

## LEGISLATURE GETS POLICE MEASURE

Important Bill to Take Department Out of Politics Is Introduced.

### CRITCHLOW FATHERS PLAN.

It is Declared That New Civic Organization of Salt Lake Will Not Interfere With Scheme.

The new bill combining the fire and police departments under one board of commissioners has been introduced into the house. John Q. Critchlow is the father of the measure, which will take its place among the most important efforts at legislation by the present session.

The bill provides that within thirty days after the passage of the act the governor of the state shall appoint three persons to act as a board of fire and police commissioners to regulate the affairs of these departments in cities of the first class. The terms of office shall be four years, dating from March 15, 1907. The governor is to exercise full authority over these boards, and at least one member of each board shall be of different political faith than the governor. One member is to act as president and receive \$2,000 per year, while the other members are to receive \$1,500, in monthly payments. Bonds of \$5,000 are to be required from each board member. Two members of a board shall constitute a quorum. Each fire department shall have a chief, two or more assistant chiefs and such firemen as are necessary. One chief, a captain and such other officers and members as are needed are to compose a police department. Five days after the commissioners have organized they shall proceed to appoint officials for police and fire departments. All appointments must receive two votes of the board. Suspensions of officers or department members are in the absolute control of a majority vote of the commission. Reductions of forces, subpoenas for witnesses, inquests, expenditures in short, anything and everything pertaining to fire or police departments of cities of the first class are left to the commissioners.

### ANOTHER NEW BILL.

The consolidation plan proposed in Speaker Joseph H. B. 125, introduced in the house this afternoon, includes some new ideas. The bill proposes an amendment to section 4 of article 10 of the state constitution, and to section 3 of article 10, which shall be voted upon by the people of the state. These amendments provide for consolidating the Agricultural college and State University at Salt Lake, but the idea of the consolidation of the two institutions is not to be preserved, as all the rights, immunities, franchises and endowments enjoyed by either institution shall be preserved and perpetuated to them and each of them. The amendments further propose that the reform school be moved from Ogden to Logan.

H. B. 125 also by Joseph, provides for the creation of a commission to investigate the work being done by the Agricultural college, the University, the State Normal school and in the State High school system.

The commission is to be composed of nine members, distributed among the counties as follows: Two from Cache, one from Wasatch, one from Salt Lake, one from Sanpete, one from Utah, one from Beaver and the governor ex-officio member. The qualifications for membership require that no person may be appointed who is in any way connected with public educational institutions, and that to be eligible for membership a person must be on the tax rolls for assessable property.

The commission is to report on the duplication of studies in the two institutions, and to submit a report on its findings to the secretary of state before July 1, 1908, together with their recommendations on the advisability of consolidating them at Salt Lake City.

The committee on education and art decided to report favorably on H. B. 34, by Cottam, providing for state aid to public schools under certain circumstances.

H. B. 127, by Robinson, making it unlawful to wrongfully use the name, title, insignia, ritual or other ceremony of orders or societies, and providing penalties therefor.

### IN THE SENATE.

Prospect of Passing B. X. Smith Civic Measures Today.

Another routine day in the senate, with somewhat quickened interest by the prospect of passing the B. X. Smith civic measures. The judiciary committee and the county and municipal corporations committee are in 14 separate reports favorably considering 14 bills by B. X. Smith, which combine to effect the change in Salt Lake's city government. Under the rules the reports lay on the table until tomorrow unless the rules were suspended this afternoon to allow their speedy passage.

For third reading and final passage today two bills introduced by the Callister's S. B. 22, on reservoir funds, and Seely's S. B. 52 on service of stations.

Under committee reports Park's S. B. 75, on stamping silverware and on S. B. 78 on stamping gold jewelry came up with recommendations that they pass. Hulanek's federal relations committee.

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