

EXTRA SESSION TALK

Washington Legislature May Convene Again.

SCHOOL FUND LAW AT FAULT

Present Method of Distribution Illegal—Schools of the State May Be Closed Any Time for Lack of Funds.

The Washington Legislature may be invoked in extraordinary session to remedy the law regarding the distribution of the state school fund.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 13.—(Staff correspondence.)—With the Eighth Legislature not yet out of existence a whole day there is already considerable talk of an extra session.

Judge Stiles, formerly a member of the Supreme bench, and at one time Chief Justice, is said to have first discovered that the state funds were being illegally distributed.

Judge Stiles first called my attention to the matter, and I drew up a brief on the subject in co-operation with him, which was presented to the Legislature.

Together with members of the judiciary committee we went over the subject, and a bill was drawn up appropriating money from the common school fund for the purpose of running the state schools.

How the School Law Works.

Explanatory of the conditions which may result in bringing the Legislature together again within three or four months, it is stated that under the barefoot school act and the amendatory acts of the Legislature meeting subsequent to the one which enacted the law proposed by Governor John R. Rogers, the basis of state aid for the schools is on the number of days' attendance in each district.

The contention raised by Judge Stiles, and which attorneys in the Legislature have agreed to well founded, is that the constitution states that no money shall be paid out of the state treasury without a specific appropriation for the purpose.

McBride Too Easy to Talk.

Governor McBride declines to discuss the matter at the present time. He is a very busy man, looking after the flood of bills which await his signature or veto, and will not look for any more trouble until he gets rid of some of that now before him.

No Trace of Missing Astoria Girl.

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Verdict in Second-Degree Murder.

BUTTE, Mont., March 13.—A special to the Miner from Pocatello, Idaho, says John Sanders, of Cornish, Utah, charged with the murder of Mike Fidock, near Dewey, in this county, last August, was today found guilty in Judge Bueger's court, the verdict being murder in the second degree.

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Threatened with Prosecution, He Takes Poison—Famous in Idaho History as Man Who Ruled Coeur d'Alenes Under Martial Law.

MANILA, March 13.—Bartlett Sinclair, treasurer of Rial Province, attempted to commit suicide today by taking poison in the office of the Attorney-General, when informed that the Government intended to prosecute him for neglecting his office and permitting the peculation of funds.

Sinclair's books were found to be in a muddled state. The authorities had been investigating for months a shortage of several thousand dollars, but it is not believed that Sinclair embezzled the money. Four of his subordinates have been arrested on the charge of embezzlement.

WAS IN CHARGE AT COEUR D'ALENE

Sinclair Maintained Order Under Directions of Governor Steunenberg.

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Mr. Sinclair is a native of Maine. He is about 42 years of age. By profession he is an attorney. Some ten years ago he settled in Kootenai county, this state, and in 1896 he was elected State Auditor. It was while he was in that position that Governor Steunenberg appointed him his personal representative to take charge in the Coeur d'Alenes. His administration of affairs there showed great executive ability and courage of the highest order.

After going out of office Mr. Sinclair sought an appointment in the Philippine service, and finally went to the islands and there secured the position which he has since held. This came about through his personal acquaintance with Judge Taft.

Before leaving for the islands Mr. Sinclair married at Bonner's Ferry. His bride afterward joined him, but she is now visiting at her old home. Letters from him recently stated that he had applied for a leave of absence, and hoped to spend some time at home during the present year. Friends of his here who have been made acquainted with the news of his attempted suicide do not believe he has been guilty of any misappropriation of funds, but that the subordinates who are under arrest are the guilty persons.

They further state that Mr. Sinclair's act must have been prompted by the thought of the disgrace which would attach to him because of the embezzlement in his office.

Henry Steele, a negro, who murdered Goodman Pittman, a white man, was hanged yesterday, at Thomaston, Ga.

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