

GOV. PEABODY IS OUT

RESIGNS OFFICE OF GOVERNOR IN FAVOR OF M'DONALD.

Bargain Made Before the General Assembly is Fulfilled—Lieut. Gov. McDonald Reluctantly Takes Executive Chair—Cornforth Promoted

Denver, Colo.: The bargain made by leaders of the opposing Republican factions of Colorado to take the governor's chair from Alva Adams and to seat in it Lieut. Gov. Jesse H. Peabody to hold it for one day, was carried to a conclusion late Friday afternoon.

In fulfillment of the agreement which he made before the general assembly decided the gubernatorial contest in his favor, Gov. James H. Peabody resigned the office into which he was inaugurated late Thursday afternoon. His resignation, of which W. S. Boynton, of Colorado Springs, had been custodian since Wednesday, when it was written, was filed in the office of the secretary of state at 4:20 p. m. Friday. James Cowie, secretary of state, immediately certified Gov. Peabody's resignation, and Lieut. Gov. McDonald was then sworn in as governor by Chief Justice Gahbert. There was no further ceremony.

Gov. Peabody transacted practically no business of state while in the office of governor. Half a dozen members of the national guard patrolled the corridors about the executive chamber during the day as a guard for Gov. Peabody.

Lieut. Gov. McDonald reluctantly takes the chair which Gov. Peabody resigned after forcing Gov. Adams out. The lieutenant governor has taken no part in the bitter fight over the governorship which has been waged ever since the election on Nov. 8. He absolutely refused to aid his friends in the legislature to have him made governor, and as presiding officer in the joint assembly he made several rulings against the movement in his behalf.

Senator Arthur Cornforth, president pro tempore of the senate, becomes acting lieutenant-governor by the elevation of Lieut. Gov. McDonald to the office of chief executive.

MURDER IN ST. LOUIS.

Antonio Cimento Shoots Antonio Santon Fire Times.

St. Louis: Five bullets were fired into the back of Antonio Santon, who was connected with the world's fair Argentine commission, during an altercation on Washington Street late Friday with Antonio Cimento, and within an hour Santon was dead.

Cimento was placed under arrest charged with the shooting. After the shooting a crowd quickly gathered about Cimento and threatened him, but a revolver was suddenly seized from his hand by Harry Meyers, a newsboy, who stood off the crowd until the police arrived.

Santon was hurriedly taken to the city hospital, but died within an hour.

CAPITAL OF SIX MILLIONS.

Publishers' Paper Company Incorporated in Maine.

Augusta, Me.: Articles were filed Friday with the secretary of state for the incorporation of the Publishers' Paper Company, with a capital stock of \$6,000,000.

The purposes of the corporation are varied. It is understood many members of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association are interested in the new company, and that ultimately the corporation will furnish paper for the leading newspapers of the United States.

EXPERTS FAIL TO AGREE.

Another Statement Regarding the Death of Mrs. Stanford.

Honolulu: Edmund Shore, chemist of the United States agricultural station, and Drs. Wood, Murray and Humphris, have signed a statement replying to Prof. Jordan and Timothy Hopkins, who recently announced their conclusions that the death of Mrs. Stanford was due to natural causes. They characterize the statement of these gentlemen as astonishing and reiterate their finding that strychnine was the cause of death.

Omaha Women Injured.

Omaha, Neb.: Three young women, Bell King, Emma Kison and Lily Davis, while out driving met with an accident by which all three were seriously injured, but it is believed they will recover. Their horse became frightened and ran away, dashing through a large plate glass window.

Father and Son Quarrel; Baby Shot

New Haven, Conn.: During an altercation between Louis Cigammi and his father the son fired at the father and the shot killed his baby sister. Father and son then fled and have not been captured.

Five Persons Hurt.

Minerva, O.: Five persons were injured, two probably fatally, as a result of a collision between a Lake Shore freight train and a Pennsylvania accommodation at a crossing of the two lines near Minerva Friday.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Sioux City: Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$3.65@4.90. Top hogs, \$5.00.

Goes to Meet Finance; Run Over.

Elgin, Ill.: Before the eyes of Irving Beutisen, her fiancé, who had met her at a train in Algonquin, Miss Carrie Loman, 19 years old, residing near Lake Zurich, was thrown under the wheels of the cars and probably fatally injured Thursday night.

Robbers Get \$7,000.

Petersburg, Tenn.: The vault in the Bank of Petersburg, a state institution, was blown open Friday and \$7,000 taken. Nitroglycerin was used. The robbers escaped.

KILL TWO AND TAKE TWO.

Successful Battle of Mississippi Officers with Negroes.

Vicksburg, Miss.: A special to the Herald from Greenville, Miss., says: Officers who went from here to arrest the negroes who shot Deputies Duke and Leonard at Dudley returned Thursday night with two dead negroes and two prisoners.

The officers were met at Dudley by a posse and went to the house where the negroes lived, intending to make the arrest as quietly as possible in order not to stir up any excitement. Officer Jones went alone to the house for this purpose. One of the negroes came out and the officer told him quietly that he had a warrant for him and took out the pair of handcuffs. The negro immediately fired at the officer, but missed. Officer Jones returned the fire and killed the negro at the first shot. The posse, which was on the other side of the house, hearing the shots came up. Immediately a storm of bullets were fired from the windows of the house and from a cotton gin close by. The posse returned the fire, killing the negro who was shooting from the cotton gin.

The posse then surrounded the house and captured two of the negroes, the others escaping into the woods.

DYING WORDS A CLEW.

Italian Boy Tries to Tell Who Killed His Sister.

West Chester, Pa.: Dominick DeLuca, the 10-year-old boy who was beaten and kicked into insensibility at the same time that his 5-year-old sister Mary was assaulted and killed in an old blacksmith shop in Howellsville, Tuesday night, died Thursday in the Chester County hospital.

For a few moments before he expired the boy recovered consciousness and, being questioned by the hospital physicians, he said: "Mother told me not to tell. She said if I did I'd be killed. There was a fight in the house. Mary ran out and I ran after her. A man followed us." At this point the boy stopped. He died without throwing any more light on the crime.

With the child's incoherent sentences as a clew, the authorities have begun a new line of investigation.

OPIUM PLACED IN A CIGAR.

May Have Caused the Death of a Young Man at Flint, Mich.

Flint, Mich.: Developments Thursday night in the mystery surrounding the sudden death of William S. Goodspeed, the 19-year-old employe of the Flint wagon works, who died in this city last Monday night, point to murder. Prosecuting Attorney Martin has discovered a clew that leads him to believe that Goodspeed's death was caused by opium placed in a cigar given him by a young woman with whom he had quarreled.

At the coroner's inquest Thursday Dr. J. C. McGregor, who assisted in the post-mortem examination on Goodspeed's body, testified that, in his opinion, death was due to opium poisoning. Dr. Samuel B. Given, into whose office Goodspeed was taken when stricken, said the young man, before he died, said he believed his condition was the result of smoking a cigar.

SHOWS THE IRON HAND.

How a Spirit of Mutiny Was Put Down Among Polish Troops.

Warsaw: Reservists who were waiting in the barracks at Wolkow, government of Grodno, formed a conspiracy to foment organized disturbances among the troops in order to avoid being sent to Manchuria. The offenders were court-martialed, five of them were condemned to death and executed on March 13, and four were sentenced to life and eight to twenty years of penal servitude.

The mobilization of the Fifteenth and Nineteenth corps, stationed in Poland, is expected shortly.

The attempt to call the reserves in the government of Siedles, which is the center of the present agitation, is certain to meet with violent opposition.

CHANUTE FIELD ABANDONED

Standard Oil Company Deprives Producers of a Market.

Humboldt, Kan.: An order was received Wednesday from the Prairie Oil Company to take up all pipe line laterals off the Standard six-inch main west of the Santa Fe tracks between Humboldt and Chanute except one. This is a practical abandonment of the field.

Chanute, Kan.: Acting on the order of the Prairie Oil Company, all pipe line connections in the West Chanute field have been cut off, which means the withdrawal of a market from the companies in the Chanute field whose oil tests 30 degrees. Less than one-third of the companies can market oil.

Six Years for Bank Bookkeeper.

Cleveland, O.: William E. Treese, formerly a bookkeeper in the First National Bank here, was sentenced to serve six years in the penitentiary Thursday for stealing \$10,000 of the bank's funds several months ago. Treese had left the United States before his shortage was discovered, but returned and surrendered.

Three Years for Defaulter.

Grand Forks, N. D.: Justen E. Lewis, the defaulting secretary of the Grand Forks Mercantile Company, pleaded guilty here Thursday to the theft of \$100, and was sentenced to three and a half years in the penitentiary. He embezzled \$35,000, and 211 charges still remain against him.

Murderer Gets Life Sentence.

Bluffton, Ind.: Judge Watkins Wednesday overruled the motion for a new trial and sentenced William Cook to life imprisonment for the murder of Preston Sanderson.

Woman's Clothes Point to Murder.

Evansville, Ind.: A complete outfit of woman's clothing of fine texture, mutilated and blood-stained, was found on the river bank, five miles from here, Wednesday. The undergarments were slashed as if an attack had been made with a knife. The police are working in the theory of murder.

Has \$35,000 Fire Loss.

Danville, Ill.: A large part of the business district of Sidney, near here, burned Thursday. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

WATERSPOUT DROWNS TWO.

Campers in Texas Caught Unaware—Had Two Inches Deep

Austin, Tex.: A telephone message received here said that at 8 o'clock Wednesday night there was a terrific waterspout at Lufkin, Burnet County, forty miles above this city, causing the water to rise in the river and surrounding creeks at that point fourteen feet in five minutes, catching half a dozen campers in the bottoms and drowning two of them, four barely escaping with their lives.

Considerable stock was swept away, the cattle having gathered for the night in the shelter of ravines. For thirty minutes hail is reported to have fallen to the depth of one and a half inches with such force as to wreck many farm houses in that section.

FIRE ON A STEAMER

Cargo Worth \$1,000,000 is Endangered—Loss, \$50,000.

Boston: A threatening fire which broke out on the Hansa line steamer Wildenfels, of Bremen, Wednesday caused much damage to its cargo, estimated at \$50,000, and for three hours kept a large division of the fire department throwing water. In addition to the damage to the cargo many of her plates warped and her compartment walls were damaged. The Wildenfels carried a general cargo valued at \$1,000,000. The fire was confined to a hold which contained jute and burlaps.

The Wildenfels, which arrived Monday from Calcutta, ran past the forts of Port Arthur to Yokohama, escaping from two Russian warships.

MADDENED STEER STAMPEDE

Alton, Ill., Has Two Days of Big Excitement.

Alton, Ill.: For two days Alton has been in the throes of a maddened steer stampede through the business streets. Harry Holliday, a boy who endeavored to deliver the steers to a butcher, was badly injured in the melee. A drove of seven steers took fright Wednesday and ran at large through the town. Four were finally captured, but three continued to roam through the streets, doing damage to property. Pursuers only served to render them more terror-stricken. Several citizens have had narrow escapes from injury. The steers fled to the outskirts later in the day and men with rifles were sent to shoot them down.

MRS. STANFORD NOT POISONED

President Jordan Declares Unbelief in Theories Advanced.

Honolulu: That Mrs. Stanford died a natural death probably will be the conclusion of those who are now investigating the case, President Jordan, of Stanford University, declares Mrs. Stanford's death was not due to strychnine poisoning.

He says that when he became familiar with her symptoms and learned that the amount of strychnine taken was not beyond a medical dose he became sure she was not poisoned.

Dr. Jordan has been assisting the detectives during their inquiries regarding her symptoms and results of the autopsy.

"LOST" THEIR GUNS.

What Russians Did with Artillery They Couldn't Move.

Newchwang: Military men here advance the theory that the difference in the number of guns the Japanese are reported to have captured and those Kurapatkin is reported to have lost is owing to the Russians when routed having dropped their guns into rivers through the ice and abandoned others in ravines and gullies. It is expected as soon as the present rush at Mukden is over a search for the lost artillery will be well rewarded.

MRS. DUKE WANTS DIVORCE

The Wife of Tobacco King Alleges Embodiment.

New York: Mrs. Alice Webb Duke, through her counsel, has brought suit in the supreme court for a separation from her husband, Brodie L. Duke, on the ground of abandonment and non-support. Duke's marriage to Mrs. Webb a few weeks since was followed by a series of sensational incidents, including the confinement of the groom in a sanitarium for a time on the allegation of his son that he was incompetent to manage his affairs.

Loan Money Without Security.

New York: That banks loan hundreds of thousands of dollars to customers without any other security than the good credit of the broker desiring the loan was the statement made by Henry R. Carse, assistant cashier of the Hanover National Bank, Thursday in a hearing before a referee in bankruptcy in the case of the bankrupt brokerage firm of Jacob Berry & Co.

Oil Well Shot with Prayer.

Hartford City, Ind.: Preceding the shooting of an oil well sunk by the Colored North American Oil Company a prayer and song service was held Thursday. A colored minister prayed for a flow of oil. As soon as the well was shot a monster stream began to flow.

New Geyser in Park.

St. Paul, Minn.: Reports received at Northern Pacific headquarters from officials of the Yellowstone Park Association indicate that the new geyser in the basin is a permanent additional attraction. It has been named "Skyrocket," and its coming, it is believed, has prevented the death of the "Constant" geyser, located in the same basin.

Hermit Died Rich.

Weyauwega, Wis.: Ten thousand dollars in money and certificates of deposit were found sewed up in the bedding which belonged to R. Schwobly, a German who lived a hermit's life.

Kuropatkin Suspendesd.

Paris: The correspondent at St. Petersburg for the Petit Parisien says that Gen. Kuropatkin's resignation has been accepted and that Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholavitch will take command in Manchuria.

Suit for \$247,000 Begun.

Trenton, N. J.: The Barber Asphalt Company began suit in the United States circuit court here Tuesday against the South American Asphalt Paving Company to recover \$247,000. The amount is alleged to be due for paving material.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Girl Robbed in Omaha Depot—Had Gone to That City to Seek Work and Escape Unhappy Conditions at Home—Other Happenings.

Of the multitude of young girls who have gone to Omaha from the little towns in Iowa, filled with the desire to see the sights of a great city, none was ever more cruelly treated than 17-year-old Elizabeth Christensen who left her parents' home at Audubon, Ia., spent two nights in the comfortable union station and was then robbed of her little all by a stranger who knew her father.

The father in question is a hard working blacksmith who loves his children, Elizabeth, however, explained to the police matron at Omaha that her home life and became intolerable to her because her father was too exacting. Therefore she took her accumulated savings, amounting to \$5.50 and bought a ticket to Omaha. Here she was disappointed in her efforts to secure work, and being afraid to go to a hotel which she thought might quickly use up all her funds, she passed two sleepless nights at the railway station. She held her precious \$5 bill tightly clutched in her hand. The third morning she was crunching the few dry crusts which remained of the lunch which she had brought from home, and thinking that her father had bread and to spare, when she was accosted by the remark, "Are you hungry?"

The speaker was a pale young man with thin cheeks who sat on the bench with her. He had watched her munching the dry crusts and longed for a breakfast himself. For twenty cents he told her he could secure a nice fresh ham sandwich for each of them. She learned from him, too, that he lived in a town not far from hers, and that he knew her father well. The man seemed a friend to the poor girl, who had found the world so cruel that she was willing to talk to anyone.

Longing for the sandwiches and overjoyed at having found a friend in her time of need, Miss Christensen entrusted the young man with her \$5 bill and he went off for the ham and bread.

An hour later she was found by an officer weeping. Next morning a ticket from Omaha to Audubon was received from John Christensen, the young woman's father, and she departed, feeling after all her father was kinder to her than the cruel world.

GRASPED A LIVE WIRE.

Madman at Omaha Receives a Severe Shock.

For over an hour Thursday a madman turned things upside down in the new street railway car barn at Omaha, defying all the efforts made to catch him, and all but causing his own death by seizing a live wire.

The police were quickly notified, and an exciting chase was begun to capture the maniac. He eluded the attempts of the officers, however, and boarding a car which stood on a siding, started toward the main line. Much damage would have resulted had not a number of men restrained him. Returning to the car barn, he ran wildly about in search of some imaginary object, and finally climbed to the top of a car and grasped the live wire overhead. He received a severe shock, and it was thought that he was dead. He soon rallied, however, and the officers took him in charge.

Lost on the Prairie.

George Brown, a farmer of Boyd County, who was driving into northern Holt County with two little children, Faye Wilson and Guy Wilson, aged 8 and 10, lost his way on the prairie in a snow storm, wandered aimlessly about for half the night and finally, after searching parties had started for him, turned up at the Coleman farm, three miles from the starting point. The children are those of William Wilson, of Redbird, Neb., and were, with Mr. Brown, being driven into Holt County to visit their uncle, Bert Wilson.

Farmer's Boy Disappeared.

Frank Bomba has disappeared from the home of his father, who lives on Beaver Creek. The boy started to Chadron with a load of grain, stopped overnight with a farmer acquaintance, got up early next morning and found that a horse belonging to the farmer had died from the effects of grain eaten from his load. He walked away and has not been seen since.

Wants the Kaiser's Help.

Hans Albert intends, as a German citizen, to appeal to the kaiser for release from the Nebraska insane asylum. Albert is an Omaha violinist. His mind is not seriously affected, but he was in such a nervous state from the taking of heavy doses of drugs and liquor that it seemed advisable to put him under a course of treatment for a time.

New Bank at O'Neill.

The Elkhorn Valley Bank building was sold to E. E. Halsted, of Ponca, at O'Neill, the consideration being \$3,500 in cash and releasing a claim of \$1,500 against the failed bank. It is rumored that Mr. Halsted and other Ponca parties are to soon open a new bank at O'Neill.

Violated Liquor Laws.

John P. O'Neil and Burch A. Baldwin were found guilty by a jury in the district court at Albion of having in their possession, for the purpose of unlawfully selling the same, about ninety gallons of intoxicating liquor. This case was tried at the last term of court, but the jury failed to agree.

Diphtheria Near Gretna.

A case of diphtheria has developed in the Cace family, near Gretna, and a young member of the family is in a dangerous condition. A rigid quarantine has been established and it is thought the disease will be checked with no further spread.

Small-pox at Albion.

So far five cases of smallpox have made their appearance at Albion. All have been very mild and the victims have suffered little inconvenience, other than being quarantined.

HALF BREEDS EVICTED.

Radical Action Taken on the Omaha Reservation.

United States Indian Agent John H. McKee, of the Omaha agency at Lyons, received orders from Washington to evict the half breeds from the Omaha reservation. There are twenty-three families of them, and the agent with his police has removed all but two—the two Paraday families. This will release 6,000 acres of the best cultivated lands of the Omaha reservation, which will revert back to the Omaha tribe. The half-breed attempted to remove the houses and other improvements, but were resisted by the agent.

Some of those evicted are the families of Frank Peters, John Kuhn, Leonard Franzard and Frank Monette. They have had the free use of these lands for fifteen years, the case having been pending in the courts during all these years. It is a severe blow to these people.

CHALLENGER CHALLENGED.

Warm Dispute Over the Pass Proposition in the Legislature.

Once more the lobby has been the cause of confusion in the Nebraska legislature at Lincoln. Representative Earnest has publicly charged the railroads with carrying on a campaign of debauchery, pass distribution and "night orgies with women," in order to defeat legislation the people wanted.

J. H. Ayer, the political representative of the Burlington Railroad, has replied in an open letter, demanding an investigation. He declares the members have animals and have been supplied liberally with trip passes for friends, but he asserts that Mr. Earnest has been liberally supplied along with the rest.

An investigation probably will be ordered.

SERIOUS TROUBLE FEARED.

Melting Snow Causes the Loup River to Rise Rapidly.

Reports from railroad offices in Lincoln on Thursday say the Loup River is on the rampage and serious trouble is feared if the warm weather continues. The ice has begun to go out without melting perceptibly, and a great gorge has formed at Ravenna, which threatens to cause a flood. Pleasanton and Pool Siding are both under water. One bridge has gone out and railroad men are looking for trouble.

Gorges are forming in the Platte River at Grand Island and Plattsmouth. The fast melting snow is pouring a great volume of water in the streams.

CADY BILL INDORSED.

Provides for a Railway Commission of Three.

A Lincoln special says: In a secret caucus in the Lindell Hotel Wednesday night the members of the senate decided that a railway commission was the proper method to struggle with the corporations, and the Cady bill was indorsed. The Cady bill provides for a railroad commission of three members. They are to be the secretary of state, the land commissioner, the state treasurer and three secretaries.

A Peculiar Accident.

A peculiar accident was the explosion Saturday of a gun carried by David Hurt, who was hunting in company with Howard Linscum along the Nemaha bottoms, near Humboldt. Both took a shot at a flock of ducks and their positions caused the guns to cross, the charge from Linscum's striking the barrel of Hurt's gun about midway just as the latter pulled the trigger. The damaged weapon exploded, scattering steel in all directions, but fortunately neither of the boys was hurt.

Boys Play with Powder.

Leander Murphy, a young son of A. W. Murphy, of Fremont, had his face badly burned by powder. He and another boy of about the same age found some powder, which they poured out on the floor and tried to light with a burning rag. It did not blaze, so Leander got down on his hands and knees to blow it. It burned. The doctor says he will save the boy's eyes all right, but his face will be well powder-marked.

Burglary at Table Rock.

The grocery store of F. Hagenmaster at Table Rock was robbed, access being gained by the cellar door at the rear of the store. Mr. Hagenmaster was awakened by the falling of a chair. Rousing himself from his bed, in the rear of the store, he listened and heard the clicking of the money drawer. The intruder hastily made his exit before the alarm was given. Some \$10 or \$12 was all that was secured.

Trammen Let Out.

Frank Strimple and Jim Devine, brakemen, and Billy Hollingshead, conductor, on the Burlington between Ravenna and Alliance, were discharged Tuesday by the company. After being at constant work for thirty-seven hours, and being tired and sleepy, the company again ordered them out on duty. They refused and the dismissal order is the result.

Hunters Report Ducks Plentiful.

The boom of the hunter's gun can be heard to echo along the Missouri and Platte Rivers. The ducks are moving north. The web-footed birds are in full flight on their annual pilgrimage to their summer homes. Some are flying high and out of reach of the hunter's gunshot, but many will remain for weeks to come. The hunters report them to be more plentiful this season than in years past.

The Deadly Corn Sheller.

Thomas Williams was severely injured while working on the farm of his brother, nine miles northeast of Beatrice. He was sorting seed corn near a cornsheller, and caught his arm in the flywheel of the sheller, which threw his hand between the cogwheels of the machine. The hand was badly lacerated.

Dug Up a Cannon Ball.

While digging a well on the farm of Anton Kovetsky, near Columbus, a cannonball was uncovered about two feet below the surface. The ball was apparently of cast iron and was much rusted. It will be sent to the State Historical Society at Lincoln.

Hardware Store Robbed.

Robbers raided the hardware store of Fritz Keast Beatrice and secured goods to the value of nearly \$150. Blood-hounds were put on the track of the thieves, who escaped.



The Pawnee City military band may play an engagement at the Portland exposition. For several days the promoters of the exposition have been in communication with the band to secure its services. It is very probable an agreement will be reached, because United States Senator Fulton, of Oregon, a former Pawnee boy, is very much interested in the movement, and his brother, E. L. Fulton, has been for many years director of the band. Congressman Cushman, of Washington, who is an active worker in the exposition affairs, is also a former Nebraskan, and is said to be anxious that the big musical organization be secured for a part of the period at least. The Pawnee band is composed of 50 members, and is a most unusual organization. It was organized in 1879, and some of the organizers are still active members. From 1884 to the present time it has maintained the position as the largest in the west, and in a musical way it has made a wide reputation in its handling of the best standard compositions. It has often been heard in competitions. It has often been heard in competitions. It has often been heard in competitions.

Representative Davis, of Buffalo County, is in receipt of at least twenty letters from persons in different parts of the state who urge larger appropriations for the extinction of the Hessian fly. The House Finance ways and means committee, of which Mr. Davis is a member, has recommended \$1,500 for this purpose for the ensuing biennium, and the demand over the state is for at least \$2,000 or \$2,500. Prof. Bruner, of the state university is in harmony with this demand. The damage wrought by this pest last fall in certain portions of Nebraska is being estimated in the millions and there is a determination on the part of wheat growers and others interested to overcome such disasters. In order to do this they insist the legislator should place at the disposal of the proper authorities sufficient funds to meet the emergency. Mr. Davis says he understands the fly is not north of the Platte, but is doing great damage to wheat south and that it is only a question of time when he will migrate to the north.

Altogether in the house 241 bills have been introduced and 383 in the senate. These numbers are less than two years ago, but many of the important measures are yet practically in the embryonic stages of legislative routine. In the house just 89 bills were in the hands of committees at the time of adjournment Friday afternoon and in the senate 54. These bills, therefore, must first run the gauntlet of committee consideration, which is generally a tedious and prolonged course, and then, if passed by the committee, take their place on general file, and undergo the uncertain ordeal in committee of the whole, the forum of debate where a measure may take up a whole day, as was the case Friday with the big appropriation bill, or may be disposed of in a twinkling. During the present session some measures have even dragged along more than a day in committee of the whole.

The opinion is growing that the house will override the will of the speaker or that the speaker will recede from his stand against a sifting committee when it becomes apparent that something of the sort will be needed to lose a few scores of those belated bills. Of the 42 bills introduced in the house just 23 have passed both houses and been signed by the governor. One remains in the governor's hands yet to be signed. Ninety-two others have passed the house and been sent to the senate. One hundred and eleven have been indefinitely postponed. In this connection it is worthy of note that an unusually large number of bills has been killed by the respective committees.

The senate showed signs on one occasion of not possessing any serious intention of imposing on the railroads when it appointed a sifting committee. The senate, however, had the support of other interests in this matter. The action was denominated as snap judgment and there is talk of trying to annul it, but no serious belief that this will be done. The statement found expression that but thirteen members of the senate were present when this committee was appointed. Investigation, however, fails to confirm