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## VETO OF THE JERSEY SHORE RAILROAD BILL.

Governor Geary has again earned the sincere thanks of every honest Pennsylvanian. He has vetoed the Jersey Shore Railroad Bill which proposed to take from the State Treasury \$9,500,000 of bonds and appropriate them to the building of a couple railroads in order to benefit one or two rich corporations. The friends of the bill were bold in their assertions that the Governor would sign it, believing that he would not dare to interfere with the interests of the corporations that prepared and lobbied the bill, and that expected to reap the profits of the robbery. The unseemly haste with which it was rushed through both Houses from the very moment it was first read was enough to condemn it in the eyes of honest men. No bill founded on right, justice and honesty need be hurried through in that style. It is only such as will not bear public scrutiny that are attempted to be passed in such a summary and hasty style.

The Governor vetoes it, because it is unconstitutional under the 4th, 5th, and 6th Sections of Article XIII, part of the Amendments of 1867, which are as follows:

"Sec. 10. To provide for the payment of the present debt, and any additional debt contracted as aforesaid, the legislature shall, at its first session after the adoption of this amendment, create a sinking fund, which shall be sufficient to pay the accruing interest on such debt, and annually to reduce the principal thereof by a sum not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which sinking fund shall consist of the net annual income of the public or corporate lands owned by the State, or of the proceeds of the sale of the same or any part thereof, and of the income or proceeds of a sale of stocks owned by the State, or of any other funds or resources that may be designated by law. The said sinking fund may be increased from time to time by assigning to any part of the tax or other revenues of the State, not required for the ordinary and current expenses of government, and unless in case of war, or invasion, or insurrection, or any other emergency, the said sinking fund shall be used or applied otherwise than in extinguishment of the public debt, until the amount of such debt is reduced below the sum of five millions of dollars."

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## The closing scenes of the Legislature on Thursday last exhibited the usual disgraceful scenes. In addition to the passage of bills, with a rush, nobody knowing or caring what the contents of said bills might be, there was the usual making of presents bought with the money stolen from the pockets of the people or received for bribes. For modesty's sake we hope these disgraceful exhibitions will hereafter be omitted. It is bad enough to be sold like cattle without unskilful parades of the price of their turpitude.

The Treasury bill was at last passed by the Legislature before adjournment, but is such an unskillful and contradictory jumble that it is doubtful if the Governor will sign it. It is but little, if any, better than none and seems to have been passed in a desperate effort to satisfy the demand of the people, and yet leave the affairs of the Treasury to go on in the old, slushy way.

The U. S. Senate last week passed the bill extending the Income tax to the present year. It is doubtful if the houses will pass it. The re-enactment of the law if made at all will likely fix the tax at 3 per cent on all real estate and 2 per cent on the net annual income of the public or corporate lands owned by the State, or of the proceeds of the sale of the same or any part thereof, and of the income or proceeds of a sale of stocks owned by the State, or of any other funds or resources that may be designated by law. The said sinking fund may be increased from time to time by assigning to any part of the tax or other revenues of the State, not required for the ordinary and current expenses of government, and unless in case of war, or invasion, or insurrection, or any other emergency, the said sinking fund shall be used or applied otherwise than in extinguishment of the public debt, until the amount of such debt is reduced below the sum of five millions of dollars."

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## THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.

Previous to adjournment the Republican Senate unanimously chose General Henry White Speaker of the Senate for the 1870-71 session. From the twenty-second Senate district, composed of the counties of York, Adams and Jefferson. The present session closed the second year of his second full term in the Senate. General White is a lawyer by profession, made a brilliant military record during the war, has been prominently spoken of in connection with the Governorship of the State, and will make an excellent presiding officer of the Senate.

**EXCITING CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION.**  
MONDAY, APRIL 5.—SENATE.—Mr. Fenton introduced a bill to incorporate the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and to alter the same to the right of way.

Mr. Fenton introduced a bill for the establishment of a mail and immigrant steamship line from New York City to Copenhagen and other Scandinavian ports.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill providing for a joint committee to have charge of all matters pertaining to Indian affairs. The resolution was discussed, when, on the expiration of the morning hour, the Governor bill was taken up, the question being on the motion of Mr. Stewart to strike out the first proviso, vesting the term of the present State officers at the time limited by the constitution of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wilson offered an amendment that in consequence of the illegal, disorganizing and revolutionary proceedings of the General Assembly of Georgia, the term of service of the members of the Georgia State and Territory on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November next, and every second year thereafter. When vacancies occur, they shall be filled by the Governor, to be filled by election at such time as may be provided under the laws of the States in which the vacancies occur.

A resolution was passed directing the Secretary of the Navy to order an inquiry into the loss of the steamer *Onida* by collision.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5.—SENATE.—The Senate took up the resolution to amend the act in relation to the sinking of the United States steamer *Onida*, in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Stewart addressed the Senate, severely censuring the commander of the British steamer *Bowley*, saying it was evident that the commander was in the wrong. He said that the real facts from being made known to the world.

Mr. Cameron offered a resolution instructing the Military Commission to receive suitable testimonial to be presented to Pennsylvania and Massachusetts soldiers who first responded to the call of the President on the 15th of October, 1862.

The Georgia bill was taken up and discussed until hour of adjournment.

In the House, the act to amend the act establishing a Bureau of Education and to re-organize the Freedmen's Bureau was taken up and discussed.

Mr. Poland, from the Committee on Revision of the laws reported a substitute to amend an act supplementary to an act establishing a uniform system of bankruptcy.

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**Jordan Flees the Country.**—The *Insurgent Congress Disbands*—*Capades Flees with a Dozen Followers* &c.

HAVANA, April 7.—An official dispatch received from Captain General D. Rodas at Puerto Principe District, states that ten thousand Spanish troops, under the command of Principe with instructions to divide into small parties, each column under sealed orders from the Captain General. The rebel General Agramont lately hung a man a tree on the road leading to Puerto Principe, with an inscription pinned to his "executed for trying to surrender." The towns of Carrasco, Sibuyan and Guantamo were strongly fortified by Spanish troops. Companies of volunteers are being organized in those towns, composed entirely of Cubans, and as soon as equipped, they will be sent to the front.

Spanish dispatches report that the rebel General Jordan has certainly fled the country. He is reported to be in the hands of the Spanish authorities. He is commanded by General Agramont. These dispatches also state that Congress has been dissolved. Cuban families who surrendered to the Spanish authorities are now being sent to President Capades has abandoned the region of Los Tinas and retired with about a dozen followers to the Camagney region. Spanish troops are now occupying the town of Los Tinas without molestation by the insurgents.

A lady, writing from Washington, thus describes Mrs. Sprague, the wife of the Rhode Island Senator. "Before, she walks with a slight limp, and her face is pale, with the most delicate curve of throat and chin possible. It recalls at once that of Ethel Newcomb, that Thackeray praised so much. Add to this, a beautiful smile, that changes so rapidly in its expression, that it relieves the line of the brow; bright blue-like eyes, and a smile of the small mouth, and you have the portrait of a woman, a break of the eye, the burning like the flame in an opal; sloping shoulders, and a graceful hand. Such is the presentment of Mrs. Sprague. I can scarcely believe that she is the same woman who once imagined a simon-like beauty, like most of the society belles, and this exquisite creature, with upturned head, like a deer just from its corner, fern, took one and all by blisful surprise."

**PROGRESS OF THE CANAL SURVEYING PARTY.**  
NEW YORK, April 9.—A letter from the Bureau expedition dated at Columbia, Bay, March 15, states that on arrival the Indians on both sides of the bay were assured that they would not be molested and their friends and relations were invited to witness the survey. The Indians were friendly, and the work proceeded without incident. The surveyors are running a line to the lowest of the mountain passes, but the work is slow, owing to the dense growth of trees and brush on the hills. The Indians are friendly, but it is said that several will soon be examined by Selfridge, and all are sanguine of success.

**INDIGNATION AGAINST EYRE.**—It is quite natural that there should be the strongest possible feeling in America at the death of one hundred and thirty-five British soldiers, who were killed in the capture of the Calcutta river has been a successful reconnaissance, demonstrating that the Calcutta river has a flow of only fifty feet. The river is on the Pacific slope, but one and a half miles higher elevation than the level of the sea. The surveys will prove the existence of a water shed between the Calcutta and Sucebri rivers, which is not more than one hundred and fifty miles from the mouth of the latter. The Calcutta river is a tributary of the Pacific slope, and the work is slow, owing to the dense growth of trees and brush on the hills. The Indians are friendly, but it is said that several will soon be examined by Selfridge, and all are sanguine of success.

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