

### Probation Hearing Continued In Case of Chicken Thefts

Hearings on the applications for probation of R. J. Stollard, Emory Elliott and Sven D. Anderson, who pleaded guilty several weeks ago to charges of grand theft in connection with the looting of numerous chicken coops in Lomita, Lawndale, Temple City and other sections of the county, was continued until Friday of this week when the matter came up this week.

Yohanna Isaac, asserted "fence" for the trio through whom they disposed of their chickens, was found guilty this week by Superior Judge Robert H. Scott, after Isaac had waived a jury trial. Isaac was permitted to file an application for probation, which is to be heard April 23. Isaac operated an establishment on Western avenue, near an airport, according to sheriff's deputies who made the arrests.

### Notes From Washington

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What's the matter with Congress? Why did the House cast 310 votes to over-ride the veto of the President on the Independent Office Bill and cast only 72 votes to sustain him? There are innumerable answers to this question and many varying opinions.

When the Economy Bill was passed on the third day of the extra session a year ago, the whole financial structure of the country had fallen around the feet of the President. Banks were closed, business paralyzed and it was a current rumor at that time that if the government

did not reduce its expenses to within the income, that the credit of Uncle Sam would be impaired. This meant that if these doleful predictions were true, the government might not be able to meet the interest on its obligations or might even fail in paying its employees and the veterans.



With this question staring Congress in the face, the Economy Bill was passed, government expenditures were cut 25 per cent, or approximately one billion dollars per year. When the question was asked about the effect of the Economy Act on the Veterans, it was said that the President would see that no injustices were done to the deserving veterans. Relying upon the promises of the President, many members voted for the Economy Act. But when the regulations were issued by the veterans' bureau, there were many members of Congress who felt that these drastic rules and regulations were not in keeping with the assurances of the President. Because of the tremendous responsibility and the over-crowded

office of his delegating the administration of law to others, most of the criticism has been blamed upon those who direct the

of the House. But the Senate finally also over-ride the veto and approved the bill for which members of the House had so persistently battled. Both senators from California voted to over-ride the President's veto.

It has sounded like old times in the House the past week for the reason that the old subject of the tariff that has been debated so extensively throughout the history of our country was again the subject of the day. Tariff bills are always difficult. The industries of this country are varied. Tariff legislation always arouses a battle royal. Industry battles industry. Community battles community and state battles state. Louisiana wants a market for her sugar and is opposed to sugar importations from Cuba, Hawaii and the Philippines. Colorado and Western Nebraska and other states also would like to exclude the sugar from other parts of the world and increase the demand for beet sugar.

Texas demands a market for her cotton and along with other states clamors for a world market for her surplus. Pittsburgh is interested in her steel and the Western states in wheat; the Pacific coast in lumber, oil, fruits and canned products of all kinds.

President Roosevelt has championed reciprocity—a policy that was made popular in 1883 by James G. Blaine, the Plumed Knight of Maine. Former Republican platforms declared for this policy but when the legislative program reached Congress, the Republicans usually lined up for reciprocity and the Democrats against.

Now the situation has changed. The Democrats are the advocates of trade reciprocity and the Republicans are opposed. It was rather amusing at times to hear the Republican opponents of the bill quote the Democratic leaders in past years from the Congressional Record. Congressman Robert L. Doughten, the Democratic chairman of the ways and means committee that reported out the bill, Henry C. Steiwer, the

John T. Garner, the Vice President, were extensively quoted to show their opposition to clothing

I have already recited in a previous letter the bitter battles in the House over the Senate amendments and the final compromise which eliminated retired emergency officers, the re-married widows of Spanish-American War veterans, misconduct cases and those who enlisted after the war was over, and restored other groups to 75 per cent of their former pay. The House was led to believe that the President would accept this compromise. It was believed that this was the most generous bill that would get through both Houses and receive the approval of the White House. When the bill reached the Senate the second time, that body accepted the House amendments. The friends of the veterans in the House felt that they had achieved a great victory. They were of the opinion that they had at least partly over-riden the drastic rules and regulations of the veterans' bureau.

When the bill was sent to the White House and the President promptly vetoed it, there was consternation in both wings of the Capitol. The members of the House thought they were fair and they had gone on record four times on this bill. The question arose, should they stand for what they believed to be right and proper or should they surrender to the President? As the veto message was read, many members wiped nervous perspiration from their foreheads and their brains were in a whirl. State delegation after delegation held hurried conferences in the cloak room and decided one moment to support the President only to reverse themselves the next. It was a heated hour. Should a Congressman stand by a much beloved President? Was that his duty? Or was his duty to the veterans at home? No one knew how the other fellow would vote at the appointed hour. The galleries were thronged with spectators as excited as the members of the House. And nobody was more astonished than the members themselves when the roll was called and disclosed that the veto of President Roosevelt had been over-riden by more than four to one. Only one lone vote from California to sustain the President. Ten Democrats galloped off the reservation and with the Republicans, 19 members from California voted to over-ride the veto.

Then the scene shifted to the Senate and the dignified Senators did their share of the sweating and debating. This battle afforded a considerable amount of satisfaction to most of the members

### Torrance Blvd. Paving to Start

New Strip of Asphaltic Concrete to Be Laid Alongside of Old Road

Paving of Torrance boulevard, between the business center and Redondo Beach, was expected to get under way Thursday of this week, according to engineers of the county road department who are superintending the construction.

An entirely new strip of asphaltic concrete pavement, 30 feet wide, is to be laid, providing an exceptionally desirable roadway between this city and the beach community. On either side of the new pavement will be an eight-foot oiled shoulder, making a roadway with a total width of 56 feet, considered as standard.

The grade of the new roadway is being changed in several instances, engineers explained. The new pavement is being constructed along the side of the old roadway, and the old pavement will be entirely removed when the new pavement is completed and opened to traffic. Because asphaltic concrete can be used for traffic as soon as it is laid, it will not be necessary for it to "cure" as is the case with asphaltic concrete.

Easter morning chased Old Man Winter out of Washington again but I am so disgusted with the weatherman that I shall make no more predictions about Spring arriving until the House custodian puts back the electric fans.

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### Former Resident Dies In Los Angeles

John J. Monahan, former resident of Torrance where he had been employed at the Columbia Steel plant, died Sunday, April 8, at a Los Angeles hospital, following ill health of long duration. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from Cathedral chapel, Los Angeles. The family has been living in Los Angeles for the past year and a half.

### Dischner Trial Set For April 20

Trial of Lewis Dischner, on charges of assault upon Thomas B. Lynch, age 69, will be held April 20, in Los Angeles superior court, it was ordered this week when Dischner was arraigned and pleaded not guilty to the charges. Dischner, who resides on Woodard avenue, Lomita, is at liberty on \$500 bond. He was arrested last March 10 and bound over by Lomita justice court, March 19.

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