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Legislature Meets Next Monday

Some of the Laws that are Likely to be Enacted by the Legislative Body

Austin, Texas, Dec. 30th.—The Thirtieth Legislature which will convene on January 8th will have some most important matters to attend to; some difficult subjects to deal with, with which they must deal fairly and in the open, regardless of any desire to play politics or shirk responsibility.

Taxation of First Importance.

The question of revision of our taxing laws is, of course, of prime importance, as the State is deeply in debt, and consideration of new demands on the exchequer can not be had until a way is found to pay up past obligations and find new resources for the future. It is a curious incident that while the people of Texas are now more prosperous than ever in their history, the government is bankrupt. Cowardice and mediocrity in legislators is responsible for this condition.

New taxes must be raised, and it seems, in the light of the urgent demands for more money from all State institutions, a temporary increase in the ad valorem is inevitable. The laws for the taxation of corporations, stocks and bonds and the nimble wealth that has heretofore eluded the tax-gatherer must be

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revised and strengthened, as most of the legislation on these lines in the last Legislature was botched up in some way so that "the law's delay" has created a tremendous hiatus between income and expenditure.

One of the troubles with our system of taxation is, at least so far as State revenues are concerned, that the counties and cities are permitted to fix their own ratio of assessable values. If a county or city does not need much money for their own use, assessable values are made low and the State deprived of its just dues. This method violates the mandates of the Constitution that taxation must be "equal and uniform," for people in some counties pay to the State on a higher assessed value than in others.

Insurance Legislation

Strange as it may appear it is nevertheless true that insurance companies, as well as some other corporations in Texas, spend none of their profits here, pay less taxes than those that do. Insurance companies gather large profits from Texas people, yet make all of their investments in other States, on which other States are paid taxes. Legislation will be introduced to require foreign insurance companies to invest some of their profits on Texas business in Texas. That is as it

should be. Wealth that is gained in Texas should be invested in Texas and not taken out to build up other States.

State Department of Agriculture.

A State Department of Agriculture in fact as well as in name, will be one of the valuable results of this meeting of the Legislature. This new department will not be a political machine or a soft berth for a few politicians who know about as much about farming as a hog does of the principles of salvation, but it will be directed by a Board of Agriculture consisting of one member from each congressional district who knows the needs of the farmers. This board of sixteen farmers will be appointed by the Governor, and it will elect a chairman who will be Commissioner of Agriculture. Gov. Campbell has declared himself in favor of the new department, and when it comes to the appointment of the Board it is safe to say he will appoint men who are genuine farmers and who have the interest of our agricultural development at heart.

Changes in Methods of Selling State School Land

A most important and beneficial change in the method of selling State school lands will be suggested to the legislature. At present lands belonging to the school fund can only be sold to persons obligating themselves to a three years settlement thereon, and as most of this land is situated in the semi-arid districts of West Texas, it has mostly been purchased by persons in the employ of ranchmen who make a nominal residence thereon while in the employ of the ranchmen, and afterwards sell it to their employers. The uncertainty of the seasons has deterred farmers from taking contracts with the State for a three

years' continuous residence, as rainless seasons might compel them to go elsewhere to make a crop for a year, and all improvements as well as the land would be forfeited to the State. Hon. J. J. Terrill, the Land Commissioner, proposes to remedy this condition by selling the land in certain counties where crops are uncertain to the highest bidders without settlement. This will have the effect of giving every farmer a chance to bid for a piece of State land, and to farm it when the seasons are propitious, and when not to make a living elsewhere until that change in weather conditions by the continual stirring of the soil making a sufficient rainfall. If the new plan is adopted, the increased number of bidders will secure for the State higher prices for its land as well as bring into the treasury more taxes and increased interest on deferred payments. Commissioner Terrill makes the statement that if the proposed change is made, he will compile a complete list of all lands to go on the market for general distribution and set a date far enough in the future for every citizen to become advised of the intended sale and have a fair show to make an application for some of it.

The Liquor Question.
As is usual there will be legislation affecting the sale of alcoholic liquors, but I anticipate no change in the laws so far as local option elections are concerned. The manufacturers of beer, who are the only wholesale liquor dealers that have any investments in the State or employ to any considerable extent Texas labor, have taken the cue from the statements of leading prohibitionists that the curse of the liquor business is the irresponsible persons who retail it, and run in connection with saloons gambling halls, wine rooms where lewd women congregate, and sell liquor to minors in violation of law, have started a campaign themselves to eradicate these

Land
Power of Attorney has been conferred upon the undersigned to sell direct to purchasers, and to execute deeds for lands in Block Number Three of the I. & G. N. R. R. Co. surveys, Gray County, Texas; also for lots in the new and promising town of Pampa.

The rich quality and fast rising value of the land are already too generally known to need much comment. Liberal terms and a low rate of interest. I have also very excellent pastures to rent.

T. D. HOBART,
Pampa, Gray County, Texas.

A Western Wonder.
There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to 180. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of consumption, I was reduced to 90 pounds when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only strong cough and cold cure. Guaranteed by Central Drug Store, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Praise Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
There is no other medicine manufactured that has received so much praise and so many expressions of gratitude as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effective and prompt relief follows its use. Grateful parents everywhere do not hesitate to testify to its merits for the benefit of others. It is a certain cure for croup and will prevent the attack if given at the first appearance of the disease. It is especially adapted to children as it is pleasant to take and contains nothing injurious. E. A. Humphreys, a well known resident and clerk in the store of E. Leck, of Alton, Cape Colony, South Africa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to ward off croup and colds in my family. I found it to be very satisfactory and it gives me pleasure to recommend it." For sale at Central Drug Store.

New Cure for Epilepsy
J. B. Waterman of Watertown, Ohio, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleanser and life giving tonic pills on earth. See at Central Drug Store.

evils, and will ask the aid of the State by making the exhibition of gaming devices a felony, as well as making more strict the laws against wine rooms and selling to minors. This will bring on a fight, for the tough element will hire lawyers and try to retaliate by putting the beer men out of business by raising their occupation tax, the tax on beer now being lower than on whisky and other liquors having a large percentage of alcohol. The use of alcohol being, as it is, always a danger to the people, yet not eradicated after these thousands of years of use, should be scientifically considered and apart from politics. It serves no good purpose to restrict the use of alcohol under a special name, but it should be restricted no matter in what guise it masquerades, whether as medicine, whisky or beer, and the restriction tax as in other countries should be graduated so as to bear heaviest on liquor containing the greatest amount of alcohol.

Election Laws
It is almost certain that there will be some change in the Terrill Election Law. A strong effort will be made by some for a blanket primary.

The Election of a Senator
The Federal law requires that the Legislature of each State shall commence to ballot for the election of a Senator on the second Tuesday after it convenes. This will require that our legislature begin to ballot for a successor to Senator Bailey on January 22nd. In the meantime provision for an investigation of Bailey's acts will likely be made. As candidates in opposition to Bailey it seems to be the opinion of a large number that the most available ones are ex-Senator Horace Chilton and ex-Senator Roger Q. Mills. It has been suggested by others that owing to the political phase it may become necessary to select a member of the Supreme Court, as was done in the early sixties, when Chief Justice Hemphill was elected a Senator.

Not "Just as Good"—It's the Best.
One box of Hunt's Cure is unfailingly, unqualifyingly and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of skin disease. It is particularly active in promptly relieving and permanently curing all forms of itching known. Eczema, tetter, ringworm and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

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Our city attorney seems to have been seized with a spasm of reform along the lines of Folk of Missouri, only in a more severe form, and we are told that cigar stores, drug stores, confectionery stores and similar places of business must be closed on Sunday hereafter. The query now agitating the public mind, is, will milk wagons be allowed to deliver milk, hotel and restaurants be allowed to keep open or any of us be allowed to do a little necessary Sunday work? The Daily Panhandle believes in the enforcement of laws which are upon the statutes, but there is such a thing as carrying a good thing to extremes.—Amarillo Daily Panhandle.

William T. Vernon, the Kansas negro, who has been appointed Register of the Treasury, signed his name Friday to the first batch of new currency to go through his hands. It was a sheet of \$20 bills. For the first of them Vernon substituted an old twenty; intending to keep the new note and frame it as a keepsake of his \$5,000 job. In features Vernon is a true Ethiopian and in color as black as the ace of spades.—Clarendon Chronicle.

While out hunting last Saturday Raymond Bates of Ochiltree County had two fingers so badly mangled that he had to have them amputated. The injury was caused by using nitra powder shells in an ordinary shot gun, and in firing the gun burst.

W. J. McCauley of Longview has been endorsed to succeed Capt. McDonald of the Texas Rangers and the Governor asked to appoint him to the vacancy caused by Captain McDonald's promotion.

The poor man who can't afford an automobile may console himself with the knowledge that a mule doesn't cost as much, and is almost as dangerous.—Philadelphia Record.

The acreage in winter wheat in Texas is estimated at 1,300,000 acres, or 10 per cent decrease in the acreage last year.

Last Saturday Plainview celebrated the completion of laying the rails of the new railroad into that city.

Frank Lanham, youngest son of Gov. Lanham, married Miss Stogie Woolbridge at Austin on December 30th.

The Daily Panhandle claims a population of ten thousand for Amarillo.

Distinct earthquake shocks were felt at El Paso on Thursday of last week.

Before the holidays Representative Slaydon of Texas introduced a bill in congress prohibiting the further appointment of negroes as United States soldiers. He has received many letters of commendation from northern and eastern States. These letters in nearly every case, it is said, were from old union soldiers

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who witnessed the attempt made during the civil war to transform the blacks into fighting men. Not only did they prove inefficient, but were found to be a positive handicap to the union armies. This is also in most cases the testimony of white officers of negro regiments. Add to this the fact that there is not a town or city in the country that cares to have negro troops quartered near it and it appears that Mr. Slayden's bill is a meritorious one. Though it is not likely that such a bill can pass as long as the negro holds the balance of political power in many states.

Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture has awarded to J. H. Gurley of Denton, Texas, the contract for fencing the Buffalo Park in the national game preserve of the Wichita mountains. Work will likely begin by Feb. 1st and completed by August, when twenty-one head of buffalo presented to the government by J. Alden Loring, president of the New York zoological survey, will be sent to the reserve. Other shipments of buffalo and other game will follow.

A. S. Hawkins, State Senator for the Abilene, or 28th district, has resigned, giving as his reason because he could not support Bailey. He immediately offered himself for reelection on an "against Bailey" platform, and Hon. J. W. Cunningham, a pronounced Bailey man, is making the race against him. Ex Senator D. E. Decker of this district is in the district working for Hawkins. Decker also has written an open letter to Senator-Elect Veale of this district, asking Mr. Veale to pursue a course like to Mr. Hawkins, and offering his service free on the stump in behalf of his re-election. Senator Veale very wisely declined to do any such thing, and among other reasons states "there may be matters coming before the Thirtieth Legislature to which my constituents may desire me to give some consideration other than that of electing a United States Senator."

A corps of Santa Fe surveyors are in Miami, and have engaged board for ten days. Their work is to survey new lines to lessen or to eliminate as far as possible the curves on the Southern Kansas, preparatory to laying new and heavier steel before using this for the main line.

King of All Cough Medicines
E. G. Cose, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about 16 years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad effects." For sale Central Drug Store.

