, introduced H. R. 158 (substitute for a bill previously introduced), which is designed to create a fund for the employment of the poor. There was an attempt to pass the bill under a suspension of the rules, but Allen objected and reasons why it should be printed and considered by the committee on ways and means, and the House so ordered. The bill is as follows:

A Bill for an Act to Provide Labor for the Destitute Poor of Utah Territory.

It is enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah:

Section 1. That the several counties of this Territory may and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue warrants to the amount of ten-tenth of one per cent on the value of the taxable property situated in the county and assessed for taxation for the year 1890, as shown by the assessment roll of said county, payable within the respective counties, according to the laws of the Territory of Utah, and to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date of issue, and to be receivable for taxes for the year 1891, and such warrants shall not be used for any other purpose than to pay for labor performed upon the public roads within the county issuing the same.

Sec. 2. Said warrants shall be redeemable not over two years from the date of issue, as the opinion of the county board may direct.

Sec. 3. Any county issuing warrants as in section second, may levy a special tax, not to exceed three mills on the dollar of the taxable property within the county, for the purpose of paying said warrants, and the proceeds of said tax shall be and are hereby declared to be applied first to the redemption of said warrants, and the interest thereon, if there be any, and the surplus, if there be any, to the general fund of the county.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Whereupon it was a resolution is presented in the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the ways and means committee be hereby authorized to summon and administer oaths to witnesses to investigate the interest question, and the committee on ways and means be and the same is hereby directed to serve subpoenas issued by the Speaker upon request of the committee.

In support of the resolution, Parsons said parties who had been called upon for information, had ignored the request of the committee. The resolution was unanimously adopted, and it is probable that the sergeant-at-arms will soon be waiting upon individuals who know something about public moneys and warrants.

Fifty petitions were actively employed in the House today. While H. R. 117, providing for the payment of jurors and witnesses, and appointing court commissioners, was under consideration, it became necessary to choose a court commissioner for each judicial district and insert the name in the bill. The Republican nominees, which had been agreed on to caucus, were presented by Varian, and were as follows:

First district, Benjamin Rothwell; second district, James Lowe; third district, L. M. Earl; fourth district, T. J. Stevens.

The Democratic nominees, presented by Powers, were as follows: First district, John Turner; second district, W. H. Seibel; third district, G. S. Ayers; fourth district, H. H. Rolfe.

By a silent party vote, the Republican nominees were chosen.

The next measure called up was H. R. 58, providing a bounty of 50 cents per ton on sugar; text, and the Democrats indulged in jocularity and burlesque while it was under consideration. Hubbard offered an amendment, paying a bounty on wheat, potatoes, and the like, in some efficient manner providing that the compensation of the enemies, on whose report the best bounty is to be paid, be paid out of the treasury of the company owning the lands. Nebeker offered several additional sections, appropriating $100,000 to encourage the raising of bananas, and enfranchising a number of Jews. Powers made a semi-comic speech in support of Nebeker's proposition, and Hubbard replied in Bill Nye style. The proceedings were more diverting than dignified. Pending action on the bill, the House took a recess till 2 p. m., when the revenue bill was to come up as special order.

Bill bills of interest transpired in the Council after the close of the Daily report Wednesday. A bill for an attorney's fee, drawn by the Bar association and introduced by H. J. Booth, was rejected on the technical ground that its subject matter could not be again enacted during the present Legislature, action having been taken thereon by the rejection of a bill covering the same ground. The bill to give the people the unqualified power of juries to try was also killed. C. H. 76, providing for the reimbursement of the officers of election and imposing its duties on the treasurer in Salt Lake City, was passed, when the Council adjourned till 2 p. m. today.

HOUSE.

The House met at 10 a. m. today.

The following were presented:

By Powers: Petition from the officers of the House Home for women of the city, praying the work of boat building, and asking financial aid. It was referred to three members of this city, and many prominent citizens.

By Anderson: Petition from citizens of Salt Lake county in the same street.

By Hutchison: Petition of citizens of Box Elder county, asking that a county be formed for the protection of certain wild animals to increase.

By Wilson: Petition of Dr. J. B. H. Wise, praying alleged unjust treatment received by him from the board of examiners. Committee on public health.

Blanford, from the ways and means committee, reported adversely on H. R. 138, to prevent officers of public institutions from clearing salaries in excess of appropriations. Tabled, on motion of the city committee.

Blanford, from the Capitol grounds committee, reported favorably H. R. 148, authorizing Salt Lake City to give the Territory a title to the Capitol grounds.

Blanford, from the ways and means committee, reported adversely on the petition for appropriations to construct a road from Ogden to Alpine, and to repair the road through Provo canyon, on the ground that the Territory could not afford the funds.

Powers, from the committee on appropriations, reported H. R. 159, a substitute for H. R. 154, providing for the employment of the poor, and appropriating $5,000 for that purpose.

The following bills were introduced:

By Blanford: H. R. 154, providing for the inspection and care of the mineral exhibit.

By Wigant: H. R. 155, amending the general law relating to poll, militia exemptions.

By Hollister: H. R. 156, adjusting the boundary line between Tooele and Juab counties.

Blanford, from the ways and means committee, to which the following were referred, reported favorably:

C. H. 75, amending the general law relating to insanity and providing for the appointment of women on the boards of certain asylum institutions.

C. H. 76, relating to Territorial warrants and interest, and to establish responsibility.

The following bills were introduced:

By J. L. Foster: C. H. 101, to abolish the office of county attorney.

By Williams: C. H. 102, to amend a section of the civil code.

H. R. 157, providing for the payment of jurors, witnesses, etc., was read for second reading.

H. R. 152, special order of the day, was then taken up, and on motion of Powers was temporarily laid aside.

The bill appropriating money for witnesses at the Utah Workers' Fair exhibit was made special order for Monday, the 23d inst.

C. H. 92, was next the second time and referred to the committee on municipal corporations.

C. H. 101, to classify counties, was referred to the committee on counties.

C. H. 102, amending the civil code, was referred to the committee on judiciary.

C. H. 22, was then taken up from the table. This is in relation to mortgages and trust deeds, and relates to letter to be inscribed in the notes way as the mortgage now are, and allowing six months in which to redeem the property. It was under consideration at the hour of going to press.

HOUSE.

The House resumed this afternoon. Varian called attention to an article in this morning's *Herald*, by which he is represented as opposing the revenue bill. He denied that such was the case, and spoke in commendation of the article. Walker, who has been absent when the bill was under consideration, moved to strike out the provision of the revenue bill, also spoke in reference to the portion respecting it. Hatch held up a copy of the paper containing the article and loudly waved it, to strike out the name of Varian in it and insert that of Hatch.

It appears that, by a typographical error, remarks in opposition to the bill, which were made by Allen on Wednesday, were attributed to Varian, hence the broom.

After those questions of personal privilege had been aired, consideration of the revenue bill was resumed.

Varian moved to strike out the proviso which authorizing the county board of equalization to remit the taxes of indigent citizens, inform that he must provide to an amount not exceeding $10, unless limited to the power and been exercised for many years, and was a proper function. The amendment was accepted so as to limit the amount of remission to $25, and so amended the clause was retained.

At 5 o'clock, Powers (H. R. 111, concerning appeals from justices' courts to the district courts, came up as special order. This bill was under consideration at the hour of going to press.

HOUSE.

Prof. Stallings, of the Agricultural College, and Mr. Parsons, of Logan, were present at the Council today.

The bill of the house was as will their attention that the Speaker had to indicate the gentlemen to see if the temperature could not be raised.

The official clerk of the House, G. S. Hinton, has successfully attained the eminence of being arrested on the charge of bigamy across in the county prisoners.

Last evening an address in Woodruff hall, by the members of a debating society, to the question of whether "Why is it that bald persons look always so much younger than others?" It was proposed that several gentlemen were to address the house were to the effect that the cause of the subject was regarded as a fine athletic exercise.

ARRIVALS.

The Colorado Tabernacle last evening was witnessed by about 1,000 people, who would have enjoyed the entertainment very much had the audience been of the evening of the occasion allowed. As it was the temperature was almost unendurably. The enjoyment was materially marred. The seekers were long and full of interest. Eleven were called entered on Stephen's note, five on the cross and thirteen for the worthless and bad ones. Fifteen for the worthless and bad ones. For the long number for the first portion of the period six months, and those of the second six months. Mr. Mathews Hooper was the following officers were elected: Secretary, Ellsworth was elected H. A. Peterson; First ward voted D. Young; Eleventh ward voted H. A. Peterson; Fifth ward voted J. H. Grant; Twelfth ward voted J. H. Grant; Fifteenth ward voted A. Peterson; Second ward voted A. Peterson; Sixth ward voted A. Peterson; Fifth