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The Idaho legislature has settled down to active business. Already more has been transacted than has been accomplished by the average fusion legislature with three-fourths of the session gone. The comparison is especially strong when made with respect to any fusion sessions when a United States senator has been elected. The republican legislature of 1903 organized and elected a senator in the same time that the fusion legislature of the past has devoted to organization—the selection of clerks and janitors, etc. With the fusionists it has been a fight for a few measly salaries. With the republicans the idea has been to dispose of those matters with the least possible delay and expense that the legislature might settle down to the serious business of the session.

Already a large number of measures are ready for action. Some of them are meritorious, but for the most part they represent the views of individuals who have failed to take into consideration the interests of the state as a whole. These, of course, will be sent to the graveyard. The disposition of the legislature seems to be to enact a few good laws rather a lot of poor, or even mediocre measures. Furthermore, it has been found necessary to cobble up a lot of legislation of fusion legislatures. Some of these measures had they been properly drafted, would have been beneficial to the state, but they were thrown together so carelessly that they have stood dead letters on our statute books. An example of this is furnished in laws that provide no penalty for their violation. It seemed to have been the aim of the fusion legislatures to hoodwink the people into believing that they had given them some measures that would benefit them. They said this or that should not be done but failed to fix a penalty for the violation of the enactments, which, of course, rendered them nugatory. There are several examples of that kind. In other cases more serious objections are raised. Take the matter of the codes for example. The fusion legislatures and administrations foisted onto the people of this state a set of codes that cost this state the sum of \$32,000, and today they are not worth the paper they are printed on in so far as being the laws of the state. They were never adopted by the legislature and the present session hardly dare adopt them because they do not know what is in them that should not be there or what of the old laws that should be there were left out by the commissions that cobbled them.

Idaho's laws should be codified, there is no question about that, but they should be codified right. It is the opinion of some of the best posted men in the legislature, of both political parties, that the codes as printed should be repudiated and a new codification ordered. The instances cited give some idea of the bad work of the fusion legislatures that it is up to the present legislature to remedy. Another matter that will engross the attention of the legislature is the legislative reapportionment. Two years ago the legislature enacted a reapportionment law that damned that body in the mind of every fair minded man and woman in the state. It was based on nothing excepting a determination on the part of the fusion leaders to steal the 1903 legislature. Small counties that were counted safely democratic, were given representation entirely out of proportion to their population or voting strength and large republican counties were correspondingly curtailed. Of course this chicken came home to roost. Such poultry always does. The republican party, in the great victory won last November, profited by the attempted theft of democracy without having been any party to the shameful act.

But the republicans do not propose to enact any such a reapportionment act. The unanimous sentiment is in favor of a law giving each county the representation it is entitled to under a fixed basis. Some favor the vote on governor cast last November. Others favor the registration as a basis, and still others urge it would be fairer to strike an average between the registration, the vote and the population according to the last census. However, whatever is done, the people can rest assured that each county will be given fair representation.

J. H. McPherson, Dentist.

THE REFORM SCHOOL.

The Journal sincerely hopes that the reform school bill, so far as it locates that institution in Fremont county, will meet its Waterloo in the senate. Fremont county should not throw its opportunities away on a reform school. There are other things far better, and within the reach of our legislators.

We do not desire, in the least degree, to throw cold water on the ambitions of our aspiring legislators. The motive which has actuated our representatives in bringing home some trophy from the scene of legislative carnage is praiseworthy, but we object to Fremont county being put off with a reform school. What good will it be to us after the money appropriated for land and buildings has been expended? It brings nothing to us only incorrigibles and a bad name. When one mentions Blackfoot, all they think about is the insane asylum. It will be the same with Fremont. This is not the proper county for it anyhow. It should be located in Boise, where the penitentiary is, and the Journal hopes Ada county will get it, for it is hers, by right.

Why don't our delegation in Boise land the Agricultural College, an institution which is worth a hundred reform schools to us. It may take more hard work to get this institution, but it will be something we will always look to with pride and gratification, and will build up the country and give us prestige.

We suggest to our legislative delegation that they swap off the reform school, if it is not too late, and in return get Ada and her friends to help pull the Agricultural college to Fremont. Rexburg Journal.

Wallis has tipped his hand to the people of Fremont county in the above article. This is his "tip" in plain English: If Rexburg cannot land the Reform school, we (us Rexburg fellows) will see that Fremont county loses it entirely. There are a few "hide bound" would-be politicians around our sister town who engage in the above underhanded tactics to defeat any measure meant for the welfare and advancement of the county, if it is not for Rexburg's special benefit.

We do not consider it wrong for enthusiastic individuals to lend every possible means of assistance to the promotion and progress of the city or town in which they live, but those who take a position that if we can not have the direct benefit derived from industrial institutions located within our borders, we will see to it that our sister village is not the recipient of public benefits; are short sighted and selfishness their motive; this to the financial loss of the people of the county.

There is but little chance of the establishment of an agricultural college in Idaho for several years; let us take that which is within reach of us at present. We are quite sure that Editor Wallis does not diet himself from Monday until Saturday upon the anticipation of some one inviting him to a chicken dinner on Sunday, but eats corn bread and potatoes (like other editors) three times daily, and takes a chance at the good things enjoyed by others when an opportunity affords.

Let us unite in one effort to encourage our legislators in this, the first effort to secure something for Fremont county. When in the dim distant future the establishing of an Agricultural College comes up, we have fighters in Fremont county who are competent and willing to devote their time and money, if need be, to the securing of the Agricultural College. There is surely as much room in Fremont county for two institutions as Ada county has for three or four.

Let the county secure the school and the location of the buildings and grounds be an after consideration. Don't admit your inability to cope with St. Anthony in securing the location, but get in and make a bid for it when the time comes. Let's have the Industrial School.

The Fremont County News rises to inform the taxpayers that the PEAK will rob them of their houses and lands. Ninety dollars per quarter, g—? for d—? Oh! Whoop! Publishing d—? the commissioners' d—, — a, proceedings? Whoopie!

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We do not know whether it is the desire of our contemporary to really lie or not, but it appears to us that way when he infers that we are receiving \$90 per quarter for publishing the proceedings of the county commissioners alone, for besides this large statement we must publish any legal notices coming from the respective county officers, such as warrant calls, assessor's monthly statements, superintendent's calls for various teachers' meetings, etc. Brother, the PEAK would be the last paper on earth to kick if the News should get \$150 per quarter for doing the official printing, because it is worth it. We are not "rats" and we hope our contemporary has some kindly feeling for respectable living prices.

As to the job work, our prices will be the same charged our local business men and on bound work we will duplicate the prices of the Fremont County News, when printers were running it in years gone by.

The News man says he never heard Mr. Cannon kick on \$70 per quarter. We have, and Mr. Cannon said he never made a cent, but it cost him more than he received. Mr. Cannon made this statement in the auditor's office: "The board of commissioners would have been justified in raising the amount to \$100 per quarter."

The News man is running a big bluff now. He has come to the conclusion that we are troubled with "cold feet," when it comes to an argument with his

"royal ribs." So far the News has never advanced an argument of any kind. His slurs and unmanly scribbles are not worthy of attention nor are they of a nature which creates favor for that journal, but rather remind one of the mutterings of a 14-year-old school boy. His misrepresentation of facts is well understood by his readers, and he is of such little consequence politically and otherwise, deserving only the name of "turn coat," that his name is a sort of a sore eye to the leaders of democracy.

EVERY C. MOORE, democratic representative from Idaho county, is lending his assistance to the passage of the Fremont County Reform School bill. Avery is looking to Fremont for votes in the future.

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