

ROUTINE GRIND IN SENATE TODAY.

Democratic Minority Carry Some Points in the Land Board Bill.

FAIR INQUIRY ON TUESDAY.

In the Meantime the Sergeant-at-Arms is Serving Subpoenas on The Witnesses Wanted.

Purely routine was the session of the senate today. Senator Bamberger was absent when the committee favorably reported on the amendments for which he had fought in the Walton registration bill. Most of the time was consumed in handling committee reports and other routine matter.

The committee appointed by the house to investigate the affairs of the Utah world's fair commission expects to be able to sit as a court of inquiry on Tuesday next. Meanwhile the sergeant-at-arms is serving subpoenas, guarding this work with as much secrecy as possible, in order that none of the witnesses may escape service. This officer went today for the purpose of summoning as witnesses Hon. L. W. Shurtliff and Don McGuire, the former a member of the commission and the latter prominently connected with the mineral exhibit at the exposition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The judiciary committee was in a lively mood today. It killed only one bill, and sent four up for favorable action. Hollingsworth's bill No. 74, providing for a form of summons in civil cases, was the one selected for slaughter. Chosen to live were Gardner's S. B. 67, adding more punishment for the crime of fornication, Walton's S. B. 24, relating to the registration of voters, Woodruff's H. B. 42, relating to the powers of city councils, and Hawley's H. B. 78, relating to the docketing of judgments. Hawley's was the only bill to go through without any maining, and one that had an important amendment tacked to it was Walton's registry measure.

VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATS.

The change is the striking out of a portion of section 800, reading "on other days than those named on and between Aug. 1 and the last day of registration, the registry agents shall not be compelled to attend at the office, but when there shall register such electors as may apply."

Bamberger attacked this clause when the bill first came up 10 days ago. Leading in the fight he finally secured a commitment to the committee, and has apparently gained their support to his view that the measure opened up big chances for parties to work by the registry agent. Another change recommended is the substitution of the third Tuesday and second Monday in August, instead of the last Saturday as the first registration day.

NEW BILLS.

S. B. 81, by Walton, relates to the fees of constables, naming the sums they may charge for performing their official duties.

TWO SENATE CLAIMS.

Claims No. 7 and No. 8 were introduced today by Senator Walton. The first is by William N. Nalder of Layton, asking a refund of \$340, paid on school land, and the second by James Howard, James W. West and George R. Jones, asking for the return of \$36,122, \$149,19 and \$16,83 respectively, paid in for the same purpose.

HOUSE NOTIFIES SENATE.

Formally Tells Latter What It Has Known for Days.

At this afternoon's session of the house, Wilson offered a motion to the effect that the senate be officially informed of the intention of the house to visit Provo tomorrow, the train leaving at 3:30 a. m. The motion carried, and the communication was ordered sent to the senate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The committee on railroads and common carriers recommended the non-passage of H. B. 84, by Stookey, providing for the establishment of a uniform maximum rate of passenger fares on any and all street cars lines within the State of Utah. This is the bill by which it was sought to reduce the street car fare to Murray to 10 cents, which reduction the street car company contended it was not able to make at this time. However, it might be met in the course of a few months.

The committee on the state school for the deaf, dumb and blind recommended the non-passage of H. B. 39, by Dean, relating to this institution; also the following appropriations asked for by the board of trustees: General maintenance, \$52,000; general repairs and improvements, \$25,000; books and apparatus, \$500; stores for chapel, \$500; steam mangle, \$400; electric clock and system, \$250; new bakery, \$2,000; superintendent's cottage, \$4,000, making a total of \$82,200.

FOR THIRD READING.

The following bills were scheduled for third reading this afternoon: House bills No. 4, 127, 45, 110, 135, 138, 95, 58, 110, 108, 103, 95, 132 and 136; H. C. R. No. 3, and senate bills Nos. 17, 29, 46, 40 and 26.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

H. B. 153, by Joseph, amends section 659 of the Revised Statutes, providing for supervising court clerks within six months from date of hearing.

H. B. 162, by Hopes, amends section 6 of chapter 105, laws of 1901, relating to the taxation of transient stock.

H. B. 163, by Marks, amends section 974 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fees of sheriffs.

H. B. 164, by Marks, amends section 575 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of sheriffs.

H. B. 165, by Marks, amends section 4355 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of the district court and county clerks.

H. B. 167, by Marks, amends section 3261 of the Revised Statutes, relating to partition and distribution of the property of estates.

Edwards introduced H. B. 168, amending section 2053 of the Revised Statutes relating to the compensation of county commissioners. The bill provides that in counties of the first class, an allowance of \$25 per month shall be paid each member of the board of county commissioners in lieu of the actual traveling expenses already enumerated in the laws.

The committee on salaries and fees recommended the passage with amendment of H. B. 67, by Roberts, relating to the salaries of the district court and county clerks.

The committee on federal relations and memorials to Congress, recommended the passage of H. J. No. 4, by Austin, memorializing Congress for a grant of land for a state park.

PROVO'S RECEPTION.

City Council and Commercial Club Will Entertain Legislators.

(Special to the "News.")

Provo, Feb. 16.—President Snow of the city council has called a meeting of prominent citizens at the Commercial club to arrange for the entertaining of the members of the house of representatives when they arrive on a special train over the Salt Lake Route at 10 a. m., and will be met by the brass band and carriages, and will be conveyed to the mental hospital. After the institution has been inspected, lunch will be served, when the visitors will be taken to the Brigham Young university and will remain there until the time for departure to the capital.

SIDELIGHTS ON SENATORS.

Senator Hollingsworth is the junior member, but the major part of the bills are his.

President Edgell of the "Third House" as the legislative officers style themselves, threatens a rival social affair Monday evening that will totally eclipse the Sutherland affair for visiting legislators only.

Senator Lawrence enjoys the distinction of never having been voted down. As chairman of the judiciary committee he has handled most of the bills submitted, and his reports have been accepted in each instance.

It is considered quite a feather in the cap of Representative McGree, the youngest member of the Legislature, that his first bill went through the senate without extensive verbal pruning. Not even Benison rose to point out an error in it.

The investigators of the Agricultural college and the University met last night. The claims of both schools were presented, and now the committee men are studying them prior to holding an adjourned meeting to discuss the question.

"Utah is the only state in the Union that has done something to show respect to her dead who fell wearing the national uniform in the recent wars," said A. J. Meyer of the Philippine Veterans' association. It was in the senate chamber in the interests of the bill providing a statue for the cemetery plot set apart for deceased soldiers and sailors.

LEGISLATIVE GOSHP.

House members will visit the state mental hospital at Provo tomorrow.

The committee on penitentiaries and prisons was scheduled for a meeting this afternoon after adjournment.

Sergeant-at-Arms Snow of the house went to Ogden today to serve subpoenas on witnesses wanted in the worlds fair investigation.

The special committee appointed by the house to visit the state normal school at Cedar City will take their departure over the San Pedro tonight.

Representative Marks is hard at work on a bill requiring banks in which state moneys are deposited, to pay a certain rate of interest on standing deposits.

Representative Hone, who was adjudged guilty of "unreproachable conduct" in voting for Mr. Panter, at the trial, squared matters last night by dispensing a box of the California naval oranges.

A plot to make Representative Joseph a thief and robber was hatched last night when some one stole Speaker Hull's gavel and placed it in Mr. Joseph's desk, where it was found later by the sergeant-at-arms.

SMELTER FUMES CASE.

County Attorney's Opinion on Case Still a Profound Mystery.

Apparently much mystery surrounds the opinion of the county attorney in regard to the smelter smoke nuisance. The opinion was given to the county board of health, which is composed of the county commissioners and county health officers at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Since that hour the committee has been in executive session behind locked doors, and has refused to give any information concerning the opinion. A "News" representative endeavored to secure some information as to the gist of the opinion, but County Commissioner Mackey informed him that he could not come in, and that there is nothing to be given out at that time. Assistant County Attorney Lyon, who wrote the opinion, was equally as unapproachable on that subject, and would not give out anything concerning the matter. It has been reported upon reliable information that the opinion holds that the smelters are not a nuisance as contemplated in the meaning of the statutes, and hence the county board of health cannot take action to abate them.

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SHOSHONE RESERVATION.

House Passes the Mondell Bill to Open It.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Feb. 15.—The house today passed Mondell's bill to open the Shoshone reservation, Wyoming. The senate has not acted but the Wyoming senators believe they can get it through before the end of the session.

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Out of consideration for Col. Merritt's feelings, the petition was amended, and Judge Hall was appointed as guardian under bond in the sum of \$5,000. This bond will be increased should the securities and property in his possession advance in value.

Merrills Are Divorced.

Judge Armstrong yesterday afternoon granted Catherine May Merrill a divorce from Mark E. Merrill upon the ground of failure to support. They were married at Tooele on Sept. 27, 1896, and have one child, the custody of which was awarded to plaintiff.

COURT NOTES.

The following cases were argued and submitted before the supreme court today: Grace L. Leach et al vs the Oregon Short Line Railroad company, appellant, Moroni Jensen, appellant, vs N. B. Montgomery, the case of C. Beln Snyder vs W. C. Pike, appellant, was continued for the term.

Fannie Dashiell filed suit for divorce in the district court today against W. C. Dashiell on the ground of failure to support. The complaint alleges that plaintiff and defendant were married in this city on Dec. 15, 1902. Plaintiff also asks that her maiden name, Fannie Stager, be restored to her.

Two suits have been filed in the district court by the Salt Lake Investment company against the city of Salt Lake and county and a number of other defendants to quiet title to lot 22, block 1, Wilkes' subdivision; lots 27, 28, 29 and 30, block 2, Ames' addition; lot 36, Block 2, subdivision, and a number of other parcels of suburban real estate.

Jean M. Turner was granted a divorce today by Judge Ritchie from George W. S. Turner on the grounds of desertion and non-support. The parties were married in this city on Jan. 13, 1903, and have one child, the custody of which was awarded to plaintiff. Defendant deserted plaintiff on April 1, 1904, and has ever since failed to provide for her and her infant child. Plaintiff's maiden name, Jean M. Dickman, is restored to her by the decree.

Suit to foreclose a mortgage was filed in the district court today by the Sidney Stevens Implement company against Albert Bailey and Anna M. Bailey. The land sought to be foreclosed is part of the northeast quarter of section 3, township 1 south, range 1 west, Salt Lake county, and contains 42.1 acres of land. The judgment asked is \$178.45 principal of the note and also for interest up to date, together with \$50 as attorney's fees.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Today's local bank clearings amounted to \$152,354.42, against \$148,490.66 for the same day last year.

The Consolidated Wagon & Machine company of Salt Lake has a branch office at Spanish Fork, with J. M. Creer as local manager.

Tuttle Bros. report the sale of 24x165 feet lot 16 of the old city hall for Mrs. Little of Spanish Fork to Dr. H. N. Mayo, at \$150 per front foot; also, the seven room house at 617 Sixth street, with 1x10 rods from Mrs. Judge Denney to J. H. Roberts for \$2,500; also, a 30 acre farm in Granite precinct from Henry Wallace to H. H. Hingham for \$1,800; and the premises at 427 I street from the late Mary Buchanan to Alma Meyer, for \$1,100.

A certified copy of the articles of incorporation of the Bear River Land and Stock company of Brandon, Wyo., was filed in the office of Recy. of State today. The company is capitalized at \$150,000, divided into shares of the par value of \$1 each. Charles Stine is president; Orin Arnold, secretary; E. W. Byrne of Woodruff, Rich county, resident agent for this state.

AFTERNOON ON 'CHANGE.

This afternoon's sales on the mining exchange at 4 o'clock were: New York Bonanza at 54 cents and 500 shares of Yankee Con. at 33 1/2 cents.

HOW TO OPEN A BOOK.

Many people, when they first come into possession of a new book, are apt to open the book by not knowing how to open the book properly. Here are a few hints as to the best way of opening a volume. It should be held with the back on a table, the front cover should be let down, the leaves held in one hand. Next, the other hand cover should be let down. Following this operation, a few leaves should be opened at the back, and the book should be opened at the front. The volume is ready to be read. The best results will be obtained if this is done two or three times. If the book is violently or carelessly opened in any other place, the back will very likely be broken.—Pearson's Weekly.

JUDGE HALL WAS NAMED GUARDIAN FOR COL. MERRITT.

Judge Armstrong Appoints Him to Look After Interests of Colonel Merritt.

IS MENTALLY INCOMPETENT.

Medical Men Testify That Aged Jurist Is Not in a Condition to Govern His Affairs.

The hearing on the petition of W. T. Gunter, asking that he be appointed the guardian of the estate and person of Col. Samuel A. Merritt, who, it is alleged, is incompetent, was conducted before Judge Armstrong this afternoon. The petitioner was permitted to amend his petition by inserting the name of Judge William C. Hall in the place of that of W. T. Gunter.

The petitioner had Dr. H. M. Mayo and Dr. J. M. Harrison placed on the witness stand. Both testified as to the mental incompetency of Col. Merritt. Attorney James H. Moyle was also examined as to the mental condition of Col. Merritt, and said that he thought a guardian should be appointed, as the colonel's mind is in such a condition that he is not capable of transacting his business affairs. Mr. Moyle also said that he was anxious that a guardian should be appointed in order to relieve him of the responsibility of the care of Colonel Merritt's property. He stated that the value of securities and property in his possession belonging to Col. Merritt was about \$30,000.

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LATE LOCALS.

Five cases of measles and one of chickenpox were reported to the city board of health today.

The Boys' club of the Phillips Congregational church, tomorrow evening, for a social and entertainment, in the church.

The genial countenance of General Agent Phil Hitchcock of the Washash is visible in this city today from Denver. He is here on "R. R. B."

Miss Glover of Philadelphia is the new night superintendent of St. Mark's hospital, and assumes her new duties tomorrow, taking the place vacated by Miss Lundberg.

Clerk Judd of the board of education will pay the teachers, principals and supervisors tomorrow their salaries for the fifth month of school ending Feb. 10. The total amount of the payroll is \$25,513.25.

The Western Union offices in this city are to be entirely overhauled, and brightened up as soon as the new electrical plant now in transit shall have arrived. This plant will take the place of the battery cell system that has obtained for so many years.

The New York Life Insurance company has paid the \$10,000 policy on Royal H. Milliron, to the mother of the deceased. The young man had made application for this city. The company had not reached the company's offices at the time of his death.

The new shelter of the Salvation Army on Commercial avenue will be ready for opening in a few days, as soon as the plumbers are through. The shelter is located in the old quarters on Franklin avenue will be given up, as the surroundings of the latter locality are not of the most salubrious character.

Mrs. John G. Felt met with a painful and serious accident yesterday afternoon, by slipping and falling on the ice, with the result that she sustained a double fracture of the arm. Dr. Pinkerton was called and gave the necessary surgical attention, and today the patient is resting as comfortably as possible under the circumstances.

George T. Odell was in Provo yesterday for conference with members of the city council relative to securing a city franchise for the Independent Telephone company in this city. The company has the right to operate in the city, and poles are already being set along the route from Bingham Junction and Provo. Mr. Odell believes the Provo council will grant the request.

A social and old-time party will be given tomorrow night in Sugar House ward amusement hall, the special object of which is to raise funds to enable the afflicted or those needing medical treatment, and cannot pay for the same, to be treated free of cost. The latter-day Saints' hospital. The matter is under the management of the Relief society of the Sugar House ward, of which Mrs. S. L. Richards is the president.

This morning's minimum thermometer was only a degree above zero, an improvement of four degrees over the record of yesterday. This noon it is very moderate, but with the sky heavily overcast and promising snow. The high barometer is passing over and another low area is approaching from the California coast. The southwest country has been having more rain. Los Angeles recorded 32 of an inch, Bunk 16 of an inch, Tuma 24, and Modena a slight precipitation.

ANTIQUITY CANNED ALIVE.

"At the very doorway of Europe, three days' journey from London, within gunshot of Gibraltar, lies Morocco, the last of the independent kingdoms of Barbary, so unaffected by the passing of centuries that someone has epigrammatically described it as 'antiquity canned alive,'" said last night, James P. Welliver, a missionary who recently returned from that land paid his hands a few days in the city.

"The railroad and even the wagon road are unknown. A few miles from the coast foreigners are still looked upon as curiosities and their presence regarded with suspicion. The Arabs, who overran the land when the Saracens threatened to subjugate all Europe and who drove the aboriginal Berbers into the mountains, have for centuries scratched up the ground with their primitive plows, lived in their black tents, plowed their wheat and barley and reaped it with their hand sickles. The song of the reapers may be heard as of old, and women who have labored all day gathering up the heads of wheat by ones and twos may be seen, as of old, in the evening, pounding out the grain with a mallet or club, winnowing it in the evening breeze, to be ground in the little hand mill found in every hut and tent.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

UTAH, IDAHO, THE WORLD.

Three new maps, just issued, Utah and Idaho on one side, the World on the reverse side, including population of countries and towns according to the 1900 census, with a brief sketch of every country in the world. Size 2x 3 1/4 inches, value 75 cents; sent to any address for 25c. Address Deseret News Book Store, Salt Lake City, Utah.

FATAL GASOLINE EXPLOSIONS.

Occurred at Queenstown on New British Submarine Boat "A-5"

CREW HURLED ALL DIRECTIONS.

Two Killed—Second Explosion Injured Those Who Went to The Rescue.

Queenstown, Feb. 16.—An explosion of gasoline occurred on board the new submarine boat "A-5" today, while the officers and crew, 11 men, were engaged in charging the tanks. The crew was hurled in all directions. Nine of them were picked up by boats and taken to the hospital. Two were dead on the "A-5."

A number of the crew of the British submarine boat volunteered to go to the rescue of the submarine boat's crew, but hardly had they got on board the submarine when a second explosion took place and all the rescuers were mangled or killed.

Lieutenant Skinner, an officer of the submarine boat, subsequently died of his injuries.

The total number of men injured was 15. Some of them were severely mutilated.

Lieutenant Good, commanding the "A-5" sustained terrible injuries about his head and face. It is believed that he will recover, but his right leg is destroyed. The interior of the submarine boat is on fire which delays a complete examination of the boat.

WANT THE PRESIDENT.

The president has accepted many invitations for next spring and has many more under advisement. Hundreds of citizens and statesmen are here to ask the president to visit them during the spring and summer. In fact, it has come to be a joke here that there may be a few places in the country which have never visited the president. It is believed that the president will visit them, but there is no reason why they should not do so. Aside from his official work, the president will have a great deal to do next summer as a visiting statesman.

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CHALLENGES SENATE'S ADMIRATION.

Senator Morgan of Alabama does not speak as often as he has done formerly, but when he does talk he has something to say. The senator does not speak extemporaneously now, but reads from manuscript. He is a very old man and another senator stated that he has seen him in making his speeches in the Record and speak highly of them. This refusal to listen to the venerable Alabama senator was illustrated the other day when he was speaking and another senator started to leave in a way not to attract attention. "Don't stay on my account," said Morgan. "I am not talking to the senate, but to the country."

ELKIN'S PHILOSOPHY.

Senator Elkins is one of the principal men in a company which is trying to secure a franchise for another street railway in Washington and which is met with very vigorous opposition. It became evident recently that the bill could not pass the senate this session, as a score of prominent senators were opposed to it. "Oh, no," said Elkins, "they will beat the bill this session, but they will have to beat us ten or a dozen times. We only have to beat them once."

A LONG LOOK AHEAD.

Senator McLaughlin of Mississippi and Senator Foster of Louisiana are elected for a longer period than any other senators. They have no other session to serve until March 4, 1913. The legislatures of their states meet but once in four years, and therefore they fill all senatorial vacancies that occur before any other session can be held. The legislatures of these two states will not meet until after the present terms of Senators McLaughlin and Foster expire on March 4, 1907.

AN AGED MESSENGER.

R. S. Russell of Jamestown, N. D., brought the electoral vote of his state to Washington. There would be nothing strange in this save for the fact that Russell is eighty-three years old and the oldest of all the messengers delegated to bring election returns to the Capitol. He is hale and hearty and enjoyed the trip and his reception here.

THE HEALTH OF THE ARMY.

In his annual report Surgeon-General H. M. O'Reilly shows that the general health of the army has improved during the past year, the hospital admission rate per thousand having been 145.13 against 171.65 in the preceding year. From an average strength of 19,029 American troops in the Philippines, 9,974 were invalided home, a rate of 52.44 per thousand. There were 271 deaths among the troops in the Philippines, so that the losses by death and invaliding amounted to 7,678 per thousand. The Philippine soldiers demonstrated their freedom from drunkenness, as only three hospital cases from that cause were recorded. The surgeon-general believes that it is possible to cure leprosy. Decidedly favorable results have followed the treatment of the leper soldier now held in isolation at one of the southern army posts. Free use is made of the leper ray in treating this case, and the man is now permitted to wander about the island at his will, provided he does not enter any building save his own, nor approach any one nearer than eight feet.

FIGHTING PLANS FOR BATTLESHIPS.

Leader of the House Says He Will Oppose Vigorously the President's Program.

ROOSEVELT IN GREAT DEMAND.

Hundreds of Cities and Towns Have Invited Him to Visit Them During The Summer.

Special Correspondence. Washington, Feb. 11.—"An extra session of Congress or an authorization of battleships in the naval bill," is said to have been the way the president discussed the subject with members of Congress. "I hear that is what he said," remarked one of the Republican leaders of the house, "and so far as I am concerned we will have an extra session, for I will do all I can to prevent any more battleships or cruisers being authorized at this time. We have nine of these vessels on the ways now and have more ships completed than we can man. It will take three years to complete the vessels already authorized, and if we refuse to make provision for ships this session it will not interfere with the building of the navy but cut down on the shipyards. There is enough work on hand without any more ships." That kind of talk, coming from a congressional leader and talked discouragingly, has determination to cut off naval expenditures. It may not be successful, but it shows that there is trouble brewing for the big battleship advocates.

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