

## LEGISLATIVE WORK.

**Resolution for Celebrating Utah's Semi-Centennial in 1897.**

## ABOUT INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

**The Fee on Capital Stock of Incorporated Polygamous Children—The Barber's Bill.**

## THE SENATE.

The first business after reading the Journal was listening to a communication from the House, announcing the passage of H. B. 25, in relation to attorney's fees in suits for wage, H. B. 26, the anti-crush bill, and H. B. 27, duties of attorney general.

A petition was received from citizens of Utah county, and was referred to the claims committee.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The committee on engrossing committee reported recently passed the bills relating to libel and to county prosecuting attorneys.

The committee on counties and municipalities reported a substitute for H. B. 21, providing that certain sections of the municipal incorporation act be made applicable to cities of the third class, thus greatly enlarging the powers of city councils in some cities, and recommended its passage.

## INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

Brown introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution 4, calling attention to the fact that the Indian reservation of lands in the Unorganized and Unsettled Indian reservations had not been complied with, and providing that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. By request, the resolution was referred to the Indians committee.

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## POLYGAMOUS CHILDREN.

H. B. 29, relating to the heritable rights of polygamous children, which affects only a few cases where the courts of the Territory erroneously held that certain polygamous children did not inherit the property of their parents.

The United States government had re-enacted the Territorial courts, and certain rights of appeal had been taken away from the local courts' action. This bill revived those rights, and made it difficult for the local courts to apply the law of the Eastern states, as interpreted by the U. S. Supreme court, in certain cases.

The bill was passed without opposition.

## STATE AUDITOR.

H. B. 30, duties of state auditor, read the second time and died.

On the same bill another bill was read third time, amended, and passed, by a vote of 14 to 9.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL.

H. B. 31, duties of attorney general, as amended by the Senate, was taken up, and considered, with the exception of that requiring the attorney general attend all the courts of the United States and one other minor amendment, were passed over. It was read as a physical amendment to the bill to get it into the U. S. courts. Besides, the attorney general could not take on his salary to go to the U. S. Supreme court or courts in various states. It was enough to go to Federal courts in the State and the District of Columbia.

Senators Bush and Warner were appointed a conference committee.

## ADVISER CIGARETTES.

Allison got in a body blow at the opposition by introducing a bill for an act to prohibit the manufacture, sale, and manufacture and sale of sigarettes. It was referred to the committee on judiciary.

## REGIME LAW.

Communications were received from the opposition regarding executive approval of the following:

## H. B. 4, census for the seal and dome.

H. B. 40, criminal prosecutions by information.

## H. B. 41, certificates of bonds.

## SECURITY READINESS.

The second reading of Senate bill 10 was in progress when the news went to press.

## THE HOUSE.

One petition and one claim presented a few unimportant committee reports, and the final reading of bills was taken up.

H. B. 125, by Morrison, to amend chapter 10 of the Compiled Laws of Utah, 1885, so as to allow every inhabitant who keeps open an honest barbershop for the purpose of transacting business therein, shall, upon application, be entitled to a fee of not less than fifty dollars, one-half to be paid the informer, or informant for not less than thirty days.

## PIONEER SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

House joint resolution 8, by Mr. Condon:

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"Whereas, the area thus included by these settlements released not only Utah from desert wastes and savage Indians but, too, has claimed entire territories and sovereign states that have since developed into mineral regions as well as human intelligence not exceeded within a like area on the globe, and

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It is further received, That in order to inaugurate the intermountain exposition and celebration, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars may be appropriated for the use of defining and advertising of programs, stationery and preliminary work, and Intermountain Semi-Centennial and Exposition Commission."

SENATOR KIRKIN.

House bill 45, substitute, was taken up as the special order. The bill was an act protecting the lives of real miners, the appointment of a coal inspector, defining his duties and those of mineowners, lessees and operators. The bill was amended in several minor points.

Mr. Thompson, of Millard, didn't want there to be pay for the salary of the inspector and moved to strike subsection 20, providing for some payment, but no amount was offered to offer.

Mr. Reddick thought the salary sum of \$1,000 per annum should stand in the way of safety in the eyes of thousands of miners.

Mr. Morrison called attention to the fact that the miners had a day in October and hoped Mr. Thompson's motion would prevail.

Mr. Beard declared the bill as it stands presented facts to uphold the position he had in favor of the interpretation of the amount of his salary to him. He said that the miners' interests would be given at least this much protection.

Mr. Thompson's motion did not receive a second, but Mr. Lewis moved to strike section 20, defining special committee on salaries. (Joint) The motion carried and the bill was as amended.

House bill 45 was the next special order and upon motion of Mr. Nye, was recommended to the Senate committee for further consideration.

The bill is to protect employees from unjust discrimination.

House bill 23, substitute, was under consideration when the news went to press.

THE WEEK'S WORK.

Following is the business upon which final action was taken in the House during the week:

Monday (4th day).—Senate bill 4, defining and amending the bill to regulate the sale of firearms, passed. House bill 30, relating to protection by information in criminal cases, passed. Senate bill 35, certifying county, city and school district warrants, passed. Senate bill 40, defining inferior servants, passed. Senate bill 5, failed.

Tuesday (5th day).—Senate bill 24, regulating sum of forty products, passed.

Wednesday (6th day).—Senate bills 4, 5, 29 and 30 signed by the Speaker, and Senate bill 31, voted by information in criminal cases, passed. Senate bill 35, certifying county, city and school district warrants, passed. Senate bill 40, defining inferior servants, passed. Senate bill 5, failed.

Thursday (7th day).—Mousen resolution regarding Senators Cannon and Brown rejected. Senate bill 46, duties of attorney general, passed. Senate 20, regulating attorney's fees in cases of criminal trials for wages, passed.

Friday (8th day).—Senate bill 74, regulating sum of forty products, passed.

Saturday (9th day).—Senate bill 125, by Morrison, to amend chapter 10 of the Compiled Laws of Utah, 1885, so as to allow every inhabitant who keeps open an honest barbershop for the purpose of transacting business therein, shall, upon application, be entitled to a fee of not less than fifty dollars, one-half to be paid the informer, or informant for not less than thirty days.

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