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**The Grady Libel Bill.**

During last week a new and great outrage was perpetrated by the Legislature on the liberties of the people. That is a measure was forced through both Houses in indecent haste which is intended to muzzle the press of the State against all criticisms of public officials. In his first inaugural address THOMAS JEFFERSON declared that freedom of the press is one of the essential principles of government. The best statesmen which the country has produced during the period since JEFFERSON fixed the standard of public life have concurred in this view and however bitter political contentions have grown since the liberty of the people has not been assailed until within a few years the exigencies of a corrupt political machine have driven the managers of the organization in this State to put on the muzzle.

The manner in which this crime against the public has been perpetrated is almost as reprehensible as the crime itself. The constitution prescribes the manner of considering legislation in the General Assembly. Every bill must "be read three times on three separate days in each House," and amendments to bills must be printed for the use of the Members, according to the organic law of the State. But neither of these mandates were complied with in the passage of this "press muzzler." The bill passed finally in the House and sent to the Governor for his approval was not read three times on three separate days in the Senate. On the contrary, it was read but once and then as a substitute for a House bill which presented it in the form of an amendment without printing for the use of the Members as required by the constitution.

There are wide differences of opinion among the leading newspapers of the State as to whether the Governor will sign the infamous bill or not. Some of his friends reason that he can't do so without stultifying himself, because the measure is more faulty in the matter of syntax than some other bills which he has refused to sign. But it is recalled that in his inaugural address he recommended some such legislation as the measure in question and Senator PENROSE has publicly stated that the Governor is under promise to sign the bill. If he does so it may be said that it will be equivalent to giving license to the machine managers to loot to their heart's content, for no newspaper can afford even just criticism under circumstances which invite vexatious and expensive litigation every time a crook feels aggrieved.

WILSON I. FLEMING has been selected as the man with whom the LOVE faction are going to try to wrest the Republican county chairmanship from Col. REEDER.

**Ghastly Reminders.**

Of the Spanish-American War Brought to Light in Manila Bay.

MANILA, April 13.—The warship Reina Christina, flagship of Admiral Montojo, which was sunk by Admiral Dewey in Manila bay was floated and beached yesterday. The skeletons of about eighty of her crew were found in the hull.

One skeleton evidently was that of an officer, for it had a sword by the side. There are fifteen shell holes in the hull of the Reina Christina, one made by an eight-inch shot and the others small. The main injection valve is missing, showing the ship was scuttled when Admiral Montojo abandoned her. The hull is in fair condition.

Captain Albert R. Conden, commanding the avaral station at Cavite, took charge of the remains of the Spanish sailors, expressing a desire to give them an American naval funeral. The Spanish residents, however, are anxious to ship the skeletons to Spain, and it is suggested that the United States transport Sumner convey them to Spain by way of the Suez canal in June.

A wrecking crew is endeavoring to raise all the sunken Spanish warships.

**More Moros Killed.**

MANILA, April 15.—Captain Pershing's force has reached Marahui. While pursuing Moros who fled from Bacool, the Americans had an engagement with a number of the enemy near Calui. They were occupying a fortified position and attempted to cover the retreat of the other Bacool Moros by delaying the American pursuit. The Americans shelled their position eight hours, reducing their fortifications and killing many of the Moros. Captain Pershing met no further opposition and marched to Marahui, which was occupied. Later he and his command joined the American camp on the north side of Lake Lanao, completing the occupation of all the lake districts.

A detachment of the Twenty-eighth infantry surprised the camp of a Ladrona band at Cagayan, Mindanao. Eighteen of the camp occupants were captured and thirteen holmen were wounded. The entire force of Ladrones were not present when the camp was rushed. It is estimated that the full band numbers 400 men.

**Dr. Lorenz Returns.**

NEW YORK, April 14.—Dr. Adolf Lorenz, during his last visit to the United States, performed a number of bloodless surgical operations arrived here to-day on the steamer Lahm, from Genoa. He goes to Chicago to remove the cast from the hip of Lolita Armour, daughter of J. Ogden Armour, to operate upon whom he made his first visit to America.

**Miners Strike in California.**

JACKSON, Cal., April 13.—Nearly 1,000 miners of this district struck to-day for shorter hours and the recognition of their union.

**Higher Judges' Pay Becomes the Law.**

2207,000 Per Year Added to Salaries Under Bill Governor Signed. The Increase for All.

HARRISBURG, April 14.—Ex-Judge Pennypacker, as Governor, to-day signed the bill adding \$207,000 a year to the salaries of the Judges of the State.

The bill was introduced by Representative Ziba T. Moore, of the Twenty-second ward, Philadelphia. It passed the House early in the session, and was approved by the Senate, and sent to Governor Pennypacker last Tuesday.

It increases the salaries of all the Judges of the Supreme, Superior, Common Pleas and Orphan's courts in Pennsylvania.

DELICATE LEGAL QUESTION.

The intention is to put the new schedule of pay into effect at once.

There has been considerable discussion here as to the constitutionality of present Judges drawing the increased salary, owing to the provision prohibiting any change in the emoluments of public officers during the terms for which they are elected, but the impression is that the point never can be raised, because no Judge in the State could pass on the question, all being interested parties.

**SCHEDULE OF INCREASES.**

The increases are as follows:  
 Chief Justices of the Supreme court, \$8500 to \$10,500.  
 Other Justices of the Supreme court, \$5000 to \$10,000.  
 Judges of the Superior court, \$7500 to \$9000.  
 Philadelphia Common Pleas and Orphans' court Judges, \$7000 to \$8500.  
 Allegheny county Common Pleas and Orphans' court Judges, \$6000 to \$8500.  
 Common Pleas and Orphans' court Judges in counties of from 90,000 to 500,000 population, having more than one Judge, \$4000 to \$6000.  
 Common Pleas Judges in similar counties, having only one Judge, \$5000 to \$7000.  
 Dauphin county Judges, \$5000 to \$7500.  
 Common Pleas and Orphans' court Judges in all counties under 90,000 population, \$4000 to \$5000.

**"COBWEB BUREAU" CREATED.**

Governor Pennypacker signed also a bill in which he especially is interested, the Bliss measure creating a division of public records in connection with the state library for the collection and preservation of all public records of the state government not in current use and consequently primarily of historical value.

The department is to be under the direction of the State Librarian, with whom the heads of the various state departments are required to deposit all papers relating to their departments, "beginning with the earliest records to the year 1750."

These bills were also signed:  
 Making it the duty of school directors, trustees or other persons having control of a school or college building to adopt and immediately put into operation a modern method and system of disinfection of such school or college buildings.

Appropriating \$32,500 for the erection of memorial tablets or monuments to mark the position on the Antietam battlefield of the Pennsylvania commands that participated in the battle on September 17th, 1862.

Appropriating \$200,000 in aid of township high schools.

**Bills Signed.**

Governor Approves His Signature to Various Measures.

HARRISBURG, April 13.—Governor Pennypacker to-day signed the Woods bill, appropriating \$25,000 for the purchase for the secretary of internal affairs, of standard weights and measures and tests for use by the inspectors in cities of the first and second class.

The following bills were also approved:  
 Providing for the appointment by the state board of commissioners of deputy game protectors, who shall receive the same compensation that is now paid constables for similar service. They shall be required to give a bond of \$300 for faithful performance of their duties.

Providing that councilmen in boroughs shall be elected by wards and not at large.

Authorizing the purchase of historical works relative to the services of Pennsylvania volunteers during the civil war.

Appropriating \$3,000 for the erection of a school house on the Complanter Indian reservation, Warren county.

Creating the office of assistant district attorney in counties having a population of over 150,000.

Providing that jury commissioners shall have authority to appoint a clerk and fix his salary at not more than \$5 per day.

Prohibiting athletic exhibitions of longer duration than twelve hours in each calendar day.

Appropriating \$12,000 to the Pennsylvania free library commission to establish and maintain traveling libraries.

**Official Board Resigns.**

Another Chapter in the Williamsport Mulberry Street M. E. Church Trouble.

The official board of the Mulberry street Methodist church of Williamsport, Saturday, resigned in a body and they have nearly all designed to lift their cards of membership and attend another church. This action is an outcome of the present trouble in that church, and is taken by the board as the quickest way of ending the difficulty. While taking the position of refusing to acknowledge the right of the conference to dictate for several years against the request of the board, they do not wish to continue the struggle indefinitely.

The matter of resigning has been under consideration by the board most of the week, and culminated in the decision of seventeen of the members to present their resignations Saturday. The members say that a portion of the membership of the church has not sustained them in their connection with the conference. How large this portion of the membership is depends entirely on the point of view of the person making the estimate. The Rev. Mr. Honck whose assignment to the church was the cause of this latest outbreak will probably now select a new board, and continue as the pastor of the church.

**Bubonic Plague is Feared.**

TOPEKA, Kan., April 13.—Dr. Charles Lowry, secretary of the state board of health, has gone to Rice county to investigate the cause of nine sudden deaths among a gang of railroad laborers. Dr. Lowry is particularly interested in the report that the deaths were due to bubonic plague. One physician has pronounced the infection black small-pox. The surrounding territory is in quarantine. Every case has proved fatal.

**Legislative Session of 1903 Closed for All Practical Purposes at Midnight Wednesday.**

Senate Kills Several Bills. Kingston Dam Bill, Susquehanna Canal Repealer, Filtration Bill, and Phillips Racing Bill All Dead. Final Adjournment At Noon Yesterday.

HARRISBURG, April 15.—The legislative session of 1903 closed for all practical purpose at midnight. The calendars of the senate and house have been cleared and there will be very little business transacted at to-morrow's session. The chambers of the two houses were crowded with spectators to-night to witness the closing scenes of the session. The feature of to-morrow's session of the house will be the customary presentation of gifts to the speaker and other officers.

The general appropriation bill, which carries items aggregating \$19,500,000, for the payment of the current expenses of the state government for the next two years, was disposed of to-day and sent to the Governor.

The Senate to-day dropped from its calendar the Kingston dam bill, the Susquehanna canal repealer, the filtration bill, and the Phillips racing bill, all of which passed the house.

In the closing hours of the house the bill creating a state department of labor was killed and a bill passed for the retirement of invalidated judges on full pay.

In both houses to-night the reports of conference committees on a large number of appropriation bills was adopted and the amendments made by the two houses concurred in.

The closing hours were marked by a general good feeling among the members of both bodies and the horse play characteristic of the last night of previous sessions.

The usual midnight luncheon to the members of the Senate and house and attaches of the State and executive departments were served. Both bodies will adjourn finally to-morrow at noon.

**SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

HARRISBURG, April 14.—Governor Pennypacker to-day signed the following bills:

The Sprout road bills.  
 Prohibiting the discharge of Flobert rifles, air guns, spring guns in cities and boroughs.  
 Providing that courts of quarter sessions shall fill vacancies in the offices of township, commissioner or treasurer on petition of twenty or more qualified voters.  
 Empowering the commissioner of forestry and the forestry reservation commissioner to cooperate with the members of the legislature to construct, maintain and operate their lines of railway over, along and upon public highways within or bordering on forest reservations owned by the Commonwealth.

Appropriating \$35,000 for the purchase of a permanent camping ground for the National Guard of Pennsylvania.

Providing for the payment of the maintenance and instruction of children committed to industrial schools or institutions of like character which are not under state control by the counties from which they have been sent.

Appropriating \$750 to the fish commissioners for the purpose of co-operating with the state of New Jersey in assisting to restore the sturgeon fisheries in the Delaware river and bay.

Appropriating \$10,000 to St Agnes hospital, Philadelphia.

Revising and continuing in force the act of April 20th, 1897, extending the time during which corporations may hold and convey the title to real estate heretofore bought under execution or conveyed to them in satisfaction of debt and now remaining in their hands unsold.

Authorizing the governor to appoint three commissioners to preserve the historical archives of the Commonwealth.

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Limiting to \$150,000 the amount of money to be expended each year by the state forestry reservation commission in the purchase of lands for the Commonwealth.

**ANOTHER VETO.**

HARRISBURG, April 15.—Governor Pennypacker has vetoed another pension bill which provides for the payment of the expenses incurred and of per diem compensation during white corporations may hold and convey the title to real estate heretofore bought under execution or conveyed to them in satisfaction of debt and now remaining in their hands unsold.

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could be permitted that would not be more dangerous to truth than to error, for those who are conscious of the righteousness of their cause are not so apt to invoke force in defense of their opinions as those who are conscious of error and who, recognizing their inability to defend their views by reason, fall back upon coercion. In the preamble of the act of 1786, it is stated, first, that the propagation of religion by force is contrary to the plan of God, the author of our religion. Attention is called to the fact that the Almighty being Lord both of the body and the mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercion of either. Jefferson recognized that the Christian religion rested upon love, and that love is the very antithesis of violence and brute force. It is well to remember that the Declaration of Independence itself rests upon the same foundation which supports our religion, namely, love, and those who deny the doctrine of human brotherhood are not apt to respect the creed of inalienable rights and natural equality embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States.

"Jefferson was the greatest statesman known to history. He believed in the rights of the people, and he had a heart large enough to take in all humankind. He hated tyranny, whether it manifested itself in religious or secular affairs, and applied his doctrines to all questions."

A letter of regret was read from Admiral Dewey, who is president of the Thomas Jefferson Memorial association.

**Sprout Road Bill Signed by the Governor.**

High Officials Consider Moment the Most Important of All Legislation This Session.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 15.—Governor Pennypacker's action in promptly signing the Sprout Good Roads bill was highly gratifying to the members of the Senate and the House who labored assiduously to pass the bill.

Senator Sprout, of Delaware, the author of the measure, called at the Executive Building this morning and felicitated with the Governor over the success that had attended their efforts in bringing together the conflicting elements in both branches of the general assembly.

When the Sprout bill was sent to the Committee on Public Roads, in the House, after it had been reported from the Committee on Appropriations, it was feared that the measure would never be passed on account of the differences of opinion among members of the committee regarding the character of a bill to be passed.

GOVERNOR SAVES THE DAY.

Governor Pennypacker's prompt action in sending for the members of this committee and others interested in good roads legislation and his address to the Legislature urging the passage of a good roads bill as one of the most important duties of the State law-makers saved the day.

"We have made a good start," said Senator Sprout to-night. "The movement will receive the hearty support of Governor Pennypacker, who believes it to be the most important legislation of the session. Pennsylvania will soon rank with the most progressive States in the matter of good public roads."

**CHAIRMEN ARE CHEERFUL.**

Representative William Mayne, of Chester county, and Senator John W. Crawford, of Allegheny, chairmen respectively of the Public Roads Committee of the House and Senate, met on the floor of the House this afternoon and cordially grasped each other by the hand when they learned that the Governor had signed the bill.

"We had a hard fight," said Mr. Mayne, "and were most fortunate in getting through a bill for which we could rally so many conflicting interests. We are all indebted to Governor Pennypacker for the enthusiastic interest he took in the matter."

**Vanderbilt Nuptials.**

Miss Neilson Becomes Mrs. Reginald C. at Newport Villa—Gifts Valued at Over \$1250,000—It Was a White Wedding the Decorations Being White, on Background of Green—Will Spend Three Months in Europe.

Newport, R. I., April 15.—The wedding of Reginald C. Vanderbilt, of New York, the youngest son of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, and Miss Cathleen G. Neilson, also of New York, was a brilliant as well as an early spring beginning of the social season of 1903 at Newport. As the marriage took place in a private villa, it lacked much of the splendor which usually attends a church function. About 150 guests, nearly all from New York, were present.

It was a white wedding. The decorations were white, on a background of green; the bridesmaids were gowned in white, with white picture hats; the bridegroom, his best man and the ushers wore white puff cravats and white boutonnières, and the bride, of course, was attired in the purest white.

For an hour preceding the ceremony an orchestra played, and the measure strains of the Lohengrin March signalled the approach of the bridal party. The Rev. Father Mcenan, attended by two altar boys, previously had taken his place at a floral altar, and just as the procession started down the grand staircase, Mr. Vanderbilt, accompanied by his elder brother, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, took positions beside the priest.

Miss Neilson advanced on the arm of her uncle, Frederick Gebhard. The maid of honor was Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, a sister of the groom. Her four bridesmaids were Miss Isabelle May, of Washington; Miss Florence Twombly, a cousin of Mr. Vanderbilt; Miss Evelyn Pearson and Miss Nathalie Schenck.

The ceremony was brief. Its completion was indicated by the Mendelssohn March. A reception followed, and an inspection was made of the bridal gifts, which were declared to be probably as costly an array as was ever bestowed on two young people at the advent of their married life. Then came the wedding breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt left for their new villa at Sandy Point, a few miles up the island, where they will spend a few days previous to a three months' trip to Europe.

It is impossible to place an estimate on the value of the wedding gifts, but it is said that the jewels alone are valued at \$250,000. A special detail of police is watching the gifts.

**Man's Body in a Barrel.**

New York, April 15.—A murder was discovered, according to the police, by the finding of the body of a man, apparently an Italian, in a barrel in East Eleventh street near the docks. The man's throat was cut from ear to ear. The body was warm when found, and the work of ferreting out the supposed crime was begun at once by detectives.

A scrub woman noticed the barrel on the sidewalk, and she saw hanging on it a man's coat soaked with blood. She informed the police. The first and the only clew found during several hours' search was the letters "W. T." painted on the bottom of the barrel, but the police think these letters will aid them a good deal in revealing the mystery.

It is supposed that somebody intended to throw the body into the river, after bringing it there in a wagon, but found the pier at East Eleventh street closed and dropped the load in the street in a hurry fearing discovery.

The well-kept condition of the hands and nails of the dead man indicated that he was not a laborer. The police say that he wore expensive shoes and may have been in good circumstances. The police discovered the address No. 366 Third avenue written in pencil on the bottom of the barrel, and in the coat pocket of the dead man a bit of paper bearing the words in Italian translated as "Come, come in a hurry." The police believe this was a part of a decoy letter.

A small perfumed woman's handkerchief was found in the barrel.

As No. 366 Third avenue is a furnished room house, the proprietor, Albert Voeckel, was taken to the police station, but said he had never seen the barrel or the body before. Of 200 Italians summoned to the police station, none has been able to identify the body.

Coroner's Physician Albert T. Weston, who performed an autopsy on the body of the murdered man, said that he had found 18 additional stab wounds in the neck, besides the two deep gashes that had severed the jugular vein, thereby causing death. The wounds newly discovered consisted of 12 on the left side of the neck and six on the right. Some of them were hardly more than scratches, while others were from a quarter to a half inch deep. All the wounds were inflicted with a dagger.

The physician said that the autopsy revealed no evidence that there had been a struggle at the time the man was killed. He advanced the theory that the man had been held so that he could not move, while his assailants, in order to force him to tell something they wanted to know, tortured him by making slight wounds in his neck.

**Jersey Prison Keepers Fined.**

Trenton, N. J., April 15.—John D. Hassett, James Langton, of Orange, and James Dullard, of this city, the three prison deputy keepers who were accused of taking packages and letters into and out of the state prison as a matter of favor to convicts, were each fined \$100 by Judge Reistebach in the Mercer county court. The judge gave the defendants a severe lecture and praised Head Keeper Osborne for breaking up a practice which Judge Reistebach said had destroyed the discipline of the prison under former administrations.

**Smallton.**

H. S. Small has put a new roof on his house.

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**Howard.**

John K. Thompson was in our town Wednesday.

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Clair Thompson, of Snow Shoe, was in Howard over Sunday.

A. M. Butler's school closed on Tuesday with some fine exercises and a journal.

Walter Muffy killed two loons Monday, in Bald Eagle. One weighed 8 lbs.

Mrs. Harry Kling and little daughter, of Phillipsburg, visited relatives here over Friday.

Harry Butler and wife have gone to house-keeping in the house vacated by Grant Swires.

Miss Anna Weber, after spending a few days in Altoona among friends, returned home Wednesday.

The young folks held a party in Lucas hall Monday evening. There were about 30 present and all had a good time.

Miss Clair Kreswell returned to her home in Lock Haven after spending four days with her friend, Miss Lovan Henderson.

Grant Swires had sale Tuesday. He left for Hanover yesterday, where he has secured a position with the Hanover Creamery Co.

Easter services were held in the Christian Chapel, Methodist and Evangelical churches Sunday evening. All were said to be good.

**In Memoriam.**

William S., second son of Daniel H. and Mary Yeager, was born May 17th, 1849, in Nittany valley, Centre county, and died March 30th, 1903, at Raines Mills, Elk county, aged 53 years, 10 months and 13 days.

Mr. Yeager was one of twenty children and being early thrown upon his own resources developed sterling qualities of thrift and independence. His youth was spent at Snow Shoe, where he received four years' schooling.

At Moshannon, in 1870, he was united in

marriage to Rachel A. Davis and of this union were born eight children. Of these two sons and one daughter have died and with the widow there remain one son and four daughters to mourn his loss.

Mr. Yeager was engaged as clerk to A. M. McClain & Co. during most of his residence in Moshannon until June 1886, when he removed to Empire and became connected with the Empire Lumber Co. as storekeeper and shipper, and there remained 5 years, removing to Lake City in 1891 and taking the position of shipper with Brew, McClain & Co.

After spending two years at Lake City he returned to Empire in April, 1893, and assumed the position of shipper to T. W. Rainey, with whom and the firm of Rainey & Rainey he remained in continuous service to the day of his tragic death.

In young manhood he accepted Christ and was baptized into the Advent church at Moshannon where he was a member for a number of years.

Mr. Yeager's general information and fine penmanship bear record that his schooling did not stop with his four years under regular teachers, but are evidence of his studiousness and industry along the years. He was clear in his ideas of right and wrong and very tenacious in upholding them. Always truthful and straightforward, he abhorred shams and double dealing. Careful and conscientious in all his work and honest through every fiber of his body, any indifference or carelessness on the part of others fretted his sensitive nature. His ideas of rectitude and honor were of the highest. Gifted as an apt story teller, to those who knew him best, he was genial and companionable. Strong in his likes and dislikes his friendships were true, and lasting. His geniality and good humor were in special evidence the day of his death, and all who saw and talked with him that fateful day bear witness to his cheerfulness and good feeling, and as we last saw him in life, so let us remember him in death.

[Deceased is the man whose tragic death by being drawn under the wheels of a locomotive by his rubber coat catching in the gearing the WATCHMAN told of last week.]

**Spring Mills.**

Mrs. M. B. Hering has been quite ill nearly all winter and her improvement if any, is very slow.

Our fishermen are making preparations for the coming season. Of course then the "fish yarn" season opens too.

John F. Heckman is remodeling the residence he recently purchased, and when completed will add greatly to the appearance of the neighborhood.

Postmaster Krape will occupy his new building the last of the week. The store and post office departments are very handsomely fitted up.

Last week has been commenced on the abutments of the new \$9000 bridge to be thrown across Sinking creek. There has been a senseless delay in the erection of this bridge.

Professor Hoeterman commenced on Monday last in our Academy, a spring and summer session of high school for advanced scholars. Miss Granley also commenced school on Monday for little folks. She also has a class for more advanced pupils.

Of course our little people had their usual stock of colored eggs on Sunday last. But unfortunately the weather proved unpropitious for the display of any spring apparel. The stylish hats with their marvelous trimmings will remain boxed 'til the first clear day. To be sure some of our gay gallants appeared on the streets attired in their spring suits despite the rain, but then this was to be "eggspected."

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