

Democratic Watchman

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STATE LEGISLATURE PASSED SEVEN BILLS IN SIX WEEKS.

Only Two of the Measures for Which the Extra Session was Called Were Enacted. A Political Convention Not a Legislative Assembly.

The Alcohol Control Bill, one of the two prohibition enforcement measures of the State Administration, was signed Friday by Governor Pinchot and is now the law of the State.

The Governor shortly after 11 o'clock approved the bill and three others, the two Morrison bills providing for a closer collection of the State gasoline tax, and the Wood bill fixing the minimum number of bank or trust company directors at five.

The Legislature, which adjourned Thursday of last week, passed only seven bills and three resolutions. Six of the bills have now been approved by the Executive, the two acted upon prior being the Delaware River Bridge toll measure and the appropriation bill providing \$254,000 for the expenses of the special session.

The Governor vetoed the bill of Senator Woodward providing for the opening of ballot-boxes. The Schantz joint resolution, which took the form of a bill providing for the appointment of an election commission, is also still to be acted upon.

Two joint resolutions providing for constitutional amendments were passed but do not go to the Governor, as they must be acted upon by the next Legislature.

BECOMES EFFECTIVE IN SIX DAYS.

The Alcohol Control Bill provides for the creation of a permit board which is empowered to issue permits to all distillers of alcohol in the State. This permit system, advocated by the Governor as the most effective means in preventing the sale of poison liquor, becomes effective within sixty days, at the end of which time all distilleries must have obtained permits.

The board will consist of Attorney General Woodruff, Dr. Ellen C. Potter, Secretary of Welfare, and Mr. Charles Miner, Secretary of Health.

It was learned today that Dr. Miner may not be able to serve on the board because of the pressure of other duties, and in that case the act authorizes the Governor to select one of the deputies in the department to join the board. The place is said to have been offered to William Turnbull, a deputy under Dr. Miner.

Any unbiased observer reviewing the work of this extraordinary session during the last six weeks and examining the value of its accomplishments would be forced to accept the conclusion of a wit of the Senate who characterized it as not so much a legislative session as a political convention with all of its factors and participants engaged in political turmoil of unceasing intensity.

It is no difficult task to review the accomplishments of this session. From the beginning a majority of Mr. Pinchot's eight subjects of legislation were marked for defeat. But negative action ran wild and political judgment, confused and prejudiced, was almost wholly lacking in wise discrimination and discretion.

MAY NOT PAY COST OF SESSION.

It remains to be seen whether the success of Mr. Pinchot's gasoline bills will, in fact, bring in sufficient revenue to defray the cost of this session. He asserts it will. The Auditor General says otherwise. He says collections are now within 2 per cent. of the estimated total. The session, when all bills are paid, will have cost more than \$350,000. The appropriation bill passed calls for \$254,000. The printing bill will approximate \$100,000.

The Governor's alcohol control bill was successful. It was the only constructive and absolutely necessary piece of legislation enacted.

The organization was powerless against it. Political lines divided under the force of public sentiment back of the measure. A companion measure, designed to control breweries, failed because it did not have the public support accorded the alcohol bill. Efforts of certain factionalists in Philadelphia to take credit for the success of this measure are futile. The bill would have been successful without their aid.

There is little doubt that the Administration plans to use the Alcohol Control Bill, which gives to the State the right to control distilleries through the issuance of permits for manufacture of alcohol, in order to regulate breweries also.

The Governor indicated today that the provisions of this measure would enable the State to check the making of high-powered beer and that the bill would be put to that use. The charge that the measure was a double-barreled weapon was made by its opponents during the debate on it in the House and Senate.

Bridge Bill Enacted.

With the assistance of the Governor, the Delaware River Bridge bill was enacted, and under the head of banking legislation, two measures of value were passed. The first, known as the "usury bill," permits Pennsylvania banks and trust companies to function as trustees, registrars and transfer agents for securities paying interest between 6 and 8 percent. The other is the bill which provides that directorates of banks and trust companies shall consist of not fewer than five members.

That is all Mr. Pinchot got out of the extra session. His giant power scheme, his coal regulation plans, his banking legislation, the tri-State water compact and his election reform program went by the board. Senator Schantz got a bill through providing for the appointment of a commission to study election laws, and that, with the two election bills mentioned above, is the session's contribution to election reform.

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PLEASANT GAP.

John Herman, of Philadelphia, was home over Sunday.

The snow is gradually disappearing but more may follow.

Mrs. Harry Bilger entertained with cards last Friday evening.

Mrs. John Mulfinger, of Spring Mills, was a visitor here last week.

Miss Emilie Noll, of Philadelphia, was a welcome visitor at her home here.

Most men can make money but few save it, and here is where a good wife comes in.

Mrs. Joseph Tressler, of Pittsburgh, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mong.

Mrs. William Rossman was called to Milton, last week, on account of the death of her father.

Mrs. Sampson's Sunday school class will hold a box social in Noll's hall this (Friday) evening.

Paul Melroy, of New York, spent the week-end with his brother Raymond and other friends.

Some men are put to jail for not having the means of support, and on the rock pile for a job of work.

Mrs. Ray Melroy entertained her Sunday school class at a Washington birthday party Saturday evening.

Good whiskey makes bad men, and yet they say bad men make good whiskey. Can't say, as I never sampled it.

Our country is the greatest on earth. Nothing like it anywhere. We are today aiding and backing in a financial way all bankrupt nations on earth.

It is rumored that the Spring township school board will determine the location of our new school house within a week, after which we look for "wailing and gnashing of teeth." It's an unpleasant assignment.

Mrs. Lottie Tillotson a Hawaiian lady, will give an entertainment in the M. E. church Monday evening, March 1st, Admission, 15 and 25 cents. The affair promises to be a most interesting event, and should be liberally patronized.

Christians should remember the poor; the thoughts of their wants and sufferings should lead them to the observance of benevolent duties enjoined upon them by the Saviour they profess to serve and worship. Now is the time for the Christian to show by his acts that he is not only a professor but an exemplar of the doctrines of the bible.

Whiterock Quarries has been running a little slack the past week, occasioned through the taking of the annual inventory in the iron industry, making stone shipments below the ordinary, but things are now coming to normal nicely with an abundance of new orders being booked daily. This industry is about to succeed under the present efficient management.

Mrs. Blanche Fetterhoff, after spending a month with friends in Bellefonte, returned home a few days ago, but after calling on her numerous friends about the Gap left for Howard, expecting to be absent for a few weeks. While Blanche is registered as a voter here, and very wisely casts her vote regularly, she is apparently away from the Gap more than half the time.

JACKSONVILLE.

Clarence Weight visited at the W. E. Weight home on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Deitz has returned to her work in the factory at Howard.

Elmer Swope and daughter Kathryn spent over Sunday at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houser and family, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at the C. M. Harter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Walker and daughters, Sarah, Tracey and Charlotte, of Howard, were Sunday visitors at the E. R. Lucas home.

Visitors at the Joseph Neff home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Swope and children, Fathryn, Geraldine, Clifford, Harry and George, and Miss Edith Lucas and Byron Lucas.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Swope, on Thursday, for an all day sewing bee. Those present were Mrs. Robert Benison, Mrs. Willard Harter, Mrs. Willard Yearick, Mrs. Hartha Yearick, Mrs. N. H. Yearick, Miss Cleda Robinson, Mrs. Kathryn Robinson, Mrs. George Ertley, Mrs. W. E. Weight, Mrs. George Rogers.

Small Automobiles Seen as Future Possibility.

A 1,000-pound, three-passenger automobile is the future possibility of the small American car, O. E. Huff, engineer, told the Cleveland section of the society of automotive engineers.

The small car of today is not suited to drive in heavy traffic, where frequent spurts of speed and frequent sudden stops are necessary, he said.

"The small car has become the most important question in the industry," Huff said. "It is no longer a question of making the car better for the same price."

"We don't know yet how to denaturalize a four-cylinder motor, but if it isn't done soon, the public will demand a car with the same facilities for comfort in operation as they enjoy with a big car, and we will have to put in a six."

Very Sharp, Indeed.

Secretary Hoover was talking about a sharp business deal.

"It was perhaps a little too sharp," he said. "It reminds me of a girl who had just broken off her engagement."

"I suppose you'll give me back my ring?" her rejected sweetheart said to her.

"No," she answered firmly. "Diamonds have gone up. I'll give you back what you paid for it."—Ex.

Radio's Rival.

After you have listened to static all winter a jaybird isn't so bad.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

FINDS BIGGEST VOLCANO WAS ACTIVE IN VIRGINIA

Dr. W. A. Nelson, State Geologist Discovers Ash Which Was Deposited Millions of Years Ago.

Charlottesville, Va.—Discovery of a layer of volcanic ash ten feet deep in Rockbridge county, four miles south of Lexington, has just been announced by the finder, Dr. Wilbur A. Nelson, state geologist and head of the school of geology of the University of Virginia.

This layer, says Doctor Nelson, was probably ejected by one of the oldest known volcanoes in America. Its presence coincides with similar deposits of ash discovered by Doctor Nelson several years ago in Kentucky, Alabama and Tennessee.

Virginia's ash deposit is the thickest so far found, says the state geologist. It shows that in early geological times, millions of years ago, the mountains just to the west of Virginia, now buried under the Cumberland plateau, were a region of great volcanic activity.

From the measurement of the area over which the ash fell and was deposited in the ancient sea around this island volcano, it has been estimated that more than 60 cubic miles of ash was ejected. In addition to thick deposits in the southern states, several inches have been found as far north as Minnesota and as far north as Pennsylvania. This would indicate that this volcano, located probably in eastern Kentucky, near the West Virginia line, was one of the greatest of which knowledge exists.

Volcanic eruptions considered enormous during modern times, such as Krakatoa and Katmai, only ejected five or ten cubic miles of material, which scattered over 1,000 miles, Doctor Nelson added. These recent eruptions are considered of great magnitude, but they dwarf into insignificance when compared with this event which occurred during the Ordovician period.

Indian Princess Lays Claim to Whole State



Mrs. Roberta Lawson, prominent member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is an Indian princess, the last surviving granddaughter of the chief of the Delawares, and through that descent claims ownership of the tribal lands which now compose Delaware. Mrs. Lawson is vice chairman of the division of Indian welfare of the federation.

Indians Are Efficient in Handling of Tools

Bismarck, N. D.—Innate ability with machinery and tools may eventually lead the American Indian to a new place in the sun, believes Clark B. Dickinson, head of the government Indian School for Girls here.

During his ten years in the Indian service, Dickinson says, he has found that the Indian has an ingenuity and an ability with tools which most white men would envy. This is the result, he thinks, of long centuries in which the Indian was compelled to devise tools to meet his peculiar conditions.

Indian boys make excellent automobile mechanics, he declares, and many have displayed proficiency in other trades where steadiness of hand and accuracy of eye are assets.

Arctic Not So Cold as Painted, Says Stefansson

Omaha, Neb.—The generally accepted theory that frigid weather is prevalent the year round in the Arctic regions was discounted by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, noted polar explorer and scientist, in an address here. Stefansson declared he had discovered by experience that the average temperature of Iceland in January is 30 degrees above zero and that on the northern coast of North America during July and August the thermometer very often goes to 80 degrees in the shade and has been known to go to 100 degrees.

Healthy and Handy

Sauerkraut has been found rich in those "growth substances" known as vitamins, necessary to preserve and promote health. It is said to be a valuable source of iron and vegetable salts and to resemble buttermilk in its tendency to prevent the growth of harmful bacteria in the intestines. Recent scientific tests, it is claimed, have proved that sauerkraut may be preserved perfectly in the can.

Origin of Mayfair

Even among Londoners, many are ignorant of the derivation of the name Mayfair. The origin of the name lies in the fact that it was there that the annual "May fair" used to be held. The fair was done away with in 1708, but was subsequently revived, being held on the site until its final abolition in 1764.

Probably Not

My troubles are not due to oppression, or lack of liberty, but to carelessness, shiftlessness, and putting off until tomorrow what I should do today. . . . And I believe you are tarred with the same stick. Anyway, I do not believe you are the martyr you claim to be.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

Excluding Materialism

"You went to sleep during the most beautiful part of the opera," said the wife. "I was not asleep," protested the husband. "I was listening enraptured and did not want the effect of the music spoiled by glimpses of an overweight soprano and a slightly bowlegged tenor."—Washington Star.

Old Harry

We are so accustomed to referring to Satan as the "Old Harry" that no thought is given to the origin of such an expression. "Old Harry" is merely the modern form of "Old Hairy," a name given to the devil because of his supposed hairy appearance.

America's First Bank

Probably the first bank on this continent was one established in 1680 for the convenience of the planters of South Carolina. Five or six years later a bank of issue was established in Boston by John Blackwell and his associates.

Explanations Harmful

Avoid explanations. Friends do not need them; enemies will not believe them. They are indicative of weakness rather than strength. As a rule strong men seldom have occasion to engage in explanations.—Grit.

North Carolina's Talc

Talc suitable for sawing into crayons and pencils is found mainly in North Carolina and Georgia, but some pencil stock is produced in California, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland and a number of other states.

The Invisible Blacksmith

The Wayland Smith, in English folklore, was a mythical blacksmith who lived near Ashdown, Berkshire. He shod horses that were brought to his house and left standing there, but no one ever saw him.

Royal Deformity

Charlemagne's mother was known as Bertha of the Big Foot, because one of her feet was much larger than the other. Bertha was the daughter of the count of Laon and the wife of Pepin the Short.

Old Superstition

A superstition that was commonly believed in England during the Middle ages was that he would be happy in love during the year who heard the singing of the nightingale before he heard the cuckoo.

Monarchical Nicknames

"The Baker" and "The Baker's Wife" were names popularly given to Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette because they gave bread to the starving mob at Versailles on October 6, 1789.

Error's Status

Knowledge being to be had only of visible and certain truth, error is not a fault of our knowledge, but a mistake of our judgment, giving assent to that which is not true.—Burke.

Out of Place

Visitor at Church (to friend, as collection plate nears)—Put that money back in your pocket, Bill. This one's with me!—London Tit Bits.

Floater's

An old broker says the reason some stocks go up and down so regularly is that being mostly water they rise and fall with the tide.

Have a Heart!

If you are honest you won't strike a match to look at the gas until you have finished paying for the car.—Worcester Post.

Makes No Advances

Fortune has to be wooed; in her calendar there are no leap years.—Boston Transcript.

It's Likely to Be Stolen

Advice to pedestrians: Don't get too proud of your right-of-way.—Tledo Blade.

Rank Foolishness

After all, it's foolish to lose your temper. You can't expect anyone to rush around trying to help you find it.

Cuthbert: "Dear, you shall have the finest engagement ring that money can buy. What kind of a stone do you want?"

Cleopette: "Oh, one like David of the Bible used."

Cuthbert: "And what do you mean?"

Cleopette: "One that will knock 'em dead."—Cedar Rapids Republican.

Ed: "I guess you've been out with worse looking fellows than I am, haven't you?"

No answer.

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Co-ed: "I heard you the first time. I was just trying to think."—University of Oregon Lemon Punch.

MEDICAL.

Are You Rheumatic?

Many Pangs That Pass for Rheumatism Are Really Due to Weak Kidneys.

Do you suffer the agonizing pangs of rheumatism? Are you tortured with rheumatic pains and stabbing twinges? Then you should know that many so-called rheumatic troubles are due to an excess of uric acid and must be treated through the kidneys. When the kidneys weaken, the whole system is upset by these body poisons. Help your kidneys with a stimulant diuretic. Use Doan's Pills, the remedy your neighbors recommend! Here is a Bellefonte woman's case:

Mrs. A. C. Hoy, Logan St., says: "A pulling pain in the small of my back made me so miserable, I could hardly do my housework. My kidneys were weak, too and they acted too often. I tired easily and was so worn-out I didn't feel like doing anything. Dizzy spells came on, too and everything turned black before me. I was miserable with rheumatic pains. After using two boxes of Doan's Pills, from Tanner's Cut-Rate store, my kidneys acted normally and I was rid of the attack."

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