Attorney General’s Biennial Report

STATE OF IDAHO

1937 - 1938

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## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Since Statehood

*George H. Roberts .................................. 1891 - 1892
*George M. Parsons .................................. 1893 - 1896
*Robert E. McFarland ................................ 1897 - 1898
*Samuel H. Hays ...................................... 1899 - 1900
Frank Martin ........................................... 1901 - 1902
John A. Bagley ........................................ 1903 - 1904
*J. J. Guheen .......................................... 1905 - 1908
*D. C. McDougall ...................................... 1909 - 1912
*Joseph H. Peterson .................................. 1913 - 1916
*T. A. Walters ........................................ 1917 - 1918
Roy L. Black ........................................... 1919 - 1922
A. H. Conner .......................................... 1923 - 1926
Frank L. Stephan ...................................... 1927 - 1928
W. D. Gillis ............................................ 1929 - 1930
Fred J. Babcock ....................................... 1931 - 1932
Bert H. Miller ......................................... 1933 - 1936
J. W. Taylor ........................................... 1937

*Deceased.

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT
1937 - 1938

Edwin M. Holden, Chief Justice ........................ Idaho Falls
Alfred Budge, Justice .................................. Pocatello
Raymond L. Givens, Justice ............................ Boise
William M. Morgan, Justice ............................ Boise
James F. Alishie, Justice ............................... Coeur d'Alene

Clerk of Supreme Court, Clay Koelsch
REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Honorable Barzilla W. Clark
Governor of Idaho
Boise, Idaho

Dear Governor Clark:

In compliance with statutory requirements I submit my report for the biennium ending December 1, 1938.

In the case of State vs. W. L. Robison, et al, in the decision rendered October 25, 1938, our Supreme Court issued a permanent writ of prohibition against the members of the Industrial Accident Board and the State Treasurer, prohibiting them from paying out of the Unemployment Compensation Fund in the State treasury, any moneys except upon Auditor's warrants based upon claims presented to and approved by the State Board of Examiners. In effect the Court held, in this decision, that these moneys were State moneys and disbursements thereof should be made in conformity with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Idaho. The Court, in this decision, said:

"There are, however, numerous taxes limited as to those liable for the payment thereof, which have always been considered State funds and require claims against the same to be passed upon by the State Board of Examiners."

The decision specifically refers to federal grants in aid under the Public Assistance Law, 1937 Session Laws, page 372, Chapter 216, and the Cooperative Emergency Revenue Fund, 1937 Session Laws, page 435, Chapter 244, State Insurance Fund under Workmen's Compensation statute 43-1727, I. C. A. (and other funds). It is recommended that all Public Assistance funds and Public Welfare moneys be deposited in the State treasury by those receiving such grants from the federal government, and that said moneys be paid out of the State treasury in accordance with the decision in this case.

This opinion is not confined to the State moneys named herein, but for future reference to the use of Revolving Funds, and for practices generally in relation thereto, see the State Auditor's Biennial Report of 1938.

It is recommended that appropriation be made and adequate legislation adopted to create a permanent force to make continuous study of valuations of all properties in the
State of Idaho upon which the State Board of Equalization is required to fix valuations. As the law now stands and under the present practice in force, this Board does not have sufficient technical information upon the subjects necessary for it to consider, upon which to base proper valuations on utility property.

It is also recommended that legislation be enacted and appropriations made to increase the personnel in the Bureau of Public Accounts so that it may adequately and efficiently function. This Bureau is handicapped both by appropriations and personnel at the present time. It has been doing a wonderful service to the State of Idaho with the means at its command, but under the law which requires this Bureau to audit the accounts of all departments of State, it is obvious that it does not have the proper facilities to adequately do the job intended of it. Sufficient appropriation should be made by the incoming legislature to provide for periodic audits of the public accounts of all departments of State.

It is recommended that the laws now in force and effect relative to the employment of disabled war veterans should be amended to make punishment for violations thereof more stringent and to protect adequately disabled veterans in employment within this State. While we do have statutes relative to preference of employment of disabled war veterans on public works, (Chapter 152, 1937 Session Laws) it will be noticed that there is no penalty attached to a violation of this law and hence a disregard of the provisions of the act has been universal: If we are to have legislation favoring disabled war veterans, it should have some penal provisions sufficient to give the legislation proper force and effect and make the administration thereof effective.

It is recommended that the legislature be requested to pass adequate laws providing for proper supervision of the expenditure of all highway funds, the letting of highway contracts for the construction, repairs and maintenance of the highways of this State, the designation of State highways and the State highway system, the adoption of standard highways throughout the State, and complete jurisdiction and responsibility for the locating and building of new roads. Under the present system all of these functions are placed in the hands of one man with the consequent temptation to personal domination and resulting carelessness, neglect and waste in the management of highway affairs.

This office recommends the repeal of Sections 65-2018 to 65-2021, dealing with rotary expense funds, commonly
designated "revolving funds". The abuse of these statutes which has grown up in the State of Idaho is tremendous, and an examination of the State Auditor's Report which we have heretofore referred to, and a further examination of the revolving funds now maintained under the authority of these statutes in the State of Idaho and the various manners in which payment of State moneys is being made out of the State treasury from these various funds, will convince any person of the great amount of errors and irregularities which may ensue in the disbursement of State moneys if said statutes are continued in effect and the present methods of operating thereunder are continued. There are now forty-six such revolving funds in the different departments of this State. Therefore, there are forty-six officers of the State of Idaho other than the State Treasurer, paying out State moneys. This can hardly be consistent with the constitutional provisions of this State and the duties charged upon the office of the Treasurer of the State. It is not proper to subject the Treasurer of this State, and the State Auditor, to the liabilities which may occur by having so many people controlling part of the State funds. Of these forty-six revolving funds there are two $100,000 funds, one of $50,000, and one $40,000. We recommend that in place of this law a specific law be enacted by the legislature specifically appropriating a certain sum of money into a revolving fund under the disbursement of the State Auditor, sufficient to take care of ordinary small cash items such as traveling expenses of State officers, etc.

We further recommend to your Excellency the amendment of our statutes dealing with Grand Juries. We recommend that statutory legislation be adopted providing for a Grand Jury to be called periodically for the purpose of investigating any and all department of State government, and that the expense of said Grand Juries be provided for by an adequate appropriation from State moneys.

On May 6, 1938, the Supreme Court rendered its decision in the case of State on relation of S. H. Walton, et al, vs. Harry C. Parsons, reported in 58 Ida. 787. In this decision the court held an act of the legislature appropriating $3,000 to the Walton family for injuries sustained by them through the negligence of State employees to be unconstitutional. There is no question as to the soundness of this decision under our constitutional provisions, that the State is not liable for the negligent acts of its officials or employees. However, our State has now reached that degree of development where many state-owned cars are being operated daily,
which creates a great hazard to the motoring public, and citizens of the State generally. Several states in the Union, including New York, have provided means by statute whereby a citizen injured by State employees may sue the State in a particular court and establish his damages, after which the State will recognize such judgment and pay for said damages. We recommend that proper constitutional amendments and statutory legislation be enacted to authorize citizens of this State to sue the State for damages sustained by them by reason of the negligence of State officials and employees.

HIGHWAY AUDIT AND GRAND JURY

The 1937 legislature ordered an audit of the State Bureau of Highways and appropriated $25,000 to be used for that purpose. A corps of auditors was employed by the Governor and the completed audit has recently been submitted. A discussion of the findings of the auditors can not be given here for lack of space, but their report may be summarized as indicating a number of irregularities in the conduct of the bureau. The Grand Jury was called in Ada County in January, 1938, for the consideration of matters revealed by this report as well as an investigation of public prisons in the county as required by statute. A number of criminal cases are pending as a result of indictments brought by the Grand Jury. For the trial of these cases, Honorable Doran H. Sutphen, Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, and Honorable Guy W. Stevens, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District, have been appointed to conduct a trial of a number of these cases, and the balance are in the hands of Honorable Isaac McDougall, of the Fifth Judicial District.

The Attorney General's office was requested to assist the Grand Jury, collaborating in that respect with the Honorable Willis C. Moffatt, Prosecuting Attorney for Ada County, and the same counsel have cooperated in the preparation of the criminal cases involved for trial. In this work the State has been seriously handicapped for lack of funds. In submitting a budget for the current biennium a contingent fund of $3,000.00 was requested by this office, but this was reduced by the Governor to $1,000.00, an amount which was utterly inadequate for the necessary expense in the investigation and preparation of evidence.

The Grand Jury also reported irregularities in the conduct of the State Penitentiary and returned several indictments in connection therewith. The irregularities, both in the
Bureau of Highways and in the penitentiary, appear to be the outgrowth of practices which have been carried on for a number of years.

The Van Vlack Case

Douglas Van Vlack, who was sentenced to death in February, 1936, after a trial upon a charge of murder, presented his petition to the Board of Pardons for a commutation of the death sentence to one of life imprisonment, which petition was denied. Shortly before the time set for execution, Van Vlack escaped from his guards, climbed to the top of the cell block and committed suicide by plunging to the cell floor below. Thus was concluded one of the most sensational murder trials in the history of the State.

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SELECTED OPINIONS

Opinions are rendered by the Attorney General's office upon receipt of written request. The following synopses do not cover all opinions rendered during the biennium, but give some indication of the scope of such requests. The Attorney General has made some effort to reduce the number of opinions rendered to other than State Departments and Prosecuting Attorneys. Precedent has permitted advice to private individuals, so that correspondence in that respect threatened to occupy our time unjustifiably. While the practice has not been eliminated, considerations of time require that it be at least reduced to a minimum.

APPROPRIATIONS

1/11/37—State Auditor. Liabilities of the Fish and Game Fund or the Bar Fund accruing within two years prior to January 1, 1937, and accruing thereafter until the law is altered are payable from the continuing appropriation.

2/12/37—State Auditor. It is the duty of the State Auditor to charge against the continuing appropriation such claims as are not within the term administrative functions.

3/26/37—State Auditor. The items detailed in a budget appropriation prevail over the general declaration of total.

4/26/37—State Auditor. Fixed appropriations may be made in advance by legislatures, to remain in effect until subsequently modified by legislative act.

2/25/38—Fish and Game Warden. Federal funds granted State of Idaho for wildlife-restoration projects must be deposited in State treasury but may be paid out without legislative appropriation. Funds may be allocated out of present Game Department appropriations to match Federal funds.

BEER

10/5/37—Commissioner of Law Enforcement. Is it legal for out-of state brewers to ship beer to licensed retailers, billing the shipment through Idaho wholesalers.

2/16/37—Governor. Comments on H. B. No. 130. Discrimination against the use in Idaho of beer manufactured in foreign states is within the prohibition of the Federal Constitution.

2/14/38—Jesse E. Pugsley. Beer retailer's license is not transferable. Applicant for such license need not appear in person before Commissioner of Law Enforcement.

5/17/38—Maurice Bujant. Right of city or village to regulate beer licenses.


7/12/38—E. J. Bragg. Retail beer license fees must be uniform when governed by same ordinance.
CITIZENSHIP
1/25/37—Commissioner of Public Welfare. Can out-of-state person legally be appointed to an official or non-official position in the State of Idaho? What constitutes legal residence?
8/23/37—Department of Law Enforcement. Japanese citizen is ineligible to admission to practice medicine either by reciprocity or examination.
3/18/38—C. O. Botkin. Citizenship of ex-convict in U. S. Southwestern Reformatory in Oklahoma is controlled by law of that State.
5/29/37—Governor. Non-residents of this State may not hold public office in Idaho.

COMPATIBILITY
12/17/37—Harry A. Rogers. Offices of police judge and justice of the peace are not incompatible, but are poor public policy.
1/10/38—C. W. Poole. It is advisable for Prosecuting Attorney to withdraw from case which might be incompatible with duty as representative of state.
4/18/38—Joe R. Turk. Member of Idaho Legislature may not hold position with State Liquor Commission.

CORPORATIONS
4/10/37—Department of Law Enforcement. Reciprocity must be denied a Delaware corporation which is qualified as foreign corporation in both Idaho and Washington with respect to agreement between Washington and Idaho permitting use of Washington auto plates on its vehicles moving within State of Idaho.
1/6/38—Secretary of State. Right of Secretary of State to accept certain papers of Chase National Bank for filing under foreign corporation laws.
2/11/38—Occupational Licenses Bureau. A corporation may operate an optical store which is in charge of licensed optometrist. A corporation cannot practice optometry.
4/15/38—Wm. J. Costello. Foreign brewery corporation must comply with Idaho foreign corporation laws before selling to licensed Idaho retailers.
7/11/38—Public Utilities Commission. Must policies signed by operators engaged in interstate commerce—non-residents of Idaho—be countersigned by an Idaho resident agent?

COUNTIES
1/18/38—Willis C. Moffatt. County Commissioners may not alter boundaries of election precincts subsequent to their regular meeting in January preceding general election.
5/16/38—Gooding Leader. Public officer may not award printing contract to newspaper owned by him and leased to another party. County Commissioners may give printing to newspaper owned by another county officer.
6/27/38—M. L. Stephens. Procedure to strike from one county certain land and annex it to another county.
ELECTION

11/9/37—F. F. Kimball. Does a party holding an escrow contract for the purchase of real property, which contract is not of record, came within the statutes as a taxpayer? Does the devisee of an undistributed estate, which estate pays taxes, entitle the devisee to vote?

5/17/38—Harry A. Rogers. When a cross is placed at the head of one party ticket and also opposite the name of a candidate on the other party ticket, both candidates lose the vote.

8/2/38—J. P. Reed. Properly registered citizen, minor, may vote at nominating election if he will be 21 prior to date of general election.

8/31/38—Thomas Y. Gwilliam. May candidate for Prosecuting Attorney not qualified at time of primary election have his name on ballot at general election.

FAIR TRADE

5/31/37—William S. Hawkins. Anti-price discrimination act is not applicable to cities, counties or the State.


FISH AND GAME

10/2/37—Fish and Game Warden. Beaver may not be transported from Wyoming to Idaho for sale to Idaho fur dealers.


4/22/38—Fish and Game Department. Trout or fish taken outside state may be sold over counter. Same taken within state may not be sold.

5/19/38—Fish and Game Department. An order under 35-1401 closing open season on muskrats would not abrogate Ch. 108, 35 S. L.

GAMBLING

2/15/38—Teton Valley Power & Milling Co. It is unlawful for a manufacturer to put coupons in bags of flour, nor can cash or merchandise be placed in such bags.

3/1/38—W. E. Thomas. There is no legal restriction of membership of a social organization. Officer has right to secure evidence of gambling taking place within such social organization.

GOVERNOR

4/5/37—Governor. Crippled Children Program can be carried out under H. B. 170 (24th Session) as a state matter solely. No opinion given as to constitutionality of Act.

4/26/37—Governor. Governor is authorized to allocate the functions and duties of the officers within the Department of Public Welfare.

8/23/37—Scott Erwin. Rights of workers to strike in this state. Governor's duty in relation thereto.
INSTITUTIONS


9/2/37—Director of Public Health. Department of Public Welfare may enter into contract with hospitals in Idaho when certain operations cannot be performed at the State institutions.

9/8/37—Penitentiary. Hours in working day of officers and employees of State Penitentiary.

9/28/37—Governor. Governor's power to purchase medical equipment for State Hospital South.

11/9/37—State Superintendent. Board of Trustees of State Normal School may not dispose of buildings which are a part of state lands. Board of Land Commissioners has this exclusive right.

12/8/37—Director of Charitable Institutions. Medical Superintendent of State Hospital North is proper person to receive and administer compensation payments from United States on behalf of an incompetent in that institution.

12/14/37—State Superintendent. Sale of used equipment of University must be made under rules of Board of Regents; permission of Board of Examiners not necessary. Proceeds of sale should be paid to Treasurer of University.

4/23/38—Director of Charitable Institutions. Superintendent in charge of Charitable institutions may accept money from friends or relatives of patients, for purchase of clothes or other expenses, if expenditures be properly accounted for.

5/31/38—Director of Charitable Institutions. A fee of $100 per month may not be exacted as consideration for accepting patient into State Medical Hospital.

6/24/38—Department of Public Welfare. Without special legislative authority, the Department of Public Welfare may not sell or lease land belonging to State Hospital North.

7/13/38—Penitentiary. Cost of conveyance of a convict to the penitentiary must be paid from penitentiary funds. Authority cannot be delegated to a sheriff to bring convict to penitentiary.

INSURANCE

4/26/37—Industrial Accident Board. Children born and raised in foreign country, whose parents are United States citizens are entitled to full compensation under Workmen's Compensation Law.

7/24/37—Director of Insurance. Title 40, Ch. 16, I. C. A. as related to reciprocal insurers.

11/16/37—A. P. Drissen. A Highway District is not exempt under the terms of the Unemployment Compensation Law.

12/6/37—Bureau of Insurance. It is unlawful for a lending company to require a borrower to cancel insurance and insure with the lender or the company it represents.

1/5/38—Commr. Finance. State Bank is limited in aggregate of money which it may loan on real estate mortgages insured by FHA.

2/15/38—Director of Insurance. Rate schedule becomes effective upon filing, without approval of Director of Insurance. Deviation
filings made prior to general rate schedule do not apply to new schedule. Filing of deviations by fire insurance companies.

3/22/38—State Superintendent. School Board must advertise for bids to purchase fire insurance amounting to more than $500.

* 3/26/38—Director of Insurance. Deviation from Idaho Surveying and Rating Bureau rate schedule of 25% reduction in general insurance policies is not a violation of Sec. 40-1612 or 40-1608.


JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

1/7/38—Willis C. Moffatt. Justice of Peace is not entitled to fee for docketing criminal case where no plea has been made or entered.

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5339—State v. William Fallis, Oneida County. Property sold.
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3434—State v. Mrs. John Ivie, Lincoln County. Property sold.
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5469—State v. J. E. Moreland, Canyon County. Property sold.
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5124—State v. Anders C. Petersen, Oneida County. Property sold.
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