

Idaho News From Her Main Cities and Towns.

VERITABLE HALL OF FREAK BILLS

Young Lawmakers of Idaho Intent on Riding to Fame on Their Measures.

SOME OF THOSE INTRODUCED.

Joint Committee Appointed by Gov. Gooding and W. H. Bancroft Reports on Coal Shortage Conditions.

Special Correspondence.
BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 24.—The legislative bill is grinding slowly onward. It has turned out but few finished products thus far, yet it is gorged with raw material and is continually being stuffed with more.

It seems to be the disposition of certain youthful spirits in this law-making body to ride to fame upon the introduction of bills, cooler heads, however, have observed that this hot ambition ever have already manifested their intent to cripple the bobby of these fast riders. Thus, many of these sky-rocket measures have flashed into life and died again.

To date 57 bills have been introduced in the house and 36 in the senate, of which four house bills and one senate bill have been passed.

RAILROAD BILL.

The measures thus far introduced which seem to awaken the greatest interest, are the railroad commission bill, the test oath bill, the local option bill, the anti-pass bill and the anti-trust bill. If the first named measure becomes law it will be under great difficulty. Its guardian Representative McCracken from Blingham county, is fighting desperately for its onward progress, but it still rests with the committee.

A number of citizens, together with Gov. Gooding and Mr. Plafeld of the Oregon Short Line railroad company, are holding a hearing Monday before the committee on this proposed legislation, but still it stands as before. The house has still it stands as before. The house has still it stands as before. The house has still it stands as before.

ANTI-PASS MEASURE.

The anti-pass bill is in nearly the same shape with the commission bill, yet it has been recommended by the committee for passage.

The local option bill is apparently doomed already. The committee to which this measure was referred granted a hearing to scores of women and a number of miners who spoke for and against the passage of the bill. It is now in a pigeonhole.

The anti-trust bill is recommended for passage. In regard to the test oath measure introduced by a member of the minority (Democrat), it can be quite safely said it will not pass, but one very similar bill. The Republicans are now preparing a bill for the re-enactment of the "test oath," which will include an anti-trust clause, a feature which is a thorn in the side of the Democrats. The introduction of this counter measure is looked for tomorrow.

The new bills which have been introduced since our last report are:

SENATE BILLS.

S. B. No. 17, by McCutcheon, provides that county assessors be required to submit agricultural statistics, which are to be handed into the office of the commissioner of immigration, labor and statistics. It was referred to the judiciary committee.

S. B. No. 18, by Richards, provides for a state board of health regulations for the same and provisions for county boards. It was referred to the judiciary committee.

S. B. No. 19, by McCutcheon, is an act to repeal all existing acts in relation to the filing of articles of incorporation of foreign corporations doing business in Idaho. The present act, S. B. No. 105, by the Eighteenth session, but has since been held unconstitutional by the supreme court. It was referred to the judiciary committee.

S. B. No. 20, by Van Sickle, providing for increase in cost of liquor licenses.

S. B. No. 21, by McCutcheon, providing that the husband be given complete power in the disposal of community property excepting homestead.

S. B. No. 22, by Butler, provides for further regulation of the administration of estate requiring more complete investigation and record of claims against property of deceased persons.

S. B. No. 23, by Richards, proposes that railroads shall provide cattle sheds where their trucks cross public roads.

S. B. No. 24, by Richards, provides for the publication of legal notices in newspapers of the state.

S. B. No. 25, by Van Horns, for wagon bridge across Snake river just above Salmon Falls.

S. B. No. 26, by Day, Cassia county highway measure, same as H. B. No. 48, by West.

S. B. No. 27, by Truitt, provides for the appropriation of all moneys accruing to the agricultural college fund during 1907 and 1908 to the college department of the University of Idaho.



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President of the Idaho State Senate.

H. B. No. 48 by West, for division of Cassia county.

H. B. No. 49, by Fallon, requiring the filing of contracts for conditional sale.

H. B. No. 50, by Fallon, to correct errors in assessments for sewerage, special tax, bond and other purposes.

H. B. No. 51, by West, to amend school laws.

H. B. No. 52, by Cassell, an employers' liability measure.

H. B. No. 53, by Ballantyne, liquor license provision.

H. B. No. 54, by White, prohibits circus, ball games, horse races, etc., on Memorial day.

H. B. No. 55, by White, provides for establishment of three summer normal schools.

H. B. No. 56, by Miles, provides for punishment for trespass.

H. B. No. 57, by Smith, provides that railroads shall furnish free passes to county and state officers.

H. B. No. 58, introduced last Monday by Senator McClellan of Kootenai county, is a subject of much discussion among local women. The bill repeals the last clause of section 2506 of the revised statutes, which reads:

"The husband has the management and control of the community property, with the like absolute power of disposition (other than testamentary) as he has of his separate estate; but such power of disposition does not extend to the homestead, or that part of the community property occupied or used by the husband and wife as a residence."

The bill eliminates the clause, "or that part of the community property occupied or used by the husband and wife as a residence."

It is the opinion of a number of Boise attorneys that the bill, if passed in its present form, will permit a reckless husband to dispose of not only other community property, which he now has the right to do, but also the home, unless it is declared a homestead.

COAL SHORTAGE.
The joint committee appointed by Gov. Gooding and General Manager Bancroft of the O. S. L. Ry. Co., to investigate the coal shortage in Idaho, closed its investigation last Monday and submitted a written report of its findings and decision yesterday.

The committee was divided, however, on a number of points and consequently two reports were submitted, one of which was signed by M. Alexander, S. L. Tipson and Joseph Perrault, and the other by A. B. Moss, S. W. Dee and Edward Stein. The first three named were appointed by the committee, and the last three by Mr. Bancroft. Both factions

admit that there has been and still is a great shortage of coal, but the latter faction disallows the statement that the shortage in fuel has caused suffering.

TWIN FALLS OUT OF COAL: NOW BURNS SAGE BRUSH.
The coal situation in the city of Twin Falls the past few days has been the worst yet experienced, says the Twin Falls Times. Many families have been entirely out of coal and business houses also. Sagebrush has come into popularity again, and many loads have been carted through Main street every day. The First National Bank building had enough coal to keep its boilers going until noon Tuesday and was obliged to shut down owing to lack of fuel. The restaurants in town have closed unusually early evenings so as to save as much fuel as possible for the next day's cooking.

At the schoolhouse when the building was opened Monday morning there was about 500 pounds of coal on hand. Before the day was out sage brush was brought in and was used to keep the fires going. On Tuesday in one of the rooms the thermometer registered only 42 degrees, yet the pupils were kept in school. In another room the heat registered at 39 degrees in the morning, and at night reached as high as 60. It was the same in many of the other rooms. Yet both teachers and pupils were kept in school and allowed to take the chance of catching cold. Many of the children were sent down to the boiler room in order to get warm.

Every school building is supposed to keep an even temperature of at least 65 to 70 degrees, and if this is not done someone ought to know enough to keep the school dismissed. It is certainly an injustice to both teachers and pupils to compel them to stay in the school buildings when the thermometer registers only 42 degrees, as it did on Tuesday. A car of coal was said to be on the way, and would arrive in the appearance. The local coal dealers have been besieged with orders for over a week. People are in desperate straits and there is no knowing what may happen if the situation is not immediately relieved.

WARD PRIMARY.
The ward primary association was reorganized last Sunday, the retiring officers, Mesdames Mjrtensen, Nielsen, Harrison and Eels, with their collaborators, were honorably released with a vote of thanks.

The new officers elect are: Mrs. Eleanor B. Harrison, president; Mrs. Bertha G. Eels and Mrs. Eva G. Zundel, counselors; Mrs. Lizz C. McClellan, secretary; Miss Jane Howells, assistant secretary; Miss Zula Grow, librarian; Mrs. Alice L. Hogstrom, organist; Miss Verne Hendricks, assistant organist; Mrs. Clara H. Hansen, Mrs. Minnie N. Watson, Mrs. Caroline D. Higgins, Mrs. Florence L. Jacobsen, Mrs. Grace Gibbs, Miss Sarah Giger and Miss Patricia Lish.

COUNTY BOARD NOTES.
At the first session of the new board of Bannock county commissioners among the more important matters transacted was the raising of the county treasurer's bond from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and the county assessor's bond from \$25,000 to \$40,000. The bonds of the several officers were duly accepted and filed. Jude Williams was re-appointed janitor at an increased salary of \$85 per month.

The board of road overseers were appointed as follows: J. H. Hardwick, district No. 1; George J. Allen, district No. 2; Born, to Birch and Mrs. Villard G. Homer on the 8th inst., a daughter. All concerned doing well.

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