

# MORGAN IS HOUSE SPEAKER—DRYS PREPARE STIFFER LAWS

## CONGRESS URGED TO PASS DRASIC EUGENICS LAW

Would Apply to Habitual Criminals to Protect Personality.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The Federal government was appealed to in the fight for sterilization of habitual criminals.

Chief Justice Harry Olsen of the Chicago municipal court, in a letter to a member of President Harding's cabinet, urged the necessity of Federal cooperation.

One who is president of the research bureau of the Carnegie Foundation and a student of criminal heredity is one of the leaders in the war for sterilization.

"Sterilization laws have been passed in fifteen states and efforts are being made to get similar laws in other states."

"The habitual criminal, in many cases is the product of heredity. He is a menace to the race and should be barred from the production of offspring."

"Many of our feeble-minded, our degenerates and members of that class who breed, the tainted brain of the dangerous criminal have been passed to us through emigration."

"Other countries are away ahead of us in the study of hereditary taints and they have wished on us scores of persons they wanted to get rid of."

"The dangerous criminal is not a menace because of low grade intelligence but because of low grade emotions and low grade morals."

"In the United States today there are approximately 1,500 persons who have been sterilized for the benefit of society."

"The operation itself is simple. It can be done in five minutes with the use of a local anesthetic and the patient can return immediately to his work. It is not as dangerous as having a tooth pulled."

"The operation does not impair the emotions of the individual operated upon."

## GOVERNOR DEMANDS REVISION OF FINANCES

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found whereby the good features of the law can be retained and its benefits safeguarded by increasing the penalties for violation to the end that the law may be made safe as well as certain.

Popular Amendments Die

In discussing amendments to the State constitution, the Governor pointed out that in many instances proposed amendments had received majorities in referendums, but had not received a majority of all the electors and were therefore defeated.

To the end that this may not happen again, the Governor recommended an amendment to make a majority of votes cast sufficient for passage of an amendment.

At the opening of the last session the Governor objected to the fact that the Assembly convenes during the first year of a Governor's term. In his message today he recommended a constitutional amendment providing the Assembly shall convene during the second and fourth years of a term instead of the first and third.

Amendments to the State tax law recommended by the Governor would tend to give the tax board more authority than it now possesses. One amendment proposed would give the board power to reassess any property after proper notice to taxpayers. The Governor also recommended that the board be given power to order horizontal equalization of assessments within counties. At present the county is a unit in equalization.

Clear Up Bond Appeals

The Governor also recommended that the law concerning the appealing of bond issues to the board be cleared up so that public officials be prevented from borrowing money for any purpose in cases where money for these purposes has been provided in a budget. The Governor also recommended a penalty in cases where local officials fail to submit and publish a budget.

An echo of the present chaotic condition of State finances was contained in this reference:

"I wish to suggest to the General Assembly that the balances of the State should be kept in two funds, one the tuition fund, as designated by our constitution, and the other a general fund from which all payments can be made according to the amounts appropriated for the various activities of the State, as designated by the budget."

Borrowing Bad Business

"It certainly is poor business for the State to be compelled to negotiate loans to provide for a fund that is temporarily exhausted, while at the same time large balances are maintained in other funds that will not be drawn upon. I recommend such legislation as will enable this reform to be put into practice, believing that it will be a saving to the State that can well be made."

Demands from all sources have been made that State boards and departments be reduced or eliminated. In answer, the Governor recommended that the membership of the industrial board be reduced from five to three and that the office of clerk of the Supreme Court and reporter of the Supreme Court be combined. He also suggested that "It might be practical to combine the offices of State librarian, public library commission and historical commission under one head."

A recommendation also was made that the assembly enact a law changing the present agriculture board law, which was found not to be workable.

## TAYLOR RE-ELECTED

The Indiana Federation of Farmers' Associations has re-elected Lewis Taylor of Newburg treasurer and organizer.

## State Legislature Goes Into First Session With Party Lines Closely Drawn—Woman Gets Office.

Raymond C. Morgan of Knightstown, Henry County farmer, today was formally elected speaker of the House of Representatives for the seventy-third General Assembly, which convened at the Statehouse this morning.

Morgan, chosen at a Republican caucus last night, received 51 votes against 48 for Thurman A. Gottschalk of Berne, choice of the Democratic caucus.

Each house was called to order shortly after 10 a. m. and proceeded immediately to organize along lines laid down at party caucuses last night.

A committee of each house was named to notify the other it was ready for business and a joint committee of the two houses was appointed to wait on Governor McCray. Meanwhile the Senate went into joint session with the house. The Governor appeared and read his message.

The legislators were sworn in by Louis B. Ewbank, chief justice of the State.

Invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Jean S. Milner, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Morgan's chief opponent in balloting in caucus was Lemuel A. Pittenger of Selma, who withdrew on the fourth ballot, following similar action by Senator John Sweeney of Tell City who was named vice-chairman.

Senator Chambers in addressing the meeting urged the Democrats to stand by their platform pledges. He urged that the present tax law be replaced by the old law enacted in 1891.

Senator Cravens also stressed the need for home rule, local self-government and economy. He insisted that no more property be taxed unless taxes in some place could be reduced. When questioned he said he referred to a proposed tax on gasoline.

Miss Nina Schmidt of Indianapolis was chosen assistant clerk and Everett J. Newlin of Plainfield won the position of principal doorkeeper of the House.

Small Margin at Start

On the first ballot the count was: Morgan, 17; Smith, 16; Pittenger, 11; and Harris, 8. The second showed a gain of two for Morgan, with Smith having 14, and Pittenger and Harris, 11 and 7, respectively. On the third ballot Morgan rose to 24, with the others falling off as follows: Smith, 13; Pittenger, 8; and Harris, 6.

On the fourth Smith and Harris withdrew from the race and in the course of balloting Pittenger also withdrew.

In the organization of the Senate James P. Nejdl of Lake County was named president pro tem. He was selected at the Republican caucus last night over Senator Winfield Miller of Indianapolis. Nejdl received twenty votes and Miller twelve.

Zell Swain of Middletown was named secretary. He was opposed in the caucus by Claude Phillips of Carbon. Miss Fern Ale of Indianapolis was named assistant secretary, having defeated Mrs. Ida Belzer in the caucus.

Jerome Brown of Anderson was named principal doorkeeper and George Graham was named postmaster without opposition.

Spolls Board Selected

The "plunder" committee which has charge of the distribution of patronage was named at the caucus. It consists of Senator J. Monroe Fitch of Muncie, Walter J. Behmer of Logansport and Robert L. Moorehead of Indianapolis. Lieutenant Governor Branch is an ex-

member.

THE DEMOCRATS IN THE PRESENT INDIANA ASSEMBLY ALREADY HAVE ESTABLISHED A RECORD FOR BEING "LONG WINDED." BOTH REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES WERE OVER BEFORE THE DEMOCRATS ADJOURNED AND THE LATTER HAD NO CONTESTS.

THE CROWD WAS DENSE AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS. SOME OF THOSE PRESENT WERE LAWRENCE LYONS, REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMAN; FREDERICK E. SCHORTENMEIER, SECRETARY OF THE STATE COMMITTEE; JOSEPH H. KEALING, WILLIAM E. REILLEY, FRANK NOEL, JUDGE CLINTON GIVAN, EPH DAILEY, TOM GREENLEE, BERT MORGAN, HARRY DYNES, HARRY MIESSE, SCHUYLER HAAS, "BULL MOOSE" WALKER, JOHN JONES, BOB AKERS, BERT THURMAN, CHARLES KELSO AND JOHN ROBBINS.

"I'VE WON AGAIN," REMARKED ROME BROWN, PRINCIPAL DOORKEEPER OF THE SENATE. "I NEVER LOST BUT ONCE AND I COULDN'T SLEEP FOR A WEEK" AFTER THAT."

SENATOR BEARDSLEY AGAIN HAS AN AMENDMENT TO THE RULES, OR, RATHER, IT IS THE SAME OLD AMENDMENT. HE WOULD HAVE NO BILLS INTRODUCED AFTER THE FIRST FORTY DAYS OF THE SESSION.

MISS GALLOWAY HAD BEEN PAROLED FROM THE INDIANA GIRLS' SCHOOL. SHE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE GIVEN MOORE WOODS, 17, OF 1623 COLLEGE AVE., A DIAMOND STICKPIN OWNED BY STOUTENBERG. WOODS WAS DISCHARGED ON A CHARGE OF PETIT LARCENY, BY JUDGE DELBERT O. WILMETH IN CITY COURT. MISS GALLOWAY WAS RETURNED TO THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

SANITARY COMMISSION TO SELL LAST BOND ISSUE

THE LAST ISSUE OF BONDS, FOR THE NEW SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT WILL BE ADVISED FOR SALE JAN. 13, AND BIDS RECEIVED UNTIL FEB. 6, ACCORDING TO A RESOLUTION PASSED TODAY BY THE SANITARY COMMISSION. THE ISSUE IS FOR \$36,000.

THIS CLOSES THE TOTAL ISSUE OF \$2,430,000 ON THE NEW PLANT. THE LAST LOT BEARS 4 1/2 PER CENT, MATURING SOON.

CONTRACTS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$55,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT FOR DIVISION THREE, SECTION FOUR, OF THE NEW PLANT, WERE LET TODAY.

MISS GALLOWAY, VETERAN ELEVATOR MAN AT THE STATEHOUSE, IS HAPPY AGAIN. HE HAS SEEN MORE LEGISLATORS COME AND GO THAN ANY MAN LIVING.

WITH BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS STOPPING AT THE CLAYPOOL HOTEL, THE LOBBIES ARE MORE CROWDED THAN EVER.

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