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Seven Weeks Spent on Twelve Hours Work.

The press dispatches say that Monday when the junketing legislators returned to Austin, the governor took occasion to indicate to a number of members of the legislature who visited him that the Houston, Galveston and Dallas trips did not meet with his approval. He also complained of the slight consideration shown bills embodying so called platform demands, and said the legislature would have to do something besides passing the appropriation bill as quickly as possible and then getting away, to satisfy him that it had performed its duty. And he intimated that if such a program was not followed he would call an extra session to put the legislature on record. The immediate result of all of this was the overwhelming defeat of the Mobley-Curry resolution, providing for an amendment to the rules so as to make it out of order for the speaker to lay before the house invitations to take trips anywhere. This resolution was introduced and almost immediately acted upon.

In defending it, Mr. Mobley said that he did not think the motives behind the invitations complained of bad; that it was the effect of accepting them he deplored. And, among other things, he declared that all the real work the house had done in the past six or seven weeks could have been performed in 12 hours. He was not one of those who thought the legislature had nothing to do but go visiting, pass the appropriation bill and go home. Inasmuch as there were some eight billion dollars worth of property escaping taxation, he thought that something should be done for the relief of the two and a quarter billions of property that is bearing the whole burden now. And it occurred to him that the penalty for violating the anti-trust law should be increased as there were some trusts that could afford to and would gladly pay \$1,000 a day for the privilege of remaining in the state. Continuing, the gentleman from Henderson alleged that the school fund had been robbed of millions of acres of land which should be recovered, and that the bill compelling railroads to engage in the express business themselves, instead of furnishing the facilities for bar-nacle corporations to milk them of the profit thereof, should pass for the relief of the fruit and truck growers of the state.

The resolution was opposed by Fuller, Reedy, Highsmith, Davis and Fitzhugh. Mr. Reedy said that the Thirty first legislature was not open to the charge of laxity in the performance of its duties, and that he knew that it had worked as hard and as faithfully as the Thirtieth. In so far as he was concerned, he had taken the trip to Dallas and had profited by it. In company with the gentleman from Robertson, Mr. Goodman, he had taken a ride down the Trinity and acquired valuable information with regard to the progress of the work of improving that stream. The average legislator, like the average citizen, Mr. Reedy declared, is woefully ignorant of the vastness of his state and cannot on the meager salary paid him travel and inform himself, hence he thought the cities who had paid the expenses of the trips that had been indulged in had performed a great service for the state at large.

Hamilton of Childers favored the resolution on the ground that the invitations came from the cities which lacked a great deal of being the whole thing. Jenkins thought so, too.

Curry favored the resolution not because he was opposed to the

members taking the trip, but because he did not think those trips should be taken on time belonging to the people. And in so far as getting information was concerned the legislators could get an abundant supply of that out of the newspapers which kept up with the development of the state and made a specialty of heralding its resources.

After legislation had been successfully blocked for an hour and a half by discussion of the resolution, it was put to sleep by a vote of 84 to 29.

Ridicule Roosevelt's Life Commission Report.

Washington, March 2.—A partial agreement on the agricultural appropriation bill was reported to the senate by the conference today and approved. Only one item of disagreement between the two houses was left undisposed of. That was the senate provision appropriating \$25,000 for the publication of the report of the country life commission. The house conferees refused to accept the amendment and the senate has so far declined to surrender.

The conference report was also adopted by the house, but not without considerable discussion of the provision for the publication of the report of the country life commission in which Messrs. Stevens, Fitzgerald, Hepburn and Tawney participated.

The democrats generally took the position that the commission had been created by the president without authority of law. Mr. Stanley was among the more pronounced. He said:

"We don't want to have a bunch of men in frock coats and silk hats, riding around in automobiles and eating canvasback duck and drinking champagne trying to tell farmers how to eat greens, draw water and milk cows. We don't want a city commission to teach farmers."

He said the commission probably would not know the difference between a chicken and a turkey or a horse and a yearling calf.

Mr. Tawney was sarcastic in his opposition to the amendment.

"If we continue these commissions," he said, "we will be having government by executive choice and not by law."

The provision was sent back to conference. At the second conference of the day on the agricultural bill, the senate conferees receded from their demands for an appropriation of \$25,000 to print the report of the commission on country life.

Out-Rides Roosevelt.

Piqua, Ohio, March 2.—Dr. G. C. Throckmorton, 65 years, yesterday beat the military ride of President Roosevelt of 96 miles, military gait when he rode the three horses in relays from Sidney through Piqua to Troy, 20 miles in all, in thirteen hours and forty five minutes. The result was telegraphed to President Roosevelt, who has manifested some interest in the effort to break his record.

Pushing Not Always Progress.

"Nothing is ever done beautifully which is done in rivalry," writes John Ruskin. "Whatever sort of progress may be made by pushing others aside or pulling them down, it certainly is not climbing, it is not a gain that ever lifts one higher. Whatever our work in the world may be, by whatever name the profession or avocation may be called, it is only as the Master's work that it will finally have value and his work must be done in his spirit, or it is worthless."—Ex.

Old papers 15c 100 at this office.

Hearst Wins Point Over Haskell.

Guthrie, Okla., March 2.—Scott MacReynolds of Brooklyn, the personal representative of William R. Hearst, in the Logan county court here gained a complete victory over Governor Charles N. Haskell in his suit to compel the governor to return to him certain papers seized at the instance of the governor.

Judge Strang, who presided, handed down a lengthy decision holding that the writ of search and seizure issued under an affidavit signed by Governor Haskell alleging that MacReynolds had in his possession papers which he intended to publish thereby libeling the governor was without sufficient fact to justify the action of the officers and ordered the papers and other property of Mr. MacReynolds returned to him.

J. C. Vinson of Haskell, Tex., was found beside the Southern Pacific tracks Wednesday at San Antonio with one foot cut off. When found he was calmly smoking a cigarette. Vinson fell under the wheels while en route to Mexico to seek employment.

Thomas After Gambling Legislators.

Austin, Tex., March 2.—It is learned tonight that Senator Thomas had filed a request with the senate investigation committee that the recent gambling raid in which several legislators were interested be investigated.

Also a request that they investigate the report that a banker had paid the fines for the bunch. It is understood that the matter will be investigated and a number of witnesses of more or less importance will be summoned.

State's Financial Condition Said to Be Good.

Austin, March 2.—The state is well supplied with funds at the beginning of the fiscal quarter, according to the report of the state treasurer. A balance to the credit of all funds of \$2,103,577.80 is shown and a total of \$15,575,839.03 in bonds. The sum of \$1,220,352 remains to the credit of the general fund after disbursements of \$1,103,686.69 from this fund during the quarter, the total disbursements being \$3,219,751.97. It is said that the state's financial equipment is better now than for some time past.

Church Membership.

The growth of the Christian churches of the United States in the year 1908 was not so rapid as in any one of the preceding five years, according to statistics of all the religious bodies just compiled by Dr. H. K. Carroll of New York. In the report are included only church members in the United States. In all Christian churches in this country—Protestant and Catholic—there are now 32,282,543 members. Of this total 12,094,656 are credited to the Roman Catholic church. In all the churches 720,647 communicants were added in 1908, far less than was the gain in 1907, which was reported as 1,241,286, but more than half of that total was credited to the Roman Catholic church, whereas for 1908 the Roman Catholic increase is only 298,843. This leaves the total Protestant gains for the two years, respectively, 571,443 in 1907 and 421,804 in 1908. Compared with the results of the government census of 1890, the new figures show that in the 18 years the number of communicants has grown from 20,618,307 to 34,282,543, an increase at the rate of 66 per cent. The number of ministers has grown from 111,036 to 165,725, an increase of 49 per cent. In 1890 there were 142,639 churches; now there are 213,049. Religious bodies having more than 250,000 communicants each, in order according to size, are:

Roman Catholic	12,094,656
Methodist Episcopal	3,112,448
Methodist, South	2,054,301
Baptist, South	2,054,301
Baptist, North	1,187,356
Baptist, Colored	1,864,877
Presbyterian, North	1,278,259
Disciples of Christ	1,274,725
Protestant Episcopal	884,553
African Methodist	858,323
Congregationalists	721,553
Lutheran Synod Conf.	672,049
African Methodist Zion	583,106
Lutheran Gen. Council	447,118
Mormons	350,000
Reformed, German	289,328
Lutheran Gen. Synod	280,978
United Brethren	279,846
Presbyterian, South	269,733

New Mexico Affairs.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 1.—After a spirited debate the lower house of the New Mexico legislature today passed a bill providing for 3c passenger fares on all railroads operating in the territory, the fares now charged by railroads ranging from 4c to 6c per mile.

The outlook for the passage of a local option or prohibition law at this session is good. Hundreds of petitions, bearing thousands of signatures urging the enactment of such a law, are being sent to the legislature. One of these petitions contains the signatures of Governor Curry and every Territorial official.

The factory and excelsior buildings of Hantshorn Bro. upholstering establishment at Ft. Worth, were destroyed by fire Monday with a loss of about \$15,000, only the office building being saved. The loss was covered by insurance. The same night the two story framed residence owned by Mrs. Tillman Smith, just nearing completion and the homes of Dr. R. B. Grammer and Leon Gross were badly damaged by fire. The fire started in shavings in the back yard of the Smith place and soon reached the house and spread rapidly. The losses are approximately: Mrs. Tillman Smith \$4,000. Leon Gross \$9,000, Dr. R. B. Grammer \$4,000. Other houses adjacent were more or less damaged, running to about \$18,000.

Plants For Sale.
Asparagus plants 4 years old 75 cents for 100; \$5.00 for 1,000.
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AUSTIN LETTER

Special Correspondence.

Austin, Mar. 3.—With the opening of the first week of the month of winds, the Texas law-makers are fast approaching the home stretch of the legislative race course and are running with such a vigor and determination that they bid fair to come under the wire by the time limit, March 13th, set by the house several weeks ago. It now appears that a special session may not be necessary. In this event, however, adjournment can be taken on March 13th, but the regular session may be allowed to run until, say about April 1st, by which time it will be possible to dispose of all business pending and pass the appropriation bill.

The finance committee of the senate expects to be able to bring in a report on the appropriation bill some time this week and many members believe that ten days will be sufficient to make up the budget. In such event the legislature could work out its destiny and depart from the capitol corridors by the time All Fools' Day rolls round. Of course from March 13th on, the recompense for the solons will be only \$2 per day, unless a special session is convened.

The last week has been productive of large quantities of tropical debating, but not much legislation of state wide interest. The Thomas investigating committee has been sitting nights, but nothing has been given out concerning its findings. It will probably finish its labors during the week. The bill of Senator Holsey of Navarro county, providing that corporation officials should not be entitled to hold congressional or legislative positions, was given its death blow after a heated debate in the upper house, during which Senator Holsey exploded some vitriolic oratory. The senate refused to consider the bill, out of its regular order by a vote that indicates the majority of the senate is against the measure.

During the week the governor signed a number of bills, all of local purport, with a few exceptions. The anti racing bill is still pending before the senate and the pure food bill before the house. A good roads measure has been introduced and will have little, if any, opposition. It was drawn by former Representative Camp of Rockdale and provides for the issuance of bonds by political subdivisions of counties for the purpose of building highways. The merit of the measure is evident to the most casual observer and if passed it will accomplish much toward the betterment of Texas roads.

The members returned Monday from an excursion of two days to Dallas, pretty well tired out but greatly pleased with the trip. Only a short session was held Monday afternoon and neither branch got down to actual business before Tuesday. From now on the legislative mill will grind rapidly and the various committees will see that only the cream of the grist offered will be permitted to be thrown into the hopper.

Hartley county has placed its tax levy for the year 1909 as set as follows: County Advalorem, 15 cents on the \$100.00 valuation; Road and bridge, 10 cents on the \$100.00 valuation; Court House and jail, 5 cents on the \$100.00 valuation; Jury 5 cents on the \$100.00 valuation.

Near Ballinger Tuesday, Buford, the 12-year-old son of E. Ady, a farmer, was thrown from a horse and killed. The boy went to the pasture to drive up the horses and the horse he was riding threw him, his foot catching in the stirrup. The horse ran to the lot and when the father reached him the boy was dead.

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Better Houses.

Texas is comparatively a young State, yet in many places the old houses are being torn down to make room for new ones. It is a notable fact that the old ones were better built than the new ones are as a general thing.

In the larger cities the method of building has been much improved; but in ordinary homes the material is lighter and the work is more careless and less satisfactory than work done forty or fifty years ago.

There needs to be a general reform at this point. The houses of today should be better built than the old ones were. There should be fewer leaks rather than more leaks. The material should be better rather than worse. The work should certainly be as good as that done more than a generation back.

—Dallas News.

STATE NEWS.

The state Knights of Pythias home for widows and orphans was opened at Weatherford Monday. It cost \$250,000. Four orphans by the name of Winkler from Amarillo were the first received.

Harry McKinney, aged 10, was accidentally shot and killed at Mertens Tuesday while hunting. He was crawling through a wire fence when the gun's trigger caught and discharged a load into the boy's side.

Robbers at Coleman a few days ago broke into the dry goods establishment of Drake & Co. They blew open the safe and escaped with \$500 in cash and checks. They missed a package containing \$1,000 in bank notes tied up in a sack.

While Sheriff Mobley of Big Springs was accompanying convicts, Babe Thompson and Will Chestley, to the depot Wednesday to take them to Abilene for safe keeping, Chestley made a successful dash for liberty. The sheriff fired three shots at the fleeing man, none taking effect. The other prisoner was landed in the Abilene jail. Chestley was under a two years sentence on conviction of theft.

