

**TEXTBOOK QUIZ  
SET FOR FRIDAY  
BY SENATE BODY**

State Board of Education and  
Company Agents Asked  
to Appear.

**COST BOOST IS SUBJECT**

At a special meeting of the Senate Committee on Rights and Privileges in room 401 Statehouse, Monday night, Feb. 14, the thirteen members of the State board of education and representatives of all companies that submitted bids for textbooks at a meeting of the board last week will be asked to appear and testify regarding the letting of contracts for textbooks. The Senate has reported additional cost of \$180,000 a year.

This action was decided on at an executive session of the committee yesterday, after L. L. Hines, State superintendent of public instruction, had appeared as a witness and given the committee full information of the transaction.

Mr. Hines, in his testimony defended the State board of education as far as the legality of its action was concerned, although he frankly stated that he felt at the time the bids were opened that the proper thing to do was to reject all bids and readvertise for a later date.

**OUTLINED RIGHTS  
OF STATE BOARD**

"The law gives the board discretionary power in these matters," Mr. Hines said, "as long as it has this power it is within its rights in accepting bids regardless of our opinions as to the wisdom of doing so."

Among other suggestions Mr. Hines said that he thought the law should be changed so that bids are received on all textbooks at one time, thus doing away with what he termed "perpetual turmoil" over the question of letting book contracts.

"The public has an idea that we constantly are changing textbooks, and there is nothing that annoys people and tagalongs more than the feeling of this and now, as a matter of fact, when any one book is adopted it remains in the schools for at least five years, but these adoptions are not made all at one time, and as a result there are frequent changes, and the public get the wrong impression. This could be done away with entirely if we had a law providing that all adoptions be made at the same time."

**WHAT ATTORNEY  
GENERAL ANSWERED.**

Mr. Hines explained that in anticipation of an increase of the bids for new books over the bids received five years ago, he had asked the attorney general if the companies holding the old contracts could be compelled to supply books to another year at the old price, but the attorney general had given his opinion that this could not be done. Neither is it possible, according to the attorney general, for the Legislature to compel them to do so. The law states that the board of education "shall" adopt

**H. C. L. Also May  
Stand for High  
Cost of Liquor**

Editor The Times: It is amusing to me to hear two men discuss the high cost of liquor. They mean and rave about high prices. They want to hang their grocer as a highway robber and throw their landlord in jail as a profiteering rascal—the price of clothing out of sight.

First, let me say confidentially. You think they are discussing some good plan to take up with Congress to relieve the high cost of necessities, but if you get close enough to hear what is being said, it sounds something like this:

"Have you got anything on your hip?"

"No, I just sold the last I had, but you see so and so. He has the botton in bond for only \$125 a pint."

This same man will probably die of heart trouble if his doctor asked 12½ cents a pint of milk.

—GEORGIA J. LANE,  
410 Blake street, Indianapolis.

**COMMITTEE IN  
HOUSE FAVORS  
SALARY BOOST**

**Masters Bill, Fixing Solons'  
Pay at \$1,000 a Year,  
Given O. K.**

**FINAL VOTE IS AWAITED**

The House Committee on Fees and Salaries late Wednesday evening returned a favorable report on the Masters' bill, which provides for an increase in the salaries of Representatives and Senators in the Indiana Legislature to \$1,000 a year. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator J. Fred Masters. Indianapolis.

While the bill received a favorable report from the fees and salaries committee, it was not decided whether

books every five years and this makes it compulsory for the board to do so.

In support of his opinion that a book adopted often remains in the schools for a number of years, Mr. Hines named textbooks that had been in use in this State for from ten to fifteen years. Among those named were the Cope's advanced physiology which has been in use after years, the Gordy history, ten years, and the Tarr-McMurray geography, ten years.

In answer to a question as to whether the bids received could be rejected at this late date, after the board had adopted the books, Mr. Hines said:

**SAYS HE HAS NOT  
SIGNED CONTRACTS.**

"The attorney-general says we can, for I have not yet signed the contracts and I am not going to sign them as long as this investigation is going on. They will have to mandate me in the Supreme Court before I will sign while this is under way."

However, Mr. Hines doubted the wisdom of rejecting the bids now, even though he favored that action at the time they were received.

The investigation yesterday brought out nothing more than that the board may have acted unwise in accepting the bids. That they had the right to do so seems to have been according to law.

Whether members of the board were

subjected to undue influence in making the selections, and also the matter of possible collusion looking toward the adoption of certain books, probably will be taken up at the committee meeting Monday evening.

The investigation is being made as a result of a resolution introduced by Senator Howard Cann of Frankfort, expressing condemnation of the action of the board in accepting bids at the figure submitted. This resolution was referred to the Committee on Rights and Privileges, which is composed of Senators Miles J. Farnham, chairman; William A. Arnold, Harold Van Orman, William M. Swain and Howard Cann.

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**MAJORITY FAVOR  
BUILDING INSPECTION.**

A divided report was returned on House Bill No. 193, introduced by Representative James L. Day, Lake County, providing for the establishment of a State board of building inspectors under the supervision of the industrial board, giving it condemnatory powers. The minority report, which favored passage of the bill, was adopted by the House in place of the majority report which favored indefinite postponement.

A divided report was also returned on the bill introduced by Representative N. Ross, Allen County, a chiropractor, head of the Ross College of Chiropractic of Ft. Wayne, defining chiropractic as a "scientific method for the removal of the cause of disease," declaring it neither medicine, surgery nor osteopathy, and declaring that chiropractors are not subject to the laws governing the healing art.

The Committee on Judiciary A returned the report, the minority report, favoring passage of the bill, being adopted. Representative Ross made a long speech defending his bill.

The House Committee on Criminal Code stoned one of the bills, introduced

by Representative George W. Bone, of Daviess and Martin Counties, which would have imposed the death wavy. Representative Bone's bill prescribed life imprisonment for burglars and felons, and would impose the death penalty on any one who committed a murder while committing robbery or burglary. The committee report, which was adopted, recommended the bill for indefinite postponement.

James Rowbottom bill, which would prohibit chameleons from using their employer's machine without the consent of the owner, was also recommended by the Committee on Criminal Code, for indefinite postponement.

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The Committee on Insurance recommended for indefinite postponement the Newman bill providing a penalty for persons who make false statements to obtain insurance.

**COURT DECLARED  
MEMORIAL**

On motion of Representative J. Glenn Harris, Lake County, who received word that the St. Joseph County Bar Association would erect a bronze memorial tablet in the new courtroom, the Beyler bill, providing for the creation of an additional Superior Court in St. Joseph County, was handed down on second

reading immediately prior to adjournment.

A motion, introduced by Representative Henry Abrams, Marion County, was adopted, to add a new section to the bill, declaring the court to be a memorial to the late Asa E. Matthews, Representative from St. Joseph County, who died at the Deaconess Hospital in Indianapolis Monday evening.

**Johnson Fined \$100  
on Gun Totin' Charge**

Harry Johnson, 2015 North Galt street, charged with assault and battery on two affidavits, unlawful possession of weapons and carrying concealed weapons, after his arrest Tuesday at 528 East North street, was fined \$100 and costs on the latter charge by Judge Walter Pritchard in city court Wednesday. The other three charges were dismissed.

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**Bathes in Booze**

GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 10.—Police yesterday discovered a seventy-five gallon whisky distillery operating at the

home of George Hall, in a fashionable residential section. A syphon suction system emptied the liquor into a bath tub. A woman hopped into the tub and splashed around to throw off suspicion, but the smell was too strong.

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