

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

BOND ISSUE OF \$50,000,000 FOR GOOD ROADS PASSED LEGISLATURE UP TO SLEEPER.

INVESTIGATE ADRIAN SCHOOL

Michigan Has Again Ratified Federal Prohibition Amendment; No Change in Vote.

(By Staff Correspondent)

Lansing, Mich. The legislature has passed and sent to the governor the Connelly amendment to the constitution empowering the state to issue bonds up to \$50,000,000 limit for good road purposes.

The house is in an investigating mood these days. Not content with having under way a complete investigation of Jackson prison it has ordered another thorough inquiry into conditions at the Adrian school.

Two big state commissions have made their reports to the legislature and submitted bills based on the findings. One is from the budget commission and the other from the compensation law commission.

The latter recommends increasing weekly compensation from the \$10 and \$4 maximum and minimum to \$14 and \$7; increasing the percentage of compensation from 50 to 60 per cent of the weekly wage; extending medical attention to three months; reducing the waiting period for compensation to start, to the eighth day; increasing total disability maximum from \$4,000 to \$6,000, to be paid in 500 weeks, as now; and allowing the state accident board, in its discretion, to extend payment in partial disability cases beyond 300 weeks.

The budget commission recommends standardizing salaries and wages paid by the state. It shows that some of the most important of the state's responsibilities are in the hands of men who are only paid \$2,500 to \$2,800 a year, and that justices of the supreme court are paid still on a basis fixed in 1893, getting less than many circuit judges in the state are paid.

The state's expenses for food, clothing and coal at state institutions are due to fall at least ten per cent in 1919 and twenty per cent in 1920 on food and clothing, and from twenty to thirty-five per cent on coal, owing to the end of the war, it is stated, and these reductions were taken into account in estimating expense for the coming two years.

Highway development is especially urged by the commission which made liberal allowance for this in its estimates owing to the wide demand for good roads. A uniform accounting system is absolutely necessary to a successful budget system, the report declares.

Rep. Aldrich has introduced a joint resolution to amend the constitution so that counties may, by referendum vote, abolish boards of supervisors and substitute the commission form of government. Senator Scully wants the constitution amended so that the state may establish an income tax.

Rep. Wetters has put in the bill to make the state constabulary a permanent institution. Rep. Tengel wants a constitutional amendment to make voting compulsory.

Senator Tuttle wants the senate to adopt a bill for a preliminary convention to be held in June of each year, so that each political party may recommend candidates for state offices to the primary voters. Several others have been put in to repeal laws allowing women to vote on bond issues for school officials, and for presidential electors, these being deadwood now that women have gained full suffrage.

The house has passed and sent to the senate the bill to make November 11 a permanent legal holiday to be known as Liberty Day. It is expected that all the other states will make this a holiday, too, and then an effort will follow to have the date of Thanksgiving Day changed by the president's annual proclamation from the last Thursday of November to November 11 thus combining two holidays into one.

Chairman Welser, of the house military affairs committee, has introduced the bill designed to make the constabulary a permanent Department of State Police.

The bill provides for a commanding officer of the troops who will be an appointee of the governor. All other appointments are to be made by the recommendation of the commanding officer. They include one assistant to the commanding officer, who will be the adjutant and quartermaster; six captains; eight lieutenants; twenty sergeants, thirty corporals and fifty hundred and fifty troopers. The troopers may be dismissed from the service by the commanding officer when necessary, but the officers, after appointment on recommendation of the commanding officer, would be removable only by the governor and only for inefficiency or misconduct.

The sum of \$75,000 a year is asked for maintenance of the state police. Salaries provided by the bill are \$5,000 for the commanding officer; \$2,400 each for the captains; \$2,000 each for the lieutenants; \$1,200 each for the sergeants; \$90 per month each for the corporals; and \$75 per month each for the troopers, except that the first six months of service, when it would be \$65 a month.

An increase of \$100 a year each for officers and \$50 a year each for troopers is provided, for a maximum period of five years, increase to stop at the end of that period. All applicants must be citizens of good moral character and able to pass satisfactory physical and mental examinations. They would have 24 days furlough each year.

The force would be equipped with uniforms and stearns and horses. The railroads and steamboats would carry them on requisition orders, to be paid later by the state. The commanding officer would establish local headquarters at each of the 17 counties, to which the troopers and their officers would be best located for efficient work.

The troopers could make arrests without warrants whenever they have any law being violated, and would be subject to the state police, whenever possible. They are barred from accepting any fees of any nature for performance of their duties.

The legislature, after fusing around for a week over an error in its resolution of January 2 ratifying national prohibition, has had a rally at lever again to attend payment in partial disability cases in Washington as in favor of it. An effort by Rep. Lewis to have a resolution instructing the clerk of the house and the secretary of the senate to correct the language of the original resolution, fell down in the senate. The members felt misled over the first error and wanted to be sure that it was not being steered wrongly a second time.

An opinion there was sought from the attorney general's office and Deputy Attorney General Doherty informed the members that in his opinion the original ratification was a nullity, the exact amendment submitted by congress not having been passed. The only legal thing to do, he held, was to forget the first vote and do it all over. His advice was accepted. The vote was unchanged from that of January 2, except that about twenty members of the senate among them was Rep. Darrato, one of the three "no" voters of the legislature. The other two "noes," Rep. Fred J. White, of Detroit, and Rep. Arthur Hillier, of Gogebic, stuck to their old vote.

The net result of the bobble over the original resolution is that Michigan loses its rank as the sixteenth state to ratify and lands somewhere along about fortieth in the list of states.

An interesting project is found in a bill introduced by Rep. Frank A. Smith, of Wexford county, which aims to create a county board of educational assistance, to consist of the county school commissioner, secretary of the poor board and prosecuting attorney. To the board would be referred persons desirous of learning to read or get other training which would enable them to earn livelihoods, but who are without funds sufficient to see them through, could make application for assistance. The board would refer them to the extent of \$400 a year each, as well as in finding the proper place to learn. The bill provides that the state pay one-half the expense of the county board. Each institution would have a storekeeper to receive supplies provided that those stores will pay the state and county afterwards, giving their notes if so desired.

A state purchasing agent, with a two year term of office, is created by a bill introduced by Rep. Young. Such an agent would look after the purchase of all supplies, merchandise and fuel for all in all connection with new models that extend only an inch or so above the waistline. The bus is really corrected by the businers and the bladders and diaphragm are not subjected to the slightest pressure. Curves are long in figures corseted, in this way a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Both galore are being introduced in bills galore, the total for the "four weeks being around 150. Many of them are appropriation bills which the house ways and means committee, the senate finance committee are holding to compare with the bills submitted by the budget commission.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Mr. Davison's Announcement.

As Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council, said in announcing the organization's after-the-war policy: "Always, as heretofore, any plans adopted will assure complete co-operation with the respective governments and with any agencies with whom relations may be established."

"What the future is to be, no one can say. But that there will be an appealing cry of humanity from all over the world, no one can doubt. The needs of France, Belgium, Italy, Russia and the Balkans will not terminate with the formal declaration of peace. A hard winter is ahead. Exposure and the hardships of war and the dislocated industrial conditions of the world have produced hunger, want and disease."

"Politically the outlook for a new and better world is bright, but the economic conditions are ominous. There will be such distress in the world that it cannot be met by voluntary organizations. Governments themselves must bear the chief burden, and I am confident that co-operation between the governments may be relied upon in an endeavor to meet this wholesale work of relief which will be needed."

"In addition to this, there will, however, be the necessity and opportunity for supplementary work which Red Cross organizations throughout the world can do, should do, and must do. Certainly the women of America, working through the Red Cross chapters, and the women in other countries, able to do similar work will find their hearts dictating more than their hands can do."

The Red Cross work in north Russia has included the establishment of an American hospital of 100 beds and the daily feeding of 5,000 school children. Activities have been extended from Archangel to many small villages. An auxiliary ambulance service is operated for the medical officers of the army, and everything possible, is being done for the care of our soldiers in that frozen corner of the world.

Here at home the effect of peace has been noticeable in the diminution of personnel at national headquarters in Washington, as well as in the divisions and chapters. The Christmas roll call for membership has been brought forward for a large majority of the workers to keep busy until the end of the year, and the permanent future of the society is so well settled in the public mind that it is safe to predict a continuance of effective chapter organization throughout the country. At national headquarters many of the volunteers have remained on duty at great personal sacrifice. A change in the war council has seen the election of Jess H. Jones and George E. Scott to succeed John D. Ryan and Harvey D. Gibson, respectively.

A complete review of Red Cross work in any part, even in one month, would fill volumes. But a glimpse at the high lights, a skeleton outline, suffices to indicate how wide has been the organization's range in wartime and how great are its possibilities in peace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 2 THE GIVING OF THE MANNA.

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 16:1-36. GOLDEN TEXT—Give us this day our daily bread.—Matthew 6:11. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL.—Deut. 8:3; John 6:32. PRIMARY TOPIC—God's gift of food.—EX. 16:1-12. JUNIOR TOPIC—Daily food is the dearest memory of our fathers.—EX. 16:1-12. INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Our daily dependence upon God. SENIORS AND ADULT TOPIC—Fidelity and providence in our day.

1. Lusting for the Fish Pots of Egypt (16:1-38). 1. Murmuring against Moses and Aaron (vv. 1-3). As they journeyed from Elim into the great wilderness they became conscious of the scarcity of some of the things they had enjoyed even in Egyptian slavery. Only a few days ago they were singing God's praises for their wondrous deliverance at the Red Sea (Ch. 15). Now at the beginning of their privation they are murmuring. They utterly lack spiritual perception. They were a free people on the way to their own land. What did it matter, with such a prospect, though they were a bit hungry?

This complaining showed a base ingratitude and was most dishonoring to God. Their grumbling was a sign of heart corruption (Rom. 1:21). 2. God's answer to their murmuring (vv. 4-12). He promised to rain bread from heaven (vv. 4, 13). His purpose in this was to teach them that "man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord." (Deut. 8:3). The manna was given by God, but the people must gather it. He promised to give them a ration of his glory (vv. 6-10). This served as a warning and an encouragement. Despite their murmuring against him he invites them to come near unto him. Wonderful grace that sin-dimmed mortal man should be permitted to come near to God! (3) Flesh and bread promised (vv. 11, 12). God answered the cravings of the people by giving them quails and manna to eat. How gracious is our God! (1). Quails and Manna Given (16:13-15). At the appointed time God gave the Israelites the promised food. He first allowed them to feel their need, to show that his highest need is to believe God and rely upon him for all needs (Deut. 8:2; Matt. 4:3, 4). He then displayed his glory, showing that he was able and willing to supply their need if they would obey him.

1. In the evening the quails came up (v. 13). Since they desired flesh he gave them flesh to eat. This is an example of the patience and long-suffering of God. How he hates to the whims of his rebellious children! 2. In the morning God gave the manna (vv. 14, 15). The Israelites did not know what it was. They exclaimed: "What is it?" Moses told them it was the bread which the Lord had given them to eat. (11). The Responsibilities of the Israelites (16:16-31). 1. They must gather a certain ration daily (v. 16 of v. 3). This was to test their faith. They must look to him for their daily bread (Matt. 6:11). 2. Every man was to gather for himself (v. 16 of v. 20). The manna typified Christ (John 6:32, 33). As each man was to gather for himself so each one must appropriate Christ for himself. 3. The manna must be gathered fresh every morning (v. 21). This was to be done early, before the dew lay on the ground, and the manna should be taken each day, and the first thing in the day (John 6:37). 4. They must not gather in excess of one day's supply (vv. 18, 20). That which was in excess of the day's supply was corrupted. Christ should make use of the gifts bestowed by God; God's graces are only good when put to use. 5. The manna must be eaten to preserve life. They were in the wilderness, so could only live by eating of the food which God gave. In the wilderness of this world only those who feed upon Christ, the true manna, have eternal life (John 6:29, 33). 6. Due consideration should be given to the Sabbath day (vv. 22-31). A double portion was to be gathered the day before. 11. Manna Kept as a Memorial (16:32-36). This was to be kept as a reminder of God's favor in supplying them with bread in the wilderness for forty years.

Help From Nature Study. The study of nature is well pleasing to God, and is akin to prayer. Learning the laws of nature, we magnify the first inventor, the designer of the world; and we learn to love him, for great knowledge of God results from great knowledge.—Leonardo da Vinci.

Think First Upon God. In the morning, when you awake, accustom yourself to think first upon God in prayer, or to order to his service; and at night, also, let him close his eyes.—Jeremy Taylor.

A Criterion in Corset Styles



It seems a far cry from the great world war to styles in corsets. Yet even in corsets, which seem so inconsequential and so small an item in particular reason, the war has changed manufacturing methods, and it looks as if it would have a lasting effect on the garment. Prices of corsets went up with scarcity of materials and increase in cost of labor. There is no immediate prospect of their coming down again. For a year at least the French corset fabrics will not be imported in sufficient quantities to influence prices and the market is difficult to handle. Manufacturers who are willing to shave expenses in every other direction will hesitate to cut down wages. So we must recognize ourselves to the present and expect to pay for a year at least the French corset fabrics will not be imported in sufficient quantities to influence prices and the market is difficult to handle. Manufacturers who are willing to shave expenses in every other direction will hesitate to cut down wages. 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