them to be competent to represent our interest in this great question. Signed: Bertram, Jones.

Read second time, and
On motion of Mr. Fields, referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 11, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 196 (183) chapter 2, title 7, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments:
Amend section I by inserting after "whatever" the words "with firearms and dogs or either," and by striking out the words "within one mile of any church, school house or private residence."

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 8, a bill to be entitled "The same act to amend chapter 6, article 400, of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 12, a bill to be entitled "An act to make it penal for any railroad company, transportation company, or any kind of common carrier, or any officer, agent or employee of same, to grant, issue, send or deliver any free pass or ticket at a discount other than as sold to the public generally; or for any legislative, executive or judiciary officer of the State, or for any district, county or municipal officer whatsoever in the State, to accept, use or travel on such free pass or ticket at a discount other than is sold to the public generally, and to provide a punishment therefor."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 22, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the redemption of real estate sold for debt."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it be referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BAILEY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Jan. 18, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House:
Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred
House bill No. 24, a bill to be entitled "An act to enable cities, towns and villages of this State to pay, provide for the payment of, or revive indebtedness barred by the statute of limitations."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

BAILEY, Chairman.

BILL SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and its caption had been read, the following bill:

Senate bill No. 11, "An act appropriating one hundred and ten thousand dollars to pay members' mileage and per diem, and officers' and employees' per diem, of the Twenty-fifth Legislature."

On motion of Mr. Peery, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SIXTH DAY.

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Tex., Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Dashiell in the chair.
Roll called, and the following members present:

Alexander, Ayres, Bailey, Barbee, Barrett, Beard, Bean, Bell, Bennett, Benson, Bertram, Bird, Blackburn, Blair, Bounds, Boyd, Brewer, Browne, Bumpass, Burney, Burns, Callan, Carpenter, Carswell, Childs, Conoly, Crawford, Crowley, Cureton, Curry, Dean, Dennis, Dickinson, Dies, Dorroh, Doyle, Drew, Edwards, Evans of Hunt, Evans of Grayson, Ewing, Field, Fields, Fisher, Flint, Freeman, Garrison, Glibough, Good, Graham, Green, Harris, Henderson, Hensley, Hill of Gonzales, Hill of Travis, Holland of Burnet, Holland of Harris, Humphrey, Jones, Kimball, Kirk, Collier, Reiger.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer by Chaplain Jackson.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Grayson, further reading was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Ward, the House, at 10:10 a.m., took recess until 11:30 a.m. to-day.

The House was called to order by the Speaker at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Tracy was excused until next Saturday, on account of important business.

BILL  AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Lotto (by request):
House bill No. 119, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the creation of a board of examiners of railroad telegraphers."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Crawford:
House bill No. 120, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3335, of chapter 5, title 66, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to liens on livestock."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Stock and Stockraising.

By Messrs. Schlick and Kirk:
House bill No. 121, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4778, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for the commissioners' court of any county upon petition of fifty freeholders of said county, or twenty freeholders of any given subdivision of a county, to order an election to decide whether goats, hogs, sheep, cattle, horses, mules, jacks and jennets shall be permitted to run at large in said county or subdivision."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Stock and Stockraising.

By Mr. Browne:
House bill No. 122, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the working of convicts, to prevent convicts from being hired to individuals and corporations, and to prevent their competition with free labor; to inhibit the State from competing with its citizens in the manufacture and sale of articles made in whole or in part by convicts, to utilize the labor of said convicts upon farms owned or leased by the State, and utilize convict labor in improving public highways."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Strother:
House bill No. 123, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend title 17, chapter 16, of the Penal Code of the Revised
Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto after article 940, an article to be known as article 940a, prohibiting renters from selling, disposing of, or fraudulently converting farm products to the detriment of the land owner."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Bell:
House bill No. 124, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the survey of lands to be set apart as a permanent endowment fund for the branch university for colored people of this State."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Wolters:
House bill No. 125, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2366 of the Revised Civil Statutes, providing for the advertising of notice of sale of land by any officer acting under any order or decree of court, or any sale to be made by any trustee acting under deed of trust, by publishing said notice of sale in a newspaper for three consecutive weeks, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Logan:
House bill No. 127, a bill to be entitled "An act to require every express company to keep a general office in this State, and to furnish such information from time to time in relation to the property, indebtedness and business as may be required by the Railroad Commission of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Logan:
House bill No. 128, a bill to be entitled "An act to further define the duties of the Railroad Commission of Texas, to make and enforce rules concerning same."

(Relates to the compression of cotton, and shipment of wool and hides.)

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Savage:
House bill No. 129, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3920, chapter 9, title 86, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of an act passed by the Twenty-third Legislature of Texas, regulating the qualifications and salaries of superintendents of public instruction, the holding of teachers' institutes, and the qualification of county boards of examiners."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Ewing:
House bill No. 130, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide against unfair preferences by debtors in making conveyances and assignments."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Morton:
House bill No. 131, a bill to be entitled "An act fixing definite times for county and precinct officers entering upon the duties of office."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Melton:
House bill No. 132, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent the entire flow of water in streams from being diverted to other channels and purposes by means of dams."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Fisher:
House bill No. 133, a bill to be entitled "An act to repeal article 1189, chapter 2, of title 30, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, giving time before amendments are filed."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Fisher:
House bill No. 134, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1188, chapter 2, of title 30, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the plenings of parties to suits, and providing for amendments to same during vacation."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Fisher:
House bill No. 135, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 2301, chapter 4, title 40, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the testimony of the husband or wife in suits for divorce and other suits or proceedings."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Mr. Vaughan of Guadalupe:
House bill No. 136, a bill to be enti-
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An act to amend article 881, chapter 11 of title 17, of the Penal

Code of the State of Texas, and to make the theft of horses, asses, or

mules a penalitry offense.”

Read first time and referred to Judi-

ciary Committee No. 2.

By Mr. Wall:

House bill No. 137, a bill to be enti-

tled “An act to repeal article 402, chapter 9, title 13, of the Revised

Penal Code of the State of Texas, fixing the punishment for the offense of

failing to work on public roads.”

Read first time and referred to Com-

mittee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries.

By Mr. Kimbell:

House bill No. 138, a bill to be enti-

tled “An act to give employes of rail-

road corporations the same rights and

remedies for injuries sustained by

them from the negligence of said cor-

poration or its employes, as are al-

lowed by law to persons not employes,

whether the injury results from the

negligence of a fellow servant en-

gaged in the same or another depart-

ment of labor from the injured em-

ployee, and to repeal all laws in con-

flict herewith.”

Read first time and referred to Com-

mittee on Internal Improvements.

By Mr. Shelburne:

House joint resolution No. 10, to

amend section 2, article 6, of the Con-

stitution of the State of Texas, relating

to suffrage.

(Amends by providing that citizen-

ship shall have been acquired under

the Federal law before being entitled

to vote. The bill also provides that in

unorganized counties the voter shall

vote in the voting precinct in the or-

ganized county to which his county is

attached for judicial purposes nearest

his place of residence.)

Read first time and referred to Com-

mittee on Constitutional Amendments.

By Mr. Studer:

House joint resolution No. 11, creat-

ing a Commission of Revision to for-

mulate and suggest amendments to the

Constitution of the State of Texas.

Read first time and referred to Com-

mittee on Constitutional Amendments.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Jan. 18, 1897.

Hon. L. T. Dashielh, Speaker of the

House:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to

whom was referred

House bill No. 20, a bill to be enti-

tled “An act to require express com-

panies and others doing an express business to keep general offices in the

State of Texas,”

Have had the same under considera-

tion, and I am instructed to report the

same back to the House with the

recommendation that it be referred to

Committee on Internal Improvements.

CARPENTER, Chairman.

IN JOINT SESSION.

At 12 o'clock m., the honorable Sen-

ate of Texas was announced at the bar

of the House for the purpose of join-

ing the House in the inaugural cere-

monies.

Escorted by Sergeant-at-Arms C. H.

Allen and Secretary Will Lambert, the

Senators, on invitation of the Speaker,

advanced into the hall and were seat-

ed along the aisle in chairs prepared for

them.

Hon. J. B. Dibrell, President pro tem.,

was invited to a seat on the right of the

Speaker.

The President pro tem. directed the

Secretary to call the roll of the Sen-

ate, and the following Senators an-

swered to their names:

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President;

Bailey, Boren, Bowser, Colquitt, Dar-

win, Dibrell, Goss, Gough, Harrison,

Kerr, Lewis, Lynn, Morriss, Neal,

Presler, Rogers, Ross, Stafford, Stone,

Terrell, Tillett, Turney, Wayland,

Woods, Yantis, Yett.

The President pro tem. announced a

quorum present.

The Speaker then directed the Clerk
to call the roll of the House, and the

following members answered to their

names:

Hon. L. T. Dashielh, Speaker; Alex-

ander, Ayers, Bailey, Barbee, Barrett,

Bearid, Bean, Bell, Bennett, Benson,

Bertram, Bird, Blackburn, Blair,

 Bounds, Boyd, Brewster, Browne,

Bumpass, Burney, Burns, Callan, Car-

penter, Carswell, Childs, Conoly, Craw-

ford, Crowley, Cureton, Curry, Dean,

Dennis, Dickinson, Dies, Dorroh,

Doyle, Drew, Edwards, Evans of Hunt,

Evans of Grayson, Ewing, Feild, Fields, Fisher, Flint, Freeman,

Garrison, Gilbough, Good, Graham,

Green, Harris, Henderson, Hensley,

Hill of Gonzales, Hill of Travis, Hol-

land of Burnet, Holland of Harris,

Humphrey, Jones, Kimbell, Kirk, Lil-

lard, Logan, Lotto, Love, Manson,

Martin, Maxwell, McFarland, Mc-

Gaughery, McManny, McKellar, Meade,

Melton, Mercer, Moore of Fort Bend,

Moore of Lamar, Morris, Morton, Mau-

dine, Neighbors, O'Connor, Oliver,

Patterson, Peery, Pfeuffer, Pitts, Por-

The Speaker announced a quorum present.

The Speaker then announced that the two Houses were in joint session for the purpose of inaugurating the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect.

Prayer by Rev. F. S. Jackson, chaplain of the Senate.

The Speaker directed the Clerk to read from the House Journal of January 15 the following report of the Joint committee to arrange for counting the vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor and to arrange for the inaugural ceremonies of the same:

Austin, Jan. 15, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:
Sirs: Your joint committee appointed to make arrangements to count the vote and to arrange for the inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, beg leave to recommend that the House and Senate meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Monday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1897, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of counting said vote, and that the House and Senate will meet in joint session in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, the 19th instant, at 12 o'clock, when the joint committee will escort the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect to the Speaker's stand, when the oath of office will be administered to them by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

TURNER, Chairman.
ROSS,
BURNS,
On the part of the Senate.
NEIGHBORS, Chairman.
WARD,
MEADE,
On the part of the House.


At two raps of the Speaker's gavel the joint session rose as they came in, and they were invited to the Speaker's stand, where were seated on the rostrum with Speaker Dashiel and President pro tem. Dibrell, Hon. M. M. Crane, A. J. Baker, Jas. S. Hogg, John H. Reagan, L. J. Storey, R. R. Gaines, L. G. Denman, and the Governor and Lieutenant Governor-elect.

The Speaker directed Associate Justice T. J. Brown to administer the oath of office to Governor-elect Chas. A. Culberson, which was done, Associate Justice Brown holding the Holy Bible in his right hand, and the Governor-elect touching the same with his, and at the conclusion of which the Governor-elect kissed the Book.

The Governor-elect then affixed his signature to the official oath, Clerk Chas. S. Morse, of the Supreme Court, attesting the same with the seal of the commonwealth of Texas.

The Speaker then introduced Chas. A. Culberson to the joint session of the two houses and to the vast assembly present as Governor of the State of Texas, who addressed the people as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Called the second time under extraordinary conditions to the highest office in the State, I am deeply sensible of the confidence of the people and the responsibilities of this great trust. The campaign through which we have just passed was the most virulent and vindictive in our history. Though lacking nothing in organization and equipment which irresponsible and unscrupulous wealth could command, falsehood and calumny were the chief reliance of the opposition. To have passed uninjured in character through that storm of malice and hate and political depravity and received decisive expression of the faith of a great people, is to me unpurchaseable and priceless. Proud of their loyalty and friendship, my deep sense of appreciation will be shown in a consecration to their service during my term of office and in acknowledgment of their kindness. But above personal endorsement and vindication is the dis-
tinctive triumph here of the great party to which most of us belong, and the assurance of good government for the State. Whether the one shall be enduring and the other perpetuated through that agency may be influenced by your deliberations. Broadly speaking, what is demanded to further these results is that we act uprightly with the people. Not a single promise of legislation which we have made should be unaccomplished, and no substantial public interest be disregarded.

In a still larger and nobler sense, the ambition of all should be the advancement and the grandeur of Texas. Glorious in her infancy, rich in later memories, splendid in present achievements, and limitless in promise and in future, she offers exhaustless material for the betterment of mankind and the building of a mighty commonwealth. That you will be mindful of these considerations and act well your part is not doubted, and my duties are assumed with the single purpose of cooperation with you in whatever may contribute to the prosperity and happiness of the people and the glory of the State."

President pro tem. Dibrell then directed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court T. J. Brown to administer the oath of office to Lieutenant Governor-elect George T. Jester, who came forward, and the same ceremonies were had as in the case of the Governor.

President pro tem. Dibrell then introduced George T. Jester to the joint session, and the vast assemblage present as the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, who spoke to the people as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

Standing as a public servant in this solemn presence, and pledging fealty and adherence to the Constitution and laws of my people, I am profoundly sensible of the grave responsibilities it implies.

Deeply grateful to a generous people for renewed manifestations of their trust and confidence, I am not unmindful of the duty imposed to bear evidence that such trust and such confidence are not misplaced.

It were well if occasions of this kind serve to impress upon the mind of the public official that he is but a public servant, governing, it is true, but by the consent and suffrage of the governed.

Let him be further reminded that allegiance and loyalty to his party and its pledges, and yet not forgetful of his capacity as representative of all the people, are fortunate attributes of a good legislator; and I feel this morning that such thoughts are in us and about, our legislative careers will not be unattended by at least some measure of good to our countrymen.

We are peculiarly fortunate in that we are to legislate for a commonwealth into whose lap it would seem nature has poured to overflowing her richest treasures; a commonwealth secured to liberty and her children by the blood of martyred heroes; and a commonwealth to whose service has uniformly been consecrated wise and patriotic statesmanship.

Therefore, succeeding to this glorious heritage, our acts should be those born of wisdom and of public virtue. For, aside from its natural environments, the prosperity and material welfare of a commonwealth are no little dependent upon and attributable to the enactments of its legislators.

And in this connection, I may be permitted to observe that while laws for the protection of the people against the unwarranted usurpation of aggregated capital can not fail to enlist the endorsement of patriotic statesmanship, we should not be blinded to the potent and far-reaching influences for good of capital properly applied and regulated. For both labor and capital are component parts of our industrial system; they are the complements of each other; they are the handmaids of all material progress.

Possessing manifold and diversified resources, which need but development to bring them intoverbatim treasures, the blood of martyred heroes; and a commonwealth to whose service has uniformly been consecrated wise and patriotic statesmanship.

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