

Harrisburg Correspondence.

Harrisburg, Feb. 1, 1867.
Editor Argus: Since my last communication so little business or general information has been transacted in either House, that I have purposely delayed writing. The Legislature has not been in session one month, but has not accomplished one week's work. The excitement attending the Senatorial contest lasted two weeks, and excluded all thoughts of business from the minds of legislators. It took one week after the close for the members to sober up, and cool off. The just week has been devoted to business, and a large number of local bills have now passed. The bill introduced by Mr. Quay to re-open the roads changing the venue in the case of John Lomax to Beaver county, has passed both Houses, and goes to the Governor for his signature. It will be approved, as a matter of course, and your people can congratulate themselves accordingly. Its passage was not resisted by the Democracy of Washington county, to the surprise of many. And it is said they never intend to do so again. It is thought by some an application will be made to have him removed to another county. No such charges will be made in his case, however. Allow me to assure you Sheriff about the removal of Lomax, no effort will be made to remove him in any way, and the time and circumstances of removal would be wisely chosen.

The bill to relieve your county Treasurer has also passed the House, and will doubtless become a law. I have received some letters of inquiry as to the nature of this bill; and am surprised it is not generally understood. The law requires the money to be kept in a place to be provided by the Commissioners. Believing the sum in the Treasury was burglarized, the Commissioners had designated it as the place to keep the deposits. This being the case, the Treasury was not responsible for any loss that might occur, and no decent man, knowing the circumstances, would wish to hold him accountable. It was necessary, however, in adjusting the accounts to have a local bill passed to give the Treasurer. This is the only explanation there is to give, and I have introduced it here in answer to inquiries addressed to me. I don't wish it to be understood from what I have written that my object was to pass this bill. I trust Beaver county has no citizen so swindled as to desire public calamity to be visited upon an individual, and crush where the burden should be borne by all, and not by any.

Mr. Quay introduced and passed through the House on Tuesday last a bill to extend what is known as the Potter county liquor law to Beaver County. This law provides that after one year from the passage of the law a license shall be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors of any kind in the county of Beaver. The law has been in force in Potter county for some years, and has worked well. It is said they hardly ever have a criminal to try in that county, and all classes of men rejoice in the law—considering the prevalence of crime in Beaver county, it is high time this law was passed. The passage of this law should give great satisfaction to the good citizens of your county. One year was given to enable those who are in the business to dispose of their property, and because it could not be passed without it. Col. Taylor is a warm friend of this measure, and will carry it through the Senate. Perhaps it may be modified so as to submit it to a vote of the people, but that it will pass, in some shape, is certain.—

Only if, however, the law is not general. To pass such a law would be impossible, and a legal law is the next best. Intemperance is to day the great national and social evil of this country. A crusade should be organized against it that should carry forward the work until every State of the Union stood beside Maine in relentless opposition. Slavery is gone and shall not return, follow next!

Col. Quay introduced into the House resolutions in favor of amending the Constitution, and is chairman of the Committee raised to report. The object is to amend the Constitution to forever prevent corrupt legislation and the bribery of legislators. Perhaps the negro may also obtain the right of suffrage, to which his services and patriotism entitle him. Who in the Republican party can now object to giving the few colored men of Pennsylvania the right of suffrage? It is a色er who can vote, and a copperhead who opposed the war throughout, why should not the loyal negroes have the same rights?

The Free Rail Road Law will not be passed this session. If it is not understood from Mr. Quay that he will suggest it as an amendment to the Constitution. The Pennsylvania rail road helped to defeat him, because of his known intent to favor a general rail road law, and we trust may head this monopoly.

Senator Taylor is making a fine impression here. His speech on the Constitutional amendment was one of the best delivered in the Senate. On the Councillville Bill and General Rail Road Law, he is right, and will be found so throughout. His vote on restoring rule 37, was misconstrued, I see.

He voted against indefinitely postponing Senator Worthington's resolution, because he wished to dispense with it at once, and held proposed an amendment which met the wishes of all the friends of the Councillville bill. His position was well-understood and nothing more objected to his vote. The bill will be up next week, and he will be found an earnest advocate of the Councillville road. I only wish the Senate contained many more as able Senators.

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