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PRODIGAL AT START

Is Legislature in Useless Way—How Expenses of Session Will Increase for No Good Purpose—Comparison of Clerk Hire With Last Session.

Prodigality of the Legislature of 1907 in providing clerks affords interesting comparison with Legislatures of the past in this respect. According to the pay-roll of the House for the session of 1905, thirteen clerks were employed by committees at a total salary of \$3,513. These committees had referred to them 566 bills, less about fifteen or twenty that were passed without reference, or were referred to special committees. Of this number the Judiciary Committee handled about 160, or one-third of the entire number. Senate bills in the house to the number of 108, were referred to the committees outside of the Judiciary Committee, but many of them, thus referred, were never reported back to the House. The Committee on Miscellaneous Legislation of the House was the most busy, with the exception, of course, of the Judiciary Committee last session, having had sixty-five bills referred to them. The committee on County and City Organization was next, with 55; Finance and Taxation had 54, Claims 47,

The only man who tied a string on a committee clerk.



J. H. HARVELL, Representative from Santa Rosa, who asked in his resolution for a clerk to Committee on Appropriations, that he be employed when "the business of the committee demands such service."

Constitutional Amendments 48, Education 29, Public Roads and Highways 20. The distribution of bills to other House committees were 19 each for Corporations and Agriculture, 18 for Fisheries, Game 17, Appropriations 16, Privileges and Elections 14, Pensions 13, Insurance 10, and the remainder of the committees, with three having 4, 5, 6, had one and two and nothing. The same proportion of bill reference existed in the Senate of 1905, with the exception that more bills were referred to the Judiciary Committee of that body than in the House. The Senate had 407 bills introduced last session and employed, according to the pay-roll, 10 committee clerks and one committee stenographer, at a cost of \$2,774. So far this session the Senate has voted itself 14 committee clerks to do about the average amount of work that was required last session, when sinecures in the clerkships were plentiful. Twelve committee clerks have already been provided for by the House, and eight committees are as yet unrepresented in the list. Among these are the Committees on Judiciary, Miscellaneous Legislation, City and County Organization, Engrossed Bills, Enrolled Bills, which will probably be given one clerk each. That leaves the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Unfinished Business, Temperance, Forestry, to be given clerks, the last three making an easy job for somebody, as 12 bills were the extent of their labors last session, Constitutional Amendments having 48. One of the easy clerkship jobs for this session was provided by Mr. Paul of Holmes, whose resolution provided that the Committee on Legislative Expenses and Public Printing be combined and employ a clerk to EXPE-DITE their work. Last session the Committee on Legislative Expenses had one bill referred to it; Public Printing had none.

NOT YET, BUT SOON—MAYBE.



Another snap was born when the resolution of Mr. Wartmann, of Marion, passed his resolution for a clerk to the Committees on Census and Apportionment and on Journals. Last session the Committee on Journals had none, the other, one bill. Two of the soft things permitted by the Senate were giving a clerk jointly to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, Forestry, Organized Labor, through resolution by Senator Cone, and another, the resolution of Senator Neel, giving a clerk jointly to committees on Immigration, State Affairs, Public Printing. All these committees were short on bills last session, not more than twenty or twenty-five bills being handled by all six committees. Nothing strenuous about the clerkship job with the Committees on Rules and on Public Roads and Highways. Nothing doing for the Rules Committee and the other one may have as many as twenty bills during the session. Senator Canova offered the resolution providing for this clerkship. The Senate Committee on Railroads gets a clerk by itself. Twenty-five bills, as an estimate, is so large, in view of last session that the clerk will be greatly astonished if he has to do that much work. Senator Henderson secured the adoption of this resolution. Some other easy clerkships are in the list, but those mentioned will give sufficient idea of the extravagant scale the Legislature is working on in the matter of clerical assistance.

SEAT OF THE LATE SENATOR NEWLAN.

Vacancy in the Senatorship of the Seventeenth District, caused by the death of Senator Newlan Friday, has been the subject of discussion as to whether his seat would be filled during the session.

Governor Broward said last night, when asked by THE SUN if he would call a special election, that he would probably do so. "I will give the matter my attention Monday," said he.

In the event that an election be called Monday, it is probable that a new Senator would be chosen and seated by May 1.

Senator Newlan, whose home was in Lake Oak, was too ill to attend at the opening of his session and his death was not unexpected.

His career as a Senator had been one of service to Florida and his character in such capacity proven to be above reproach.

CANADIAN MILLIONAIRE'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

Ottawa, Ont., April 5.—John R. Booth, one of the industrial kings of whom Canada is justly proud, celebrated his eightieth birthday yesterday. He bears the burden of his years lightly and is still in personal charge of the vast industries out of which he has made many millions of dollars.

Mr. Booth is the foremost lumberman of Canada. His timber lands aggregate 4,250 square miles, and if stretched in a line would make a strip one mile wide from the Atlantic to the Pacific across Canada.

His great mills employ 1,500 to 1,600 men during the summer, or sawing season, and 400 in the winter, while in the latter season there are between 2,000 and 3,000 men and 1,000 horses at work in the woods, felling the great trees which ultimately reach his lumber yards. Most of his timber lands are adjacent to the upper Ottawa, in both Ontario and Quebec.

SOUTHERN COLLEGE DEBATE.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 6.—A debate between representatives of Trinity College, of North Carolina, and the University of Tennessee took place here last night, and it was the event of the university year. The question of debate was embraced in the following: Resolved, That the will of the people operates more effectively under the English cabinet system than under the presidential system of America.

LOBBY IS EXPECTED

That Will Try to Beat the Franchise Tax Bill and a few Other Measures of the People—MacWilliams Knew What He Wanted and Got It.

Organization of the Legislature was followed by a thinning out of the crowd that is always present to help organize, and incidentally get in touch with the jobs that are handed out. The day following organization those who have no hope and a mighty little of anything else hike out. Those who do not give up the ship until the clerks are appointed tarry until that prospect of signing the pay-roll has vanished, and they, too, disappear until the next time.

With the multitude of organizers gone, and the many members who visit their homes during the adjournment until Monday, together with the few members of the Third House, who go somewhere for some purpose during the interval, a marked change is presented about the various political hang-outs from the same time a week before, and dullness deep set down like a cloud. The fog of quietness will begin to lift this afternoon, and by tomorrow morning things will be getting lively again.

More likely than not, newcomers will be on the scene, who do not think it worth while to be here before. These will be of the stripe that Major Healey, whose judgment in such matters cannot be disputed, thinks should be tagged, registered and made to pay a license when they enter the business of lobbying.

Work for special interests lobbyist is beginning to pile up. The 21-2 cent fare bill, the franchise and the telegraph anguish bill, tax books, conformity, are a few of the measures that corporations are willing to spend money for to keep off the statute books.

At this time it looks as if the special interest crowd had a stunt that would require the attention of some of the most expert debaters of the Third House.

They may have different material on which to work this time, as one Representative with a strenuous bill, who said to THE SUN that he thought he had a majority of the House with him.

He was not alone with this thought, as other members with other strong measures for the benefit of the people, hold the same opinion, relative to their own bills.

Already one of the talented influ-

ON THE NIGHT OF THE CAUSE—AND OTHER TIMES SINCE.



FORECAST OF COMING WEEK

Washington, D. C., April 6.—The United States Supreme Court reassembles Monday after a two-week recess. The important cases on the docket for early hearing include the case of the Philippine tariff increases and the case of Damselle Howard against the Illinois Central Railroad, involving the constitutionality of the Railroad Employers' Liability Act, passed at the last session of Congress.

The case of Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco, charged with graft, will be called in court Monday, and it is probable the trial will proceed without further delay.

The tenth annual meeting of the Conference for Education in the South will meet at Pinehurst, N. C., Monday and continue in session two days.



Pat is a little thin, not having yet located the dough bag, but "business will pick up the coming week, thank you," says the Major, who still waxes "round and rosy."

encers of legislation belonging to the American Book Company has been in town, surveying the field and marking out his blue prints for the line he proposes to run through State uniformity.

He was a frequent visitor to the People's Lobby, where the school book exhibit seemed to have fascination for him.

No one objected to his being in The People's Lobby, for, as its name designates, it is for the people, and even an agent of the American Book Company should be tolerated in his search for knowledge.

Although nobody paid attention to him or indicated desire to have him disclose his business, nobody was fooled, and his true character was known to THE SUN from the first.

Advance reports indicate that the opponents to the franchise tax bill are preparing to move on the Capital, and the skirmish guard is due to arrive Monday afternoon.

Then the situation will be fixed up at the headquarters of the general commanding, dispatches sent out to bring in the detachments needed, ammunition will be distributed from the dough bag and the battle will be on.

Funny affair, that Speakership race of Representative MacWilliams that ended in his getting the chairmanship of the House Judiciary Committee, where he wanted all the time to land.

For starting out in an alleged campaign for one thing that he did not want, in order to get another that he did want, Mac's stunt was a fine specimen of political craft. At any rate, he has the most important position in the House, and friends in St. Augustine are doubtless happy and have already slapped him on the back and praised his astuteness.

BIRTHDAY OF JAMESTOWN'S PRESIDENT.

Washington, April 6.—Henry St. George Tucker, the eminent Southern lawyer who, as president, is directing the affairs of the Jamestown Centennial Exposition, was born in Winchester, Va., April 5, 1853. He graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1875 and the following year was admitted to the bar.

From 1889 to 1897 he represented his district in Congress. In the latter year he succeeded his father as professor of constitutional and international law of equity at Washington and Lee University.

He remained with Washington and Lee University until 1903 when he went to Columbia (now George Washington) University as dean of the schools of jurisprudence and law, and politics and diplomacy. In 1904 Mr. Tucker was honored with the presidency of the American Bar Association.

The Missouri Legislature will assemble in special session Tuesday to consider legislation dealing with the regulation of public corporations, the enforcement of the liquor laws, the suppression of race track gambling, and other matters outlined in the call of Governor Folk.

The Church Congress of the American Episcopal church will meet in annual session in New Orleans Wednesday and remain in session three days.

Notables from many parts of the world will gather in Pittsburgh Thursday to attend the dedication of the new building of the Carnegie Institute, erected by Andrew Carnegie at a cost of \$6,000,000. The dedication ceremonies will continue over Friday.

William J. Bryan and other party leaders will attend the Jefferson Day dinners to be given Saturday by the Democrats of Greater New York.

RUSHING AT JAMESTOWN

To Be Ready On Date of Opening — Buildings Practically Completed—Placing Exhibits That Are Coming in Vast Numbers.

Norfolk, Va., April 6.—Scenes are being enacted these days in the shaping up of the grounds at the Jamestown Exposition that are little short of magic. With the opening of the fair, less than three weeks off, the enormous force of workmen, representing every craft, is working like beavers, but with steady and well directed purpose to the end of making the exposition present a completed appearance before the opening day.

At present the unknowing visitor views the seeming chaos with dubious thoughts as to the ability of the exposition management to finish the physical part of the exposition on time. But from now on the transformation of the grounds will be marvelous. Tons of debris, scores of unsightly shanties, temporary bridges, and murky pools that now disfigure the beautiful main picture are soon to disappear, and in their place there will be greensward, flowering beds, spacious walks and brightly colored booths.

The management has been handicapped from the start by the lack of adequate transportation and terminal facilities. Building material was hauled up in the early stages of the construction.



JAMES E. BROOME, Senator from the Sixth. A bulwark of the Democratic Party in Florida when Democracy was fighting for existence. He is a Legislator for the people.

tion work and through the same cause delay is now being experienced in handling and placing the exhibits that are arriving in vast number. Heroic efforts are being made to remedy the matter and it is hoped to overcome all obstacles within a few days.

The main exhibition palaces are practically complete and the same may be said of the majority of the State buildings and smaller structures that adorn the grounds. Buildings that a week ago were surrounded by scaffolding and a maze of rude planks, giving them a most unfinished appearance, are rapidly being stripped of these reminders of the period of construction.

POLITICS IN OKLAHOMA.

Guthrie, Okla., April 6.—The prevailing belief that the Democrats have the better chance of success at the first election in the new State of Oklahoma has resulted in a rush of candidates seeking office under the banner of that party. Democratic success in the municipal elections this week has served to increase the confidence of the party leaders.

The three men whose names are now most prominently mentioned for Governor on the Democratic side are Lee Cruce, of Ardmore; C. H. Haskell, of Muskogee, and J. A. Kelo, of Enid. All signs at present lead to the belief that either Haskell or Cruce will secure the nomination at the primaries in August.

ATLANTA TRADES CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Atlanta, Ga., April 6.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, delivered an address tonight at the celebration of the sixteenth anniversary of the Atlanta Federation of Trades. Several other labor leaders of national prominence took part in the celebration, which was one of the most notable events in the history of organized labor in this section.