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Washington, D. C., Dec. 15 (Special)—They have changed the interior appointments of the White House—the internal architecture, so to speak—so as to provide a nice, comfortable substitute for the time honored navigation of Salt River by politicians who didn't come back on Nov. 8. One of the spacious corridors of the executive offices has been converted into an additional waiting room, to accommodate an astonishingly increased number of callers since the president's return from Panama.

Some astute individual discovered that about 90 per cent of this daily crowd who sought the presidential presence were "lame ducks" seeking some nice, soft berth to occupy after March 4. Although this is an open season for jobs, so many are the huntmen and so keen the fervor of the chase, that the poor hunted berths are nearly all run to cover.

Naturally the White House is the preserve where the game is thickest. Energetic huntmen frequent the executive offices faithfully. They do not intend to be far away when the president lets a job loose.

And so it happens that the list of waiting callers has been extraordinarily augmented during these last few weeks. A hundred or so job-hunters make a brave showing, but they have overcrowded the spacious reception rooms at the executive offices so that the patriots who have other business at the White House than chasing down vacancies on the government payroll get lost in the shuffle. The "jobbed" ones didn't like to rub shoulders with the tenatively jobless.

So Secretary Charles D. Norton decided on the architectural arrangements above described, in order to separate the sheep from the goats. Those who call to point out to Presi-

dent Taft their fitness for such and such a job, and to recall to his mind their varied services for the party, are herded into the new reception room—which is merely a corridor screened off from the vestibule, nicely decorated with chairs and green palms. This new room has come to be known definitely as "Lame Duck Alley."

Senator Thomas Carter, of Montana, was the first of the clan of the soon-to-be-jobless to occupy the corridor. Senator Depew of New York, who will be succeeded by a democrat, was another "lame duck" among the first to warm the leather on a chair in the alley.

Rep. Kennedy of Ohio, who was swirled out of place by that tidal wave of November 8, has been almost a daily caller. Rep. Cocks, who succumbed with Stimson in New York, has been on the job. Many other injured members have been much in evidence.

But the saddest blow of all came when Rep. Arthur L. Bates, of the 25th Pennsylvania district "breezed" into the executive offices the other day, still thinking gratefully of the 1100 majority with which the constituents of his district had expressed their preference for him over a democrat.

"Sorry you weren't elected Bates," was the greeting he received from a brother member.

"Yes, it was too bad," joined in another.

"I sympathize with you," added a third.

"But I was reelected," replied the astonished Pennsylvanian.

"Well, all the news we've read was that you went down," they replied.

"Bates, I certainly shall miss you next year," consoled the chief executive. "It seems too bad to lose you."

"But, I am reelected by 1100 majority," shouted Bates. "Everywhere I go somebody sympathizes with me in my loss. I don't want any sympathy, I want congratulations."

And when Bates emerged, he served notice on the doorkeepers that he would refuse to be seated in "Lame Duck Alley."

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