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LOCAL BILLS CLOG LEGISLATURE

Shortage In Measures of Importance at Albany.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM ROOT.

Both the Friends of Governor Hughes and the Followers of the Republican State Organization Assert That Senator Elect Favors Their Side In Primary Election Controversy—How Jo Allds Has Risen In Power—Pranks of the Playful Legislators In Search of Recreation.

(From Our Special Correspondent.) Albany, N. Y., March 3.—The 1909 session of the lawmaking body of the Empire State bids fair to go down in history as "the legislature of little laws." The number of local bills introduced this year has been extraordinary. It seems as though every member of both senate and assembly has been endeavoring to outdo every other in the matter of legislating on subjects of absolutely no importance to the state at large.

The preponderance of local bills has clogged the legislative wheels to a considerable extent as regards the larger issues. However, there is one valuable phase of this condition—that is, these local measures will be disposed of before the important questions of general interest come up for settlement. Thus the minds and activities of the legislators can be concentrated on the big issues, and the chances of their intelligent consideration will be increased.

Root's Attitude of Importance.
Probably the political topic of leading importance at the capital is what may or may not be the significance of the attitude of Senator Elect Elihu Root toward Governor Hughes, direct nominations and the Republican state organization.

The Hughes backers claim Root, the anti-Hughes people claim Root, and others sit calmly by and smilingly say, "Mr. Root is flirting with both sides."

Supporters of Governor Hughes say, "Mr. Root's speech at the Barnes dinner sounds the deathknell of the present method of political leadership."

William Barnes, Jr., leader of Albany county, says: "I'm from Missouri. You've got to show me."

What Raines Says.
John Raines, who has been in the senate since 1892, says: "Mr. Root is a politician. He is not a politician. He is a politician."

Speaker Wadsworth's of the assembly says: "As far as Mr. Root's speech is concerned, I cannot discover anything in it to give solace to the friends of direct nominations. My idea is that Senator Root took upon himself the task of a harmonizer rather than anything else."

Views of Allds.
"Mr. Root," says Senator Jotham P. Allds, chairman of the finance committee, "believes that we should make such changes in our primary laws as will guarantee to the voters the carrying out of their wishes by the party leaders, but he does not approve of the nomination by committee plan or anything like it."

Jo Allds In Power.
Senator Allds, by the way has loomed into great prominence this year. As chairman of the finance committee he has more power than any other member of the senate except John Raines.

Allds is a strict organization man, and he has taken a leading part in the debates on the floor this year. He represents the Twenty-seventh district, made up of Sullivan, Delaware and Chenango counties.

He was born at Claremont, N. H., was educated in the public schools of that town, removed to the state of New York in 1876 and graduated from Colgate university in 1883. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1887, and began the practice of law in Norwich, Chenango county, N. Y., where he now resides.

After several years in the assembly Allds was first elected to the senate in 1902.

For Official Primary Ballot.
An important bill to the entire state is that of Assemblyman Artemas Ward, Jr., of New York, providing for an official primary ballot.

The bill represents three years of diligent work and aims to meet the complex conditions that prevail in varying sections. Governor Hughes recommended a measure of this description in several of his messages, and it is believed that he will make an active campaign in favor of the Ward measure.

Third—That there shall be two forms of nomination petition, which shall be known as "committee nomination petition" and "enrolled nominators' petition." The former provides that any enrolled party voter in an election district, which is the unit of representation, may call on four days' notice to the enrolled voters of his political subdivision for which the ticket is to be nominated a committee meeting, which shall be managed in somewhat the same way, as a caucus meeting. At this meeting nominations may be made and a ticket chosen by a majority of the members. The other method provides for a nomination petition which will be signed by a certain number of voters, as provided in the bill, the unit of representation being the election district. The minimum number of voters required to be present under either system is at least ten in an election district and increases by at least two for each election district in the political subdivision for which the delegate is chosen. The petitions are open for public inspection.

Fourth—The official ballot will be much like the official ballot at the general election, with party columns.

Modes of Killing Bills.

Many of the persons throughout the state interested on one side or the other of direct nominations are of the belief that if the judiciary committees do not report the bill out on a vote on the measure will come up on a motion to discharge either of the committees and in this way alone. But such is not the case. A committee can kill a bill by holding it in committee or by reporting it unfavorably.

The latter method is probably the more dangerous to the interests of the particular measure. The question then arises as to whether the house will sustain the committee or not. Both senate and assembly usually sustain a committee in an unfavorable report on a bill.

Legislature's Sense of Humor.

Put two hundred and one full blooded American citizens in a city like Albany, a city very much alive, and the simple life will never make very much headway. Things are likely to happen. Practical jokes are a matter of course, and not every one, however, is as harmless or as mirth provoking as that made at the expense of Assemblyman Walters of Syracuse a few days ago.

A bill was put into the bill box in front of Speaker Wadsworth's desk providing for the legalizing of a "water wagon and the necessary method to get upon it."

Water Wagon a Common Carrier.

Written to take effect on St. Patrick's day, the measure provides that twenty-three persons or more can be a corporation for the purpose of constructing, owning, operating and riding on a water wagon.

Walters, a member of the townsmen, the majority, of the leading members of the majority, of perpetrating the joke, and he threatens to call for an investigation.

Last year a bill was introduced under the name of Louis Cuvillier of New York city providing that the frogs of this state be protected from pulmonary tuberculosis during rainy weather, and on another occasion Cuvillier was similarly victimized by means of a bill providing for a turnstile at the corner of Broadway and Forty-second street, New York city. Every person passing the corner was to be counted at the turnstile and compelled to pay a fine of \$4.

How a Member "Got Hunk."

Many ingenious schemes are consummated to perturb new members of the legislature inexperienced in the intricate processes of lawmaking. A member from Brooklyn felt annoyed because a bill of his was beaten in the senate. Al Smith, from Sheriff Tom Foley's district in New York city, said to him, "Mr. John Raines beat your bill."

"Who's John Raines?" asked the Brooklynite, who had never heard of the most powerful man in the senate. "I want to get square with him."

Raines "a New Man."

"He's a new man," said Smith. "Now, when you see a bill on the calendar bearing Raines' name get up and fight it. You'll beat Raines all right."

The Brooklyn assemblyman saw his chance a day later. He rose and bitterly attacked the bill. The roll was called, and the only vote against the bill was that of the Brooklynite.

"I got hunk, all right, didn't I?" he said, turning to Smith.

"Sure," was the reply. "All you needed to beat Raines was seventy-five more votes."

A New Senator of Prominence.

Senator Frederick M. Davenport, who placed the name of Elihu Root in nomination for United States senator before the joint caucus of the senate assembly Republicans, is a new member of the upper house who is already taking an active part in legislation. Mr. Root is a graduate of Hamilton college, where Senator Davenport has for several years been professor of law.

Senator Davenport is very outspoken in his support of Governor Hughes' recommendations and has voted in accordance with the governor's wishes on every occasion. He is tall and slender, with dark hair, and speaks in a very determined manner. Coming from Oneida county, he was opposed for the senatorial nomination by Merwin K. Hart of Utica, who was in the assembly two years and passed the anti-trading bills through the assembly. Hart, failing to get this nomination, ran again for the assembly and was defeated. Hart has been giving Governor Hughes assistance in his campaign for direct nominations.

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GOSSIP BREAKS LONG ENGAGEMENTS.
mother. But if you could get into the majority of homes in this fair country and arrange for a confidential chat with the old pair that sit in the corner you would find that they didn't wait so very long and they did not stop to work out the problem as to where they were going to get their first square meal. The Scriptural injunction to take no thought for the morrow didn't stop them. And the opportunities in their day were a mighty sight further apart than they are in this generation.

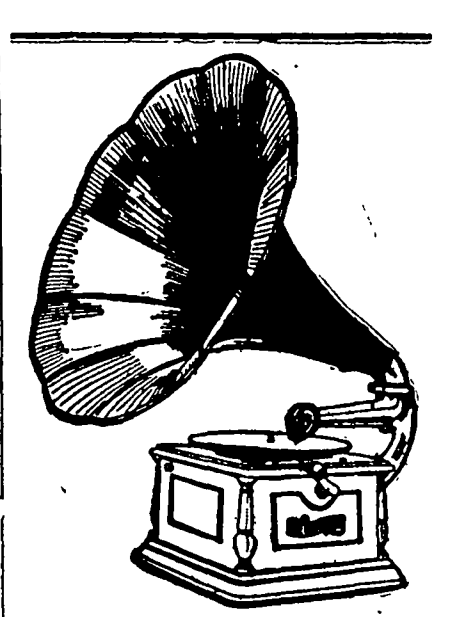
So long as men and women are not gifted with second sight or so long as they are not supplied with the article which kept the patriarchs from going wrong no one can tell what is going to come off. Fate keeps a catalogue of events, and they are liable to be flushed at any moment. The chances for correcting mistakes which may occur



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