

The Session of the Legislature is now nearly half gone. Time for the members have been getting ready for the main work of the session. It is, at not to legislate hurriedly, and our legislators do well in not trying to pass too many new laws hastily.

One of the most important laws that has been passed and one that was discussed at much length is the one to establish a training school for females. An appropriation of \$10,000 a year was made for its support. As we have not seen a copy of the bill, we cannot publish its provisions. We presume, however, that the bill is all right, because it was passed by such a large majority both in the Senate and in the House.

The Senate has discussed at considerable length and with much diversity of opinion a bill for a higher rate of interest, from 7 to 8 percent per annum. The rate of the bill is very uncertain. On Saturday, after several days' debate on it, the bill was referred by a committee, which is thought to be an indication of its defeat. Much can be said on either side of the question. Against speech not able arguments can be made both for and against it, and yet on the whole we think that such legislation will not benefit the State.

It is frequently a great tax on the State to lend the money at eight per cent interest, and it is certain, we suppose, and better for a man to borrow money at that rate and pay cash for his supplies, than to get a loan on a credit.

The Senate has passed a bill to pay witnesses whose examining at coroners' inquests. That body has also passed a bill for the protection of jurors and witnesses, making it inadvisable to threaten them.

A bill has been passed by the Senate and House to make the first birthday of January 1st a legal holiday.

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CONGRESS has passed the new Appropriation bill, as is customary after the taking of every census. By this new appropriation the number of Representatives in Congress will be increased to 356. There will be no change in the number of Representatives from this State. Texas will gain two Representatives. If it had not been for Porter's absence the democrats would have gained a Representative in New York city, as the Police census proved.

Our Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30, 1891.

Mr. Harrison dies hard, very hard. Senator Hoar and his radical colleagues recognize that their last day is near. The final disposition of the force bill, and they have accepted the result with the best grace possible although it is far from satisfactory to them. Not so Mr. Harrison. He is so wedded to the idea of Federal interference in Southern elections and its consequent delays in law and his party that he refuses to believe the force bill good, and has begun scheming to another attempt to rush it through the Senate. He is strongly supported by Speaker Reed and the House republicans generally, but the idea has so far been very coldly received by the Senators whose reelection is the two-square issue down they have already received while battling for this unpopular and unjust bill.

Still there is no telling what will be the result. It is certain that if they see their way clear to pass the bill they will do so. Their efforts will be for the passage of the bill next week, but it is the dread of an actual defeat that makes them hesitate. It is a great deal better to have the bill passed than to have it defeated. It is a great deal better to have the bill passed than to have it defeated.

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A Millionaire Thief Arrested.

From the New York Chronicle.

The Population Detective Agency in this city has been informed by its agent in the city of Mexico that the Mexican paper had arrested James N. Henry, who is wanted in Canada. He is accused of robbing the Bank of Montreal, one of the largest financial institutions in the world, of cash and securities amounting to \$1,500,000.

Henry's big haul was made on Dec. 13 last. He was seen leaving the Bank of Montreal at midnight, carrying a large amount of the stolen securities. On the next day he disappeared. He was arrested in Canada. He was taken to New York, and is now in the hands of the authorities.

In the early part of January the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs received news of the robbery and the full description of the stolen securities. All the banks in that republic were notified immediately. The City of Mexico police received a report of the robbery, and a search was made for the thief.

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A Coal Mine Explosion.

Presidents, Jan. 28.—Last night was a night of sorrow at the Mountain Mine. Every home in the neighborhood was a house of mourning, and not an eye was dry in the neighborhood.

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Killed the School Teacher.

WINNEBAGO CITY, Mich., Feb. 2.—Miss Lent, the young school teacher who was so lately assumed by the Crown City a few days ago has died from the injuries she received at that time. Miss Lent was teaching in a country school near here, and was on her way to school when she was killed.

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