FOREIGN CAPITAL.

The House Decides Not to Tax It in This Territory.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED.

A Touch of Populism.—Working on Warner's Revenue Bill.—Educating the Blind.

As will be seen from the report of the debate which occurred in the House yesterday, and the final vote on Johnson's bill, given below, one question that has been a subject of agitation and uneasiness in financial circles ever since the session of the present Legislature opened, the taxation of foreign capital, has been definitely settled. The House, by a strong majority, rejected Johnson's bill, which was a proposition to tax all mortgages and trust deeds of record in this Territory, as a part of the realty. This vote will, according to the representations of owners lenders, impart a better tone to the loan business.

Allen spoke more warmly in support of this bill than he has upon any other subject during the session, and some of the sentiments he expressed verged closely upon the views of Populism.

The House committee on ways and means this morning completed the revising and amending of Warner's revenue bill. The committee has adopted so many amendments to it that a substitute, embodying the changes, will be offered with a recommendation that it be printed, with a view to saving expense in assessing the original bill provided, that many should be assessed blankly; but the committee think a yearly assessment ought to be made. This is about the most important change in the bill. Judge Bishop, probate judge of Weber county, who was the collaborator of Warner in the preparation of the bill, was present when the committee was to assess this forenoon.

It is understood that the committee on education, to whom was referred the bill to provide for the education of blind children, will recommend the bill favorably, with an amendment to the effect that the expense shall be borne by the respective counties from which the children come. The bill appropriates $300 per annum out of the territorial treasury for the purpose. The blind school is to be established in connection with the institute for deaf mutes.

In the Council this afternoon the following bill, recognizing, for certain purposes, private and denominational schools, was introduced:

A bill authorizing the awarding of diplomas and other certificates of learning and other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah:

Section 1. That any private or denominational school is hereby authorized to issue to its students diplomas and grade certificates, where said schools teach, and said students are taught successfully, parallel courses with those taught in the University of Utah, and under such further rules and regulations as said private or denominational schools shall prescribe.

Sec. 2. That said diplomas and grade certificates, when issued under the seal of said private or denominational schools, if it have one, and signed by its president, the faculty of the faculty thereof, the department teacher and the superintendent of schools of the county where such private or denominational school is located, shall be prima facie evidence of the qualifications recited in said diplomas or grade certificates, of the holder thereof.

Sec. 3. That persons to whom are issued such diplomas or certificates from a qualified normal department of any such private or denominational school may be employed as teachers in the district school system of this Territory without further examination, provided said diplomas or certificates shall show specifically that said holder thereof has successfully passed in all the branches required by law for qualifying teachers of the grade named in said diploma or certificate.

Sec. 4. No holder of any third grade certificate issued by any such private or denominational school shall be eligible to employment as teacher in any of the district schools of this Territory for more than one year.

COUNCIL.

After the close of the NEWS report yesterday, H. B. 73, relating to the appointment of a women on certain territorial boards, was favorably reported with amendments.

The committee on elections reported favorably on H. B. 81, restoring control of elections to the county courts. The minority recommended C. R. 58, from which words were filed for third reading.

The following bills were introduced:

By Adams: C. B. 72, relating to the disposal of estrays and the impounding thereof.

By E. Booth: C. B. 80, relating to the negligence of railway companies.

Several bills were filed for second reading, when the following were considered on third reading and passed:

C. B. 56, relating to warrants; C. B. 59, relating volunteer firemen from poll tax; H. B. 61, allowing city councils to elect a mayor pro tem; H. B. 41, relating to stenographers' fees.

H. B. 11, the attorneys' fees bill, came up on third reading. The judiciary committee had reported adversely upon it. H. B. Booth and Taylor spoke in favor of the bill and Williams and Hart against it. It was killed.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

Bears, from the claims committee, reported favorably on several small claims.

Allen insisted on hearing the claims bill, which was done.

Bears also reported adversely on a number of claims. Among the latter was one for jury service performed in 1891.

Allen thought the latter should be allowed, and moved to recommit. He makes a bill exempt from the committee in this case, as there were many other similar claims.

The question occasioned prolonged discussion.

Telles explained that men who had performed jury service in his district then had to take certificates for pay because there was no money to pay them, and gross injustice would result from staying such claims.

The motion to recommit prevailed.

Telles offered a resolution to pay for the bonnet furnished the Speaker's desk out of the contingent fund.

The Speaker expressed embarrassment in regard to the matter, explained that the bill has been paid, and asked that the resolution be withdrawn, which was done, the author explaining that he was allured to act at request in the chair.

H. B. 14, Johnson's bill to tax mortgages and trust deeds, came up on special order at 3 o'clock. The author explained that the bill did not provide for double taxation, as the mortgages were deemed a part of the realty. He further explained the provisions of the bill, but said he would not discuss it at length the policy of passing such legislation. The House, by passing a similar bill yesterday, had defined its position on the question of policy. All property in the commonwealth should be taxed to support the government. He denied that the bill, if passed, would either prevent foreign capital from coming here or scare out what was already here. He also denied that the enactment of the law of 1892, excluding mortgages from taxation, has been followed by an influx of foreign capital as great as that which came here in the two years previous while mortgages were taxable. Neither had the case of interest been increased.

The speaker made a lengthy argument in favor of the bill. When Shearer moved the previous question, which was put and lost, the House being evidently desirous of having the measure fully considered.

Hatch thought it singular that the judiciary committee should have to twice report two bills on the subject of taxing mortgages or debts secured by them. He criticised the provisions of the bill as to several objections.

Allen said the principles underlying the question to which this bill relates has been fully discussed in the House. He showed from the assessments of several years past that the subject of general property assessed in this Territory had dropped about ten million dollars since the law of 1870 was passed, exempting from taxation notes secured by real estate. He quoted the clause defining the situation of realty from the assessed value of the property. The injustice of exempting capital from taxation goes to the interests of the people, and is a great cause of the prevailing distress. There was nothing in the cry that capital would be frightened by the passage of this bill. He deprecated the idea that the present was not an opportune time for such legislation, and spoke with much warmth in advocacy of the bill.

Tatton criticised the action of the judiciary committee, in its manipulation of the two bills relating to taxing mortgage debts. All the property owned by a poor man was easily found by the assessor, and taxed; while the property of the rich man could be invested in such a form as to be screened from taxation. All property should be taxed alike. The bill that was passed yesterday was half a half. If we must have a law of this, we shall have a whole half.

Warner said that one or five years ago Utah became a heavy borrower of eastern money, and it was not now an opportune time to tax the mortgages given on the loans. He had unfortunately been in favor of eastern capital that year.

Clark made a speech in favor of the bill, and urged that the present law was unjust. He favored Johnson's bill rather than Varian's, and believed the present was an opportune time to pass it.

Moore argued briefly against the bill, and Tyler followed in opposition to it. The latter thought it would be unwise, under the critical financial conditions now prevailing, to pass a sweeping law taxing all mortgages on record in this Territory. He voted for Varian's bill, but thought that measure was a happy medium and went far enough. He should vote against this bill.

Johnson closed the debate in a brief argument, when the friends of the bill, led by Allen, foreseeing its defeat if present to a final vote, precipitated a parliamentary fight for the purpose of postponing the final vote. They were unsuccessful, however, as the opponents of the bill insisted on disposing of it immediately. It was lost by a vote of 17 to 9.

TODAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL.

The President presented a petition of 240 persons in Box Elder county, requesting the repeal of the medical law.

Eldredge presented the petition of Lewis B. Kelsey for $2,250.

The committee on ways and means reported C. B. 47, relating to exemption from taxation of certain property, and recommended a substitute which was filed for third reading.

Committee on education reported on C. B. 63, relating to school boards in cities of the first and second class. It was filed for third reading; also the bill relating to the school for the blind.

The following bills were introduced:

By Bosley: C. B. 81, relating to highways.

By J. E. Booth: C. B. 82, relating to the awarding of diplomas in private or denominational schools, and for other purposes.

J. E. Booth drew attention to a discrepancy between the report of the auditor and that of the board of equalization.

HOUSE.

Opening exercises.

A number of claims were presented, and Hates offered a petition of citizens of Uintah county, asking to have annexed to that county part of Wasatch.

Bears, from the committee on claims, reported on a number of minor claims, and recommended that the claim of W. L. Cook, clerk of the second judicial district, of $1,046.15, be cut down to $341.50.

Varian, from the committee on manufactures and commerce, reported favorably H. B. 93, giving a bounty on silk.

This bill was also made special order for next Friday at 3 p.m. He also offered a substitute for H. B. 47, the secret ballot bounty bill, which was made special order for next Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Cannon, from the committee on appropriations, reported adversely on H. B. 30.

Wilson, from the committee on public health, reported adversely on the bill providing for veterinary inspection of livestock, etc.

HOUSE.

The interest of the Council at present seems to be centered on the bill to tax mortgages. The impression is that it will be killed.

All the Council were in their seats at the opening lady except Harris, who was called home by telegraph yesterday.

The routine work of the Council is allowed to drag no more than is necessary.

The attention of the Council was called to the printer's "phat?" in the Council minutes.

Colonel Lott Improving.

The latest advices from the sick room of Colonel Lott, this afternoon, were to the effect that he had, in the opinion of his physicians, passed the danger line and the unless some unforeseen and unexpected symptoms develope he will recover. It is more than likely that the colonel will, as soon as he gets strong enough, take a trip to California for the benefit of his health, which is in a precarious state.

Sparring Exhibition.

Arrangements are being made for a sparring exhibition to take place at Capitols Charles Lounge's gymnasium on Market street tomorrow night. The contest will be for scientific points only and the principals in the ring will be a couple of local sparring celebrities. There will also be other exercises of an athletic character on the program.

Legislative Reception and Ball.

It is now definitely determined that the members of the Legislature are to be given a reception and ball in their official dignity. The affair is in the hands of a committee of arrangements, consisting of Hon. W. H. Mellersick, ex-Speaker Thomas, Mr. Fred J. Kiesel, Mr. Henry M. Wade, Mr. E. E. Ritchie, Mr. Jos. Lippman, Mr. Jas. H. Spencer and Mr. Jas. E. Jennings, and these gentlemen are working under appointment from the Republican city committee, which committee assumes the reception and ball will be tendered. The eve of Washington's birthday, February 22, is the date selected, and the affair, which promises to eclipse all other social events of the season, will be given in the Salt Lake Theater, dressed and suitable arrangements for the occasion. The committee meet this afternoon at four o'clock to arrange the committees on reception, invitation and floor, and attend to other details.

Emery Stake Conference.

The regular quarterly conference of the Emery Stake convened at Orangeville Sunday and Monday, the 4th and 5th inst.

Present on the stand Elder C. G. Larsen and most of the leading Priesthood of the Stake.

Conference was opened at 10 a.m. with singing by the Orangeville choir and prayer by Elder John Zundel.

President Larsen then announced that the conference would apparently be home-made, as he did not expect any of the general authorities to visit us this time. He said that since the last conference the prosperity of the Stake had visited all the wards in the Stake except one, and found the saints in a satisfactory condition. There seemed to be a natural reformation going on among the people; still a few were in transgression. The Bishops were sustained by the officers and members of their wards as they led out in good works and asked the Saints to follow. The speaker gave excellent advice on economy and encouraged the Saints to honestly pay their tithes and offerings, admonishing the Bishops to take proper care of the same.

All the wards, except one, were reported for their respective Bishops, who said that in most cases meetings were better attended than formerly and a spirit of brotherly love prevailed.

Besides those already mentioned, in attendance were A. L. Wall, Don C. Woodward, J. W. Sloan, Uriah Curtis, superintendent of the Stake Sabbath schools; Wm. Taylor, president of the High Priests' quorum; Erastus Curtis, Alex. Jameson and Samuel Jerks. The leading topics spoken upon were tithes and offerings, Sabbath school and education.

The statistical report was read, showing that out of 3,000 total at census, 1,049 were children. "Utah's best crop" is surely flourishing here.

General and Stake authorities were unanimously sustained.

A good spirit prevailed and the meetings were crowded both days, notwithstanding the very cold weather. Excellent singing was furnished by the Orangeville choir, for which just praise was given. The health of the people is very good.

Yours respectfully,

A. E. WALL, Stake Clerk.

AMUSEMENTS.

JOS. T. KELLY is his play McFee of Dublin is the attraction at the theatre tonight. In his company is Adelaide Randall, who was once here at the head of an opera company.

Knocked Out at the Congress.

There was a lively scrap at the Congress saloon on second South street this morning between a man named Raleigh and an old chap known as "Colonel," a G. A. R. man. The latter was called about in a rude and pretty severe manner, being much the oldest, weakest and most helpless of the two.

An Anniversary Party.

There will be a party this evening in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms, for the benefit of Mr. C. J. Gylleswan, who now celebrates the tenth anniversary of his jubilectio. He says that during this time here have been held 3,000 meetings at the place.

FUNERAL OF A DRUID.

SUBLIME DEATH RITES ON A LOFTY HILLTOP IN WALES.

Far away over the lofty and the skies of the Druids were under the mistaken at yuletide — the time of Yoeling. There was one of the most ancient and sensational of religions, and its cult is greatly shrouded in mystery. Yet it is not altogether dead. Among the hills of Wales many strange rites of the past remain. There may be no "fragments of forgotten peoples," but there are lingers and

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COMMERCIAL

TODAY'S EXCHANGE RATES.

Today's opening bank exchanges remained at $15,000. Same day last year, $133,431.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS.

New York—Silver, 69½c bid, $1.29. London—Silver, 30½.

BIDS AND SELLERS.

Wells, Fargo & Co. received today: Pine, Sellers, $9,000.

C. R. Jones & Co. received today: Pine, $1,500; Sellers, $4,000. Total, $5,500.

McCormick & Co. received today: Silver and lead ores, $1,000.

REAL ESTATE.

Transfers made at the office of the County Recorder of Salt Lake County, Utah, for the period of one day.

Names, Description, Consideration.

William E. Dunford to James Dunford, undivided ½ of lot 3, block 3, Dunford's addition to Salt Lake City, $ 500 00

James E. Dunford et al. to Mary Ann Dunford, undivided ½ of lot 3, block 3, Dunford's addition to Salt Lake City, 400 00

John T. Wright to Rose E. Lowe, part of lot 1, block 10, Plat A, Salt Lake City survey, 1,000 00

Wm. Jennings et ux. to Ann Jennings, part of lots 1 and 2, block 10, Plat A, Salt Lake City survey, 2,000 00

Ann Jennings et vir. to Wm. Jennings, part of lots 1 and 2, block 10, Plat A, Salt Lake City survey, 2