

LEGISLATURE LOADED WITH IMPORTANT BILLS

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for use of the Supreme Court and other State officers. Movements for county division is presented thus far by the bill to create Pinellas County out of Hillsborough. The above review is an outline of the legislation to be considered when the Legislature adjourned Friday, with the exception of some local and other bills not of general interest.

Up to the time of adjournment Friday 186 bills had been introduced in the House and 165 in the Senate. Last session 566 bills were in the House and 407 in the Senate in all.

IF A LAW, MIGHT CAUSE PEONAGE.

Representative Clarke has introduced a bill, the intent of which is to protect employers from loss on account of money advanced when a contract is violated by an employe.

If it became a law it would be a strong weapon for the employer and especially so if he were inclined to be dishonest. Just so long as the employe is in debt, just so long is he bound to the employer, no matter how trifling the amount involved.

It is a bill providing all for the employer and none for the employe. The employer is not bound to anything, but the employe is bound in the strongest terms. The word of the employe as to the amount of money or value of goods he may have received would have no value against the statement of the employer, and if the employe be an illiterate white person or an ignorant negro he would have difficulty to offset the word of the employer.

Following are the principal sections of the bill:

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this act any person in the State of Florida who shall contract with another to perform for him services of any kind with intent to procure money, or other thing of value thereby, and not to perform the services contracted for, to the loss and damage of the hirer, or whoever after having so contracted shall obtain or procure from the hirer money or other thing of value, with intent not to perform such services, to the loss and damage of the hirer, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by fine not less than five nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than thirty nor more than one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 2. That satisfactory proof of the contract, the procuring thereon of money or other thing of value, the failure to perform the services so contracted for, the failure to return the money so advanced with interest thereon at the time said labor or services so to be performed, without giving a sufficient cause, and loss or damage to the hirer, shall be deemed presumptive evidence of the intent referred to in the preceding section.

PATRIOTIC WOMEN TO MEET.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—The sixteenth continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution will convene in this city Monday morning and remain in session through the entire week. The Congress promises to be one of the most notable successes held during the history of the organization. It is expected that nearly 10,000 members of the society will be in attendance. Several thousand have already arrived.

GEORGIA CHAUTAUQUA ASSEMBLY.

Albany, Ga., April 13.—Everything is in readiness for the opening here tomorrow of the nineteenth annual session of the Georgia Chautauqua assembly. The session is to continue one week.

MR. BRYAN TO DELIVER ADDRESS.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—William J. Bryan will be the principal speaker at the Lincoln memorial exercises, to be held in the Columbia Theater tomorrow evening under the auspices of the Union Veteran Legion. Mr. Bryan's address, it is understood, will be entirely non-political, but he is expected to make one of the greatest oratorical efforts of his career.

JEFFERSON DAY BANQUETS.

New York, April 13.—The guest list at the Jefferson Day banquet of the National Democratic Club, given at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight was confined wholly to the party leaders in the East and South, and particularly those known to be friendly to the Belmont-Parker wing of the party.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 13.—Bird S. Coler of Brooklyn, Governor John Burke of North Dakota and Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota were the leading speakers at the Jeffersonian Club banquet in this city tonight.

THIRTEEN CLUB DINNER.

Washington, D. C., April 13.—A special train of thirteen cars, leaving New York at 12:13 p. m., reached Washington early this evening, bringing the members of the Thirteen Club of New York to this city for their annual dinner at the National Hotel tonight. Previous to the dinner the members of the club were received by the President at the White House. The dinner itself was an occasion to shock the superstitious, for every tradition of occultism was flouted.

The members walked under a ladder in entering the banquet hall, and not being able to limit the guests to thirteen, did the next best thing, having 413 to sit down at the table. The black cat, which is the mascot of the club, presided over the revels in the banquet hall, and among the decorations were tree frogs on gilded cages in place of canaries.

ANSON PHELPS STOKES IS 83.

New York, April 13.—Anson Phelps, Jr., the young millionaire minister of the gospel, was born at New Brighton, S. I., April 13, 1874. He was graduated from Yale in 1896 and from the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass., in 1900.

About this time he became secretary of Yale University and assistant minister of St. Paul's Church, New Haven. In college Mr. Stokes was noted for several things. In the first place, he was one of the richest undergraduates in the university. He won high oratorical honors and was a member of a debating team that defeated Harvard.

But it was in religious work that Mr. Stokes was most active. He conducted a Bible class each week, and was chairman of the Bible study committee. Mr. Stokes shares with his brother and sister their interest in social settlement work in the poorer quarters of New York City.

DELMAS 63 YEARS OLD.

New York, April 13.—Delphin Michael Delmas, the famous California lawyer, who is the leading attorney for the defense in the Harry Thaw case, was born in France, April 14, 1844. He removed to California in his boyhood, and was graduated from the Santa Clara College in 1862. Three years later he graduated from the Yale Law School. After his admission to the California bar in 1866, he practiced law in San Jose until 1882, and since then in San Francisco. He was chosen regent of the University of California in 1885 and delegate-at-large to the Democratic national convention in St. Louis in 1904. Mr. Delmas resides at Casa Delmas, Santa Clara County, and has his office in San Francisco. During his years of practice at the California bar he has won many famous cases.

It is said, in fact, that no client he has defended, has ever been found guilty.

ICE CREAM SUPPER.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will have an ice cream and cake festival on Thursday, April 25th, on the Court House lawn.

CHURCH NOTICE.

Archdeacon Webber will preach in St. John's church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22d, 23d and 24. First sermon on Monday, 22d, at 7:30 p. m., when notice will be given of the time of the other services.

Her Artistic Instinct.

Art was undoubtedly the ruling passion of the woman who clung to a strap in a New York subway car when she might have sat down. She was dressed in a coral pink gown. There was a vacant place next a cross seat to which a man, who was also clinging to a strap, called her attention.

"Oh, no, thank you," she replied frankly. "I couldn't sit there. It would kill my gown."

The man was puzzled until he observed that a woman sat next to the vacant place who wore a costume in which deep purple predominated.

Truth in Burns' Jest.

Burns when only beginning to taste the pleasures of celebrity prophesied jokingly that his birthday would one day be reckoned among the remarkable events in his country's history. In a letter written to Gavin Hamilton in 1786 he says: "For my own affairs, I am in a fair way of becoming as eminent as Thomas a Kempis or John Bunyan, and you may expect henceforth to see my birthday inscribed among the wonderful events in the Poor Robin and Aberdeen almanacs along with the Black Monday and the battle of Bothwell Bridge."

How Animals Blush.

Animals blush as girls do, but it is fear and not modesty that in their case causes the flush of blood. Horses blush in their ears, especially in the left ear. When a horse is frightened, its left ear will be found very hot and swollen. This is also true of rabbits. Cows and all other cloven footed animals blush just above the fetlock. Dogs blush in their tails. When a dog is frightened, its tail blushes so that it hangs limp, the dog having absolutely no control over it. Insects blush in their antennae.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The village of Elm, in the Canton Glarus, Switzerland, is so surrounded by tall mountains that it gets no sun at all in winter.

The largest prayer meeting in the world is said to be held outside the great mosque of Delhi every Friday morning. There are from 3,000 to 4,000 persons at each service, and the audience is composed entirely of men, women not being allowed inside the sacred inclosure.

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