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Legislative News Letter.

Austin, Texas, April 15.- The first special session of the Legislature has closed and will go down in history as having killed more bills and passed fewer laws than any previous session of the Legislature. The bills passed have cost the state \$1200 each and is another record breaker in the way of high priced legislation. But the Legislature has done well. Out of ore which runs less than one half of one per cent metal, it has brought forth finished products and the high price of the article cannot be credited to the Legislative branch of the government. It is due to chaffy material submitted for legislation.

The Governor submitted 26 measures for legislation and 216 bills were introduced covering various phases of the different subjects. Of this number 127 bills originated in the House and 89 in the Senate. Forty Five bills were enacted into law and of this number 35 were general and 10 local. Of the 35 general bills a number were corrections to captions, etc. of laws passed by the regular session of the 31st Legislature. The session has cost over \$50,000 and it will increase the annual tax levy 1-4 of one cent.

The new legislation passed at

this session may be considered as the Board of Health Bill; the measure authorizing the formation of a fire insurance rating board; co-operative life insurance companies and the Robertson Fitzhugh liquor bill. Among the important bills killed was the nine juror bill; the full rendition bill; the two cent fare bill and the Bank Guaranty Bill.

Both Houses spent Easter Sunday in special session and transacted the usual rush of business incident to the closing session of a Legislature. The sensation of the session came in the form of a message from the Governor excoriating the legislature for their failure to enact into law the measures submitted by him for legislation and charging that they were under the influence of lobbyists. The majority of the House, willing to give the Governor an opportunity to play to the galleries, smiled at the message, but the Senate resented the insinuation and adopted a resolution scoring the Governor for interfering with the Legislative branch of government and charging him with communication to cheap politics.

The Governor called the second special session of the Legislature Sunday evening and submitted the Appropriation Bill

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Every now and then a ten line notice of the great libel suit appears. But progress is slow. Imagination refuses to picture Mr. Taft actively pushing this silly suit.

If the parties who are said to have been libeled seemed to have a keen resentment, a bitter enmity, or something equally high sounding the case would be different. But it appears to be a matter personal to Mr. Roosevelt.

Mr. Pulitzer may comfort himself. 'Tis a long way from the imposition of a \$29,000,000 fine to the payment of real money.

If any readers of these pages are losing sleep over the outcome of the war between the New York Press and the theatrical trust we will inform them that the war is still on but no important engagements are occurring.

Jack Lightfoot Jailed Again

Jack Lightfoot, alias T. C. Crane, who, it will be remember-

ed, stole a car of horses here in this county more than two years ago loaded them on the car at Iatan and shipped them to Fort Worth, where he was caught by Sheriff Mobley, has been captured in Oklahoma by Captain Frank Johnson of the State Rangers and lodged in jail for the third time for the stealing of the horses.

After Lightfoot, or Crane, was caught by Sheriff Mobley in Fort Worth he was brought here and kept in the Howard county jail for about eighteen months, when his case was transferred to Mitchell county. After being taken to Colorado he made bond and proceeded immediately to jump his bond. He was again caught and returned to Colorado and again made bond. As Mr. Lightfoot didn't like the people of Colorado or probably because he was afraid to stay there on account of his health, he again hot-footed it, or Light-footed it, out of the country. Of course, anyone who has had to spend a night in Colorado

will hardly blame him for wanting to get out of the town, but at the same time, considering the ties he had to bind him to the town, and the fact that the people of the town had hunted him up and even paid his way back to the city, (through the sheriff) the second time, it is thought by some that he showed a very unappreciative spirit in leaving the second time. However, the authorities in Colorado think so much of "dear Jack" that it is thought they will endeavor to keep him with them this time.

—Big Springs Herald.

Got Nighty-Nine Years

Henry Harless returned Monday from Abilene, where he went to attend the trial of Barnett who was charged with murdering and burning the body of Alex Sears. Barnett was given a sentence of ninety nine years in the penitentiary —Western Light.

PLACATED MP. SAMPSON

Colored Minister's "Retraction" Triumph of Ingenuity.

In Mississippi there was a colored preacher noted in those parts

for the extreme frankness and candor of his exhortations to his wicked brethren to reform. On one occasion, relates Representative John Sharp Williams, the divine was holding forth on the sin of theft. Among other things, he said: "I see befo' me ten chicken thieves, includin' Dan Sampson." This bold statement of fact rather aroused the resentment of the aforesaid Sampson, and he threatened the minister with personal violence. The latter's friends persuaded the divine to withdraw the accusation, if Sampson would promise not to offer the minister any hurt. The question seemed about to be adjusted it being settled that the clergyman should, on the following Sunday, publicly retract his statement as to the honesty of Mr. Sampson. Therefore, rising in the pulpit on the appointed day, the minister read: "It 'pears dat a ramark of mine, in de sermon of last Sunday has been de cause of offense, an I derefore amends it. What I should have said was dis: 'I see befo' me ten chicken thieves not includin' Dan Sampson. —Harper's Weekly.

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"Napoleon Doret—our Poleon!"

more as pondered it the more pitiful it seemed, the more monstrous. Lying awake and thinking of her in the stillness of his quarters, it had seemed a very unfortunate and a very terrible thing. During his morning duties the vision of her had been fresh before him again, and his constant contemplation of the matter had wrought a change in his attitude toward the girl, of which he was uncomfortably conscious and which he was glad to see she did not perceive.

The men were pouring off the boat now, and through the crowd came the tall Frenchman, bearing in the hollow of each arm a child who clasped a bundle to its breast. His eyes grew brighter at sight of Necia, and he broke into a flood of patois. They fairly bombarded each other with quick questions and fragmentary answers till she remembered her companion.

"Oh, I forgot my manners! Lieutenant Burrell, this is Napoleon Doret—our Poleon!" she added, with proud emphasis.

Doret checked his volubility and stared at the soldier, whom he appeared to see for the first time. The little brown people in his arms stared likewise, and it seemed to Burrell that a certain distrust was in each of the three pairs of eyes, only in those of the man there was no shyness. Instead, the Canadian looked him over gravely from head to heel, seeming to note each point of the unfamiliar attire; then he inquired without removing his glance:

"Were 'bouts you live, eh?"

"I live at the post yonder," said the lieutenant.

"Wat bizness you work at?"

"The lieutenant has been stationed here, foolish," said Necia. "Come up to the store quick and tell me what it's like at Dawson."

In spite of the man's unfriendliness, Burrell watched him with admiration. There were no heels to his tufted fur boots, and yet he stood a good six feet two, as straight as a pine sapling, and it needed no second glance to tell of what metal he was made. His spirit showed in his whole body, in the set of his head and, above all, in his dark, warm face, which glowed with eagerness when he talked, and that was ever—when he was not singing.

"I never see so many people since I left Quebec," he was saying. "She's jus' lak beeg city—mus' be t'ree, four t'ousan' people. Every day some more dey come, an' all night dey dance an' sing an' drink wiskee. Ba gosh, dat's fine place!"

"Are there lots of white women?" asked the girl.

"Yes; two, t'ree hundred. Mos' of dem is work in dance halls. Dere's one fine gal, see, name' Marie Bourgette. I tell you 'bout her by an' by."

"Oh, Poleon, you're in love!" cried Necia.

"No, sircé!" he denied. "Dere's none of dem gal look half so purty lak you." He would have said more; but, spying

the trader at the entrance of the store, he went to him, straightway launching into the details of their commercial enterprise, which, happily, had been most successful.

Among the merchandise of the post there were for sale a scanty assortment of firearms, cheap shotguns and a Winchester or two, displayed in a rack behind the counter in a manner

to attract the eye of such native hunters as might need them, and with the rest hung a pair of Colt's revolvers. One of the new arrivals, who had separated from the others at the front, now called to Gale:

"Are those Colts for sale? Mine was stolen the other day." Evidently he was accustomed to Yukon prices, for he showed no surprise at the figure the trader named, but took the guns and tested each of them, whereupon the old man knew that here was no "Cheechako," as tenderfeet are known in the north, although the man's garb had deceived him at first glance. The stranger balanced the weapons, one in either hand; then he did the "double roll" neatly, following which he executed a move that Gale had not witnessed for many years. He extended one of the guns, butt foremost, as if surrendering it, the action being free and open, save for the fact that his forefinger was crooked and thrust through the trigger guard; then, with the slightest jerk of the wrist, the gun spun about, the handle jumped into his palm, and instantly there was a click as his thumb flipped the hammer. It was the old "road agent spin," which Gale as a boy had practiced hours at a time. But that this man was in earnest he showed by glancing upward sharply when the trader laughed.

"This one hangs all right," he said; "give me a box of cartridges."

He emptied his gold sack in payment for the gun and ammunition, then remarked:

"That pretty nearly cleans me. If I had the price I'd take them both."

Gale wondered what need induced this fellow to spend his last few dollars on a firearm. Then he inquired:

"Bound for the outside?"

"No, I'm locating here."

The trader darted a quick glance at him. He did not like this man.

"There ain't much doing in this camp. It's a pretty poor place," he said guardedly.

"I'll put in with you, from its looks," agreed the other. "It's got too many

soldiers to be worth a d—n." He snarled this bitterly, with a peculiar leering lift of his lip, as if his words tasted bad.

"Most of the boys are going up river," said Gale.

"Well, those hills look as if they had gold in them," said the stranger, pointing vaguely. "I'm going to prospect."

Gale knew instinctively that the fellow was lying, for his hands were not those of a miner, but there was nothing to be said. His judgment was verified, however, when Poleon drew him aside later and said:

"He's bad man."

"How do you know?"

"She's leave Dawson d—n queeck. Dose mounted police t'row 'im on de boat jus' before we left." Then he told a story that he had heard. The man, it seemed, had left Skagway between two suns, upon the disruption of Soapy Smith's band of desperadoes, and had made for the interior, but had been intercepted at the pass by two members of the citizens' committee who came upon him suddenly. Pretending to yield, he had executed some unexpected coup as he delivered his gun, for both men fell, shot through the body. No one knew just what it was he did nor cared to question him overmuch. The next heard of him was at Lake Bennett, over the line, where the

there ain't a lock and key in the camp, and we ain't had a killing or a stealing in ten years. We'd like to keep it that way."

"Well, you see, I know nothing of that shooting affray, so I doubt if my authority would permit me to interfere," the soldier mused, half to himself.

"I allowed you were to use your own judgment," said the elder man.

"So I am, I suppose. There is one chance, Mr. Gale. If you'll back me up I'll send him on down to St. Michael's. That is the most I can do."

The lieutenant outlined his plan, and as he went on the trader nodded approval.

The young man gazed back at him so squarely, his eyes were so pleasant and friendly, his whole person breathed such straight up honesty and freshness that shame arose in the old man, and he had hard shift to keep his glance from wavering. Without forethought he answered impulsively:

"He's desperate and he's dangerous. I sold him a 45 just now." He was about to tell him where the man wore it and to add a word concerning his dexterity with the gun when the very fearless deliberation of the youth deterred him. On second thought Gale yielded to an impulse to wait and see how Meade Burrell would act under fire. If the soldier emerged scathless it would give him a line on his character. If he did not—well, that would be even better.

The crowd was coming back to the steamer, which had discharged her few bundles of freight, and there was no one inside the log post as they entered except Doret and the stranger, who had deposited his baggage at the rear and was talking with the Frenchman at the bar. At sight of the lieutenant he became silent and turned carelessly, although with a distrustful stare. Burrell wasted no time.

"Are you going to locate here?" he began.

"Yes."

"I notice you go skeleton rigged," the soldier continued, indicating the man's baggage. "Pretty small outfit for a miner, isn't it?"

"It's plenty for me."

"Have you enough money to buy your season's grub?"

"I guess that's my business."

"My orders are to see that all newcomers either have an outfit or are able to buy one," said Burrell. "Those that are not equipped properly are to be sent down river to St. Michael's, where there is plenty of everything and where they will be taken care of by the government. Mr. Gale has only sufficient provisions to winter the men already in this district."

"I can take care of myself," said the man angrily, "whether I'm broke or not, and I don't want any of your interference." He shot a quick glance at Poleon Doret, but the Frenchman's face was like wood, and his hand still held the neck of the whisky bottle he had set out for the stranger.

"Come," said the officer peremptorily. "I have heard all about you, and you are not the kind of citizen we want here, but if you have enough money for an outfit I can't send you away. If you haven't—"

"I'm broke," said the man, but at the note in his voice Poleon Doret's muscles tightened, and Burrell, who also read a sinister message in the tone, slid his heavy service revolver from its holster beneath his coat.

"Give me your gun," he said. "I'll unload it and give it back to you at the gangplank."

"All right; you've got the upper hand," said the man through lips that had gone white. Drawing his weapon from beneath his vest, he presented it to the officer, butt foremost, hammer underneath. The cylinder reposed naturally in the palm of his hand, and the tip of his forefinger was thrust through the trigger guard.

Burrell lowered the barrel of his revolver and put out his left hand for

the owner's weapon. Suddenly the man's wrist jerked, the soldier saw a blue flicker of sunlight on the steel as

it whirled, saw the arm of Poleon Doret fling itself across the bar with the speed of a striking serpent, heard a smash of breaking glass, felt the shock of a concussion and the spatter of some liquid in his face. Then he saw the man's revolver on the floor half-way across the room, saw fragments of glass with it and saw the fellow step backward, snatching at the fingers of his right hand. A smell of powder smoke and rank whisky was in the air.

There are times when a man's hand will act more swiftly than his tongue. Napoleon Doret had seen the manner of the stranger's surrender of his gun and, realizing what it meant, had act-



The arm of Poleon Doret flung itself across the bar.

ed. At the very instant of the fellow's treachery Doret struck with his bottle just in time to knock the weapon from his hand, but not in time to prevent its discharge. The bullet was lodged in the wall a foot from where Gale stood. Aiming a sweeping downward blow with his Colt, Burrell clipped the Skagway man just above the ear, and he reeled. Then as he fell the officer struck wickedly again at his opponent's skull, but Doret seized him by the arm.

"Ba gar, don't kill 'im twice!"

Burrell wrenched his arm free and turned on Doret a face that remained long in the Frenchman's memory, a face suffused with fury and convulsed like that of a sprinter at the finish of a race. The two men stared at each other over the fallen figure for a brief moment until the soldier gained mastery of himself and sheathed his weapon, when Poleon smiled.

"I spoil' a quart of good w'iskee on you. Dat's wort' five dollar."

The lieutenant wiped the liquor from his face.

"Quick work, Doret," he said. "I owe you one."

Gale's face was hidden as he bent over the prostrate man, fingering a long and ragged cut which laid the fellow's scalp open from back of the ear to the temple, but he mumbled something unintelligible.

"Is he hurt badly?"

"No; you chipped him too low," said the trader. "I told you he was bad."

They revived the man, then bound up his injury hastily, and as the steamer cast off they led him to the bank and passed his gripsacks to a roustabout. He said no word as he walked unsteadily up the plank, but turned and stared malignantly at them from the deck. Then as the craft swung outward into the stream he grinned through the trickle of blood that stole down from beneath his wide hat and cried:

"I'd like to introduce myself, for I'm coming back to winter with you.

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The ways and Means committee has reported to the house a bill for the wonderful reform in the tariff. From a brief outline of some of its more, prominent features, it appears, like the famous shearing of the pig, to be a case of great cry and little wool. As in all other high tariff schedules, the interests of eighty millions of consumers in the United States are not taken into account. The favored monopolies, by their mammoth campaign contributions last fall, bought and paid for a continuance of prohibitory duties, and now comes a delivery of the goods.

The same peculiarities which have always marked high tariffs in the past are preserved in the new schedules. This is reform with a vengeance. As before, the burdens are piled upon the poorer classes of citizens. For

instance, the duties on the small sizes of window glass, such as are used in small houses and cabins are increased, while on large plate glass the rates are reduced. On woolen goods the same principle is practically preserved.

The tax on beer and whiskey is undisturbed. And why should not this be so? The millionaire liquor men last fall put up their money for the Republican ticket, and why should not their interests be conserved? Beer and whiskey should come under the head of luxuries. But, as the big manufacturers of such goods came to the rescue of the Republican party last fall, why should the tax on beer and whiskey be increased?

The Phillipine islands are a part of the United States. And now a most gracious concession to the Filipinos and to consumers in the United States by

permitting a small percentage of tobacco and sugar from those island to be imported free of duty.

The sharks have practically won out by keeping lumber off the free list. The big lumber men made heavy contributions to the Republican election fund last fall and their harvest day came. The consumers in the end reimburse those generous contributors.

Newspaper Advertising Best

Lee Haney, advertising manager for the Colorado Midland Railroad, in a recent interview with a newspaper man in Omaha said in reference to newspaper publicity:

"There is no class of advertising to be compared with the ad in the columns of the newspapers so far as practical results are concerned.

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Since the vote on Submission was taken in the present Legislature, friends of Submission in that body have pushed other measures of much importance to our cause. Several of these measures have passed both branches of the Legislature and are now in force. A full report of all the laws passed benefitting our cause will be reported to our friends as soon as they are finally passed. We will be in splendid condition to enforce all our prohibitory laws hereafter, and there is nothing which adds votes to our side of the question like law enforcement in prohibition territory.

Let every voter of Texas be a hero and stand by the Anti Saloon League with his moral and financial support and we will finally win the day and drive from

the State the worst enemy of mankind, the hellish liquor traffic.

The Anti-Saloon League stands for prohibition from the smallest precinct up to the whole nation.

Yours for Texas Dry,
STERLING P. STONG,
State Superintendent.

Carnegie Optimism a Fake.

Andrew Carnegie is doing worse than wasting time by affecting to believe the human family are now progressing upward in morals. He is organizing an optimist club for promoting sentiments of hope and good cheer among as many people as can be reached by the radiant influence of his visionary association. It may be well, in periods of "encircling gloom," to remember that there is behind the dense clouds an everlasting orb of life-producing light; but that while "hope springs eternal in the human breast," the realization of this vital force may be long deferred, a fact which ought

not to be forgotten. The bare assumption that everything is lovely is not satisfactory evidence that the proposition is at all true. Indeed Mr. Carnegie and his visionary friends would better look around themselves and carefully note whether unvarnished facts justify the declaration that the moral condition of mankind is during the present era steadily improving.

The outlook into society in this country is certainly not assuring. For last dozen years Mammon in the United States has absorbed the thoughts of the people, to the subordination in an overwhelming degree, of the genuine adoration of the Deity, the like of which, in many historic periods of moral decadence, has appeared, overspreading great nations as a precursor of their sure downfall. "You cannot serve God and Mammon," was the instruction of a very wise teacher. St. Paul declared the love of money to be the root of all evil. Does he not know that greed in this country is premi-

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nently an overmastering passion? Does he not know that venality threatens the life of this republic? His optimistic vaporing is mockery. Did he earn the three hundred million dollars which he received for his steel plant? Granting that by spending a part, or even the whole, of his income he is doing some good; who knows better than he that this land is deluged by corruption? He cannot be ignorant of the fact that the last presidential election was won by debauching the voters. What more disgusting spectacle has ever been witnessed in America than the present struggle at Washington among the representatives of special classes to procure tariff legislation advantageous respectively to their interests? Will Mr. Carnegie deny that it has controlled the national government during the last twelve years? He does know that the trusts are in the saddle and riding rough shod over the mass of the the American people. And he knows that the standard of morals has been during the last twelve years steadily lowered. He knows that a dangerous population has been brought from southern Europe into this country to cheapen the price of labor here, in violation of the immigration laws, by the connivance of the owners of ocean liners for the purpose of gaining business for their vessels, regardless of the harm to our country following the addition of a criminal element trained in the vices which have been perfected in the brigandage of centuries.

Mr. Carnegie has no right to cry, "peace, peace," and thus, if his talk is believed, misdirect the impressions of our people as as to the condition of morals now existing in this country. The deeds of violence, the murders and suicides committed every day in all quarters of the

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country, contradict Mr. Carnegie's optimistic assertions, and he has no excuse for his reckless utterances. Suppose he possibly deceived himself; the mass of people know that his optimistic declarations are untrue. The large and fast increasing number of frauds, embezzlements, peculations and breaches of trust, every day and everywhere occurring, rise up against him. - Alanson Crosby.

The University of Texas is under the supervision of a board of seven Regents. Last year's catalogue gives one hundred and thirty-five instructors, professors, tutors, and student assistants, librarians, and so forth, for this division of the University and twenty-four for the Medical department at Galveston. Of the one hundred and thirty-five here three hold LLD degrees; twenty-six, PhD's; twenty-four, MA's fifteen BA's. All of the one hundred and fifty nine except thirty seven, hold some kind of degree; some ranking along with the PhD, but of a different kind; others between the MA and PhD some lower than a BA.

To explain this PhD one will get a fair idea of the standing of our work. A first grade certificate is worth eight entrance credits. It takes fourteen credits for full entrance here, and then four years of good work gives one his BA; one more year his MA; and two more years his PhD. That is to say, it takes seven years of good work besides the full entrance credits to get a PhD or doctor of philosophy, degree.

The recitation periods are fifty-five minutes each. One that

takes six courses; that is one who has three hours of recitation a day has very heavy work. One is supposed to spend two hours in preparation for each hour in the class room. But sometimes the lesson is far from being mastered at the close of two hours study; on the other hand, it does not take two hours for some lessons.

Our student body is composed of boys and girls, men and women from all parts of the state. While one can enter the Academic and Engineering departments at the age of sixteen, Medical department seventeen and Law nineteen, the average student has seen twenty and not few of them thirty-five or forty. It would be folly to say that all of these students are what they ought to be, for a crowd of fifteen hundred is bound to have some exceptions, but it can be conservatively stated there are as few among this body of students who do not meet the requirements of a good student as one could very well hope to find among a body of this size anywhere.

There are six hundred and thirty-eight of these students on their own resources. More than a hundred but perhaps less than two hundred are waiting on tables, washing dishes, milking cows, or doing any other thing that can be found to do like delivering papers, working in offices, and so on, they are doing these things here now to pay their way through school. - Some of them pay it all; others are out five dollars a month; others more; Of course it goes without saying that these are among the best students in the University; and it gives one great pleasure to say that they are among the most highly respected students socially as well as mentally. Last year two out of the three presidents of the Middle Law Class were waiters at "B" Hall.

To be frank, there is a sort of air among a very small per cent of the students that is not altogether tolerable, but as a whole the atmosphere is extremely democratic, and the banker's son and the farmer boy are desk mates and in many instances the very closest friends, It may as

tound some when the statement is made that more than eleven hundred (about eleven hundred and fifty) of these students are confessed Christians; all the others preferring some church, except 70 who are indifferent.

J. J. GOOD.

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Local and Personal

Mrs. Maxwell and Mrs. Roberts called at the Citizen office last Monday. They are comparatively new-comers to Borden and although near Gail have been in only 2 or 3 times since they located here.

Mrs N. C. Cathey who left here nearly a year ago to visit relatives at Guion and Abilene came in Thursday evening on the mail hack.

Rev. T. N. Lowery, of Merkel assisted by Mr. Adams in the song service is conducting a revival meeting here. The meeting begun Sunday morning and will probably continue all week.

John Howe who has been to the plains to build a house for Mr. Randle, finished his job and returned home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abney who left Gail in their auto Saturday the 7 to attend the Panhandle Cattle Raisers Association, arrived here last Saturday on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Whitaker were in Gail last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs. J. M. Kincaid who have been visiting relatives near Alvoid Wise county since last Fall returned home last Sunday

Bargains for the Ladies

and Gentlemen:

On Saturday April 17th I will sell for "CASH ONLY" 50 pairs of ladies and Mens Slippers all new and up to date goods, Price, your choice \$1.00 per pair, these slippers are sold from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per pair. I have got bargains in all kind of goods. JACK ALLEY, West side Square, Tahoka, Texas.

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W. C. JONES.
Photographer.

Expel the Traitors.

There isn't the shadow of a doubt remaining that the 23 Democrats who deserted their party for the Cannon fleshpots at the organization of the house did so at the behest of certain interests with which no Democrat can be identified without betrayal of Democratic principles. The 23 are marked men and they will realize the significance of their hoodoo number when their constituents have a chance to get at them next election time.

A Democratic caucus adopted resolutions denunciatory of the recreant Democrats and they are practically ostracized by their honest colleagues of both parties. It has become known that McCarren, Standard Oil agent, and Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany hall, representing brewing interests, arranged for the delivery of the 23 traitors to Uncle Joe Cannon in return for special favors in the Payne tariff bill.

Neither McCarren nor Murphey have a Democratic hair in their heads. They, with the Sullivans of Illinois, the Guffeys of Pennsylvania, and other bosses of their ilk, together with all the small fry "statesmen" and political lickspittles of the calibre of Fitzgerald, Broussard and the balance of the 23 traitors, are Democrats in name only, and the sooner the honest Democratic masses rise in righteous indignation and kick them out of the Democratic party, into the ranks of the plutocrats and political grafters where they belong, the sooner will the Democratic party be in a position to inspire confidence and achieve victory.

Joe Dillahunty left Gail last Tuesday on his way to Toyah.

Messrs. J. H. Whitaker and H. H. Nisbett were in Gail last Tuesday and filed a petition to the Commissioner's court for the opening of a road through their community.

SEE

J. D. McDonald in the Van Gieson building, for new and Second hand goods.

NOTICE.

Your attention is called to the new Big Springs and Snyder Ads in this issue of the Citizen. They are liberal and enterprising firms, and show that they appreciate your trade, by advertising for it. It will pay you to deal with them.

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I have bought out Mrs. O. V. Johnson and taken charge of the Roscoe Hotel, at Roscoe Texas. I shall be pleased to have her old patrons to stop with me. My motto will be to please, by strict attention to the comforts, wants and wishes of my guests.

S. F. LAGOWE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark were in Gail last Monday.

J. L. DeShazo has gone to Abilene this week.

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A number of young people from Gail went to the picnic at Julia last Friday, the picnic was given the last day of school and those who attended report a good time. Mr. J. S. Fritz was in Gail Tuesday.

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Continued from first page. and the Bank Guarantee Bill. The Appropriation bill is the coveted document which the Legislative body has longed for during the special session. It usually requires two or three weeks to consider the appropriation bill but it has come from the

committee room in good shape and may be handled in a short period.

The Bank Guarantee Bill was carefully considered by both the regular and special sessions and no new arguments will likely develop at this session. Every

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pound of pressure local, state and national has been brought to bear on this bill and the deadlock between the House and Senate remains unbroken.

If no further subjects are submitted this session should end not later than the first of May and with the adjournment in sight the solons will work with a will.

Miss Susie Spears who has been visiting her Uncle John Clarks family on the river, returned home Monday and is again attending school.

Miss Dona May Creighton called at the Citizen office to day to see Miss Verda Layton, who is in charge of the printing department of the Citizen. Call again Miss Dona May and bring us some Tredway dots.

NOTICE

The Wind mill having failed to run the grist mill successfully we ordered a gasoline Engine which we expect to arrive within the next 10 days and be set up at once. We think we will then be able to do prompt work, and please our customers.

The Methodist meeting conducted by the Rev. Lowery is

still progressing with good attendance and some interest manifested. It will at least continue until Sunday night.

Mrs. M. H. Leake has improved some what in the last 10 days but she is still very weak, and her condition is still quite serious.

NOTICE

I have a nice lot of Millet and Cane Seed for sale.

L. A. PEARCE.

Harness—Whips

Having recently purchased the latest up to date Harness sewing machine, am now prepared to make sets or pieces of harness and to do 1st class harness work. Have just received a nice lot of new Whips. I also handle the Bay State Buggy whip.

H. D. Pruett.

Messrs. Eli and Graham Whitaker were in Gail last Wednesday.

Mrs. M. J. Thornton returned yesterday from a visit at her mother's.

Mrs. Gober is on the sick list this week.