

increased ten per cent (10%) until March 1, 1945.

"Section 2. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby modified until March 1, 1945. It is the express intention of the legislative assembly that the salaries now fixed by law shall govern as to elective county officers from and after March 1, 1945."

It is therefore my opinion the salary increase given to county officers by Chapter 169, Laws of 1943, was effective until March 1, 1945, and after said date the salaries shall be the same as provided previous to the enactment of Chapter 169.

Sincerely yours,
R. V. BOTTOMLY,
Attorney General

Opinion No. 22.

**County Officers—Salary Increase—
Justices of Peace—Constables**

Held: The salary increase given to county officers by Chapter 169, Laws of 1943, was effective until March 1, 1945, and after said date salaries shall be the same as provided previous to the enactment of Chapter 169.

March 21, 1945.

Mr. Bert I. Packer
County Attorney
Teton County
Choteau, Montana

Dear Mr. Packer:

You have requested my opinion whether the salary increase of elective county officers, including justices of the peace and constables, as provided in Chapter 169, Laws of 1943, continues after March 1, 1945.

Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 169, Laws of 1943, read as follows:

"Section 1. The salaries of all elective county officers, including justices of the peace, and constables, as now prescribed by law are hereby