

ROGERS FEARS LEGISLATORS WILL DELAY HOME GOING BECAUSE OF PAY RAISE

BY CLAY GROBE,
Staff Correspondent.

Austin, Jan. 26.—Will Rogers took over the Texas legislature for a half hour this morning.

First he called on Governor Sterling to tell him he had just arrived from Fort Worth. "Amon Carter's town where the truth begins about Dallas."

While he was at the capitol, Rogers was commissioned a Texas ranger. "It's getting to be a habit," he remarked. It was the second time he had been initiated into the ranks of the rangers.

"Have I ever fought a duel?" he chuckled, as he took the oath. "Why, I could swear I've fought only one fist fight in my life. In fact, I hold a unique record. I've never fought a duel and never served on a Hoover commission."

Then he wanted to go up with

the "press gang." He was sitting at the press table in the house joking with the correspondents when Walter Beck of Fort Worth raised the point of order that there was somebody at the press table who was not entitled to the privileges of the floor.

Speaker Minor sustained the point of order with the remark that "the gentleman belongs on the speaker's stand."

Rogers was accordingly escorted to the speaker's stand. In his bashful, cowboy way, he walked up with a committee and took an introduction.



Twits Legislators.

"I don't believe me being here," he said, "is interrupting anything. From what I've heard about what

you been doing here for the last two weeks I think any interruption would be a relief.

"I talked to the Alabama legislature once and just after I got through the legislature adjourned. The people of Alabama sent me a trophy of appreciation. I wish I could do as much for Texas. But I guess I can't. You've all got your salaries raised, so God knows when you'll go home."

At the house press table he looked up at the amplifying apparatus and the electric voting board.

"Huh," he said, "you gotta lot o' things around here I never saw before. Puts me in mind of a ball game more'n anything else."

Somebody told him about a horse race bill that might come up by request.

"Whose request?" another correspondent inquired.

"The horses, I guess," Will put in.

Sergeant at Arms Joe White was introduced to him.

"So you're the Texas ranger of the house, huh," Will greeted him.

A crowd followed him out of the house to the senate.

Over there he told them he "didn't come over here to see you, but that brass rail." Such a rail has been placed around the senate seats and has been the cause of some discussion as to who was responsible for it.

"I like the homelike atmosphere of that rail," he said. "And then, too, I guess it keeps the lobbyists from doing business openly."

He told Lieutenant Governor Witt, who introduced the humorist, that he looked like Jimmy Walker.

He had been introduced in the house by Representative A. P. Johnson of Carrizo Springs. Rogers told Johnson his introduction was so good he'd like to take him along. He couldn't understand, he said, how the lieutenant governor could make such a short introduction in the senate.

Rogers came here for a benefit appearance for the unemployed.

In the governor's office reception room Rogers had asked about former Governor James E. Ferguson. He found Ferguson at the press table, where the latter has been seated from time to time this session, and after the talk in the senate, walked downstairs arm in arm with him. On the way out, someone called him to wait a minute for former Governor Neff, now

chairman of the railroad commission.

"Yea, I wanta see him," Will said. I and Ferguson stopped a few miles at the bottom of the stairs. He did not show up, so they pbeded.

Will d Governor Sterling he also wad to see Moody, as he was "aus to do something for the reli of unemployed governors."