

STATE LEGISLATURE

Over a Thousand New Measures Introduced Thus Far.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION BILL

Champions of This Proposition Cannot Agree Upon a Satisfactory Bill, and This May Defeat the Plan—A Bill to Protect the State Forests.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 4.—The legislature settled down to business again this evening with prospects of doing considerable routine work before the close of the week.

This session is far in advance of that of two years ago with its work. This may be accepted as a proof of the desire on the part of a majority of the members to adjourn earlier than usual.

More than 1,000 bills have been introduced in the two bodies, one-half of which have been passed upon by committee.

The proceedings of the senate are not likely to excite much interest unless Senator Porter's bill abolishing sectional school boards in Philadelphia and creating a department of education is reported from the education committee, to which it was committed last week after it had been read the second time.

For a Custodian of State Supplies.

The senate has passed finally the bill introduced by Senator McCarrall, of this city, creating the office of custodian of state supplies and fixing the salary at \$3,000 annually.

The forestry bill will come up in the house during the week. It was prepared by the state forestry commission to protect the state forests from ravages by fire, and provides for the appointment of fire wardens by the commission, who shall have authority to employ assistants to aid in extinguishing the flames.

Governor Hastings tells a good story on Colonel Stahl's, of York, the first Republican ever elected to congress from the Nineteenth district. Five years ago, when the governor was a candidate for the nomination against Delamater, one of his staunchest friends was Colonel Stahl.

"General, what does the job of running that elevator pay?" "Oh, \$60 or \$75 a month," was the reply.

"And after you will be nominated and elected," said the colonel, "there is one thing I want to ask of you. If you are elected and we are all living at that time I want to be appointed to run that elevator. It beats farming."

Governor Hastings told Colonel Stahl he was elected governor (he Stahl) should run the elevator. It happened that Colonel Stahl was nominated for congress by the Republicans of the Nineteenth district, and during the campaign the governor spoke at York. Among those who sat on the platform was Colonel Stahl.

"Colonel," said the governor, "what are your chances?"

"Oh, it is pretty hard to tell," was the reply. "So far as I am concerned it is going to be a tight race. But you are all right, you are sure to be elected governor; and, say, general, don't you forget me on that elevator job."

Stahl Doesn't Want the Job. Stahl doesn't want the place, now as he will get \$5,000 for his term as congressman, and old "Sammy" Baker, of Hollidaysburg, who has charge of the elevator, will be retained.

Two bills which will materially affect the profits of the Pullman Sleeping Car company in this state if they become laws have been introduced in the legislature; one by Senator Coyle, of Schuylkill, and the other by Representative Bliss, of Delaware. The Bliss bill fixes the rate of fare at two cents a mile for 100 miles, and a third of a cent for every additional mile. It prohibits the lowering of an upper berth unless sold, makes it unlawful to sell intoxicating liquors on board the cars, and prohibits the steward, porter and conductor from receiving tips.

Representative Seyfert, of Lancaster, has introduced a bill in the house appropriating \$5,000 to erect a monument at Ephrata, Lancaster county, to the memory of the

heroes of the revolutionary war. After the battle of Brandywine about 500 of the wounded of the continental army were removed to the Convent of the Seven Day Baptists on the site of Ephrata. Nearly two hundred of those poor fellows died of the wounds and a deadly fever which broke out among them, and were buried in the old graveyard adjoining the convent. Their graves are unmarked, although a half century ago a movement was started to erect to them a monument. After the cornerstone was laid the project was abandoned until two years ago, when Mr. Seyfert introduced the bill in the house appropriating \$5,000 to erect the monument. The bill was defeated in the hurry and bustle at the close of the session.

Commissioner Reeder's Little Bill.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Reeder has had introduced in the legislature a bill appropriating \$20,000 to pay the salary and expenses of his office the past two years, the last legislature having failed to make the appropriation at the time the office was created. There is a strong feeling against the commissioner among the members of the house appropriation committee, to which the bill was referred. They claim he used his office in an endeavor to prevent their election, and that he had surrounded himself with agents who have prosecuted hotel and restaurant keepers for using oleomargarine and butterine solely for the purpose of securing the fine provided for by the act prohibiting the sale in Pennsylvania of such products.

The quarrel between Senator Quay and David Martin, the Republican leader of Philadelphia, has brought Senator Penrose, of Philadelphia, to the front as a political leader in the state. Mr. Penrose is one of the brightest and most promising young men in Pennsylvania, notwithstanding his recent failure to secure the nomination of his party for mayor of Philadelphia. Ten years ago when Penrose was a candidate for the legislature the Republican leaders of Philadelphia arranged for a meeting between him and Senator Quay, who happened to be in the city before the nominations were made looking over the political situation.

After the conference between them and Penrose had retired Senator Quay said to a friend who was present during the conversation, "That young fellow seems all right, but what queer shoes he wears." Those days Senator Penrose did not dress with the style and good taste that now characterizes his make up, and on this special occasion he had on odd shoes. One was carelessly tied with a piece of white twine and the other was a congress gaiter. The senator is the handsomest man in the state legislature, and has the respect of all who know him, even his political enemies.

The senate will take up tomorrow on final passage the bill introduced by Senator Gobin, of Lebanon, authorizing the adjutant of the Grand Army of the Republic to administer oaths and affirmations to pensioners on their vouchers for the payment of pensions, the charge for each oath to be fifteen cents. The bill will take away from many justices of the peace a deal of money, as they are allowed twenty-five cents apiece for such oaths.

Compulsory Education Bills Dying.

The movement in favor of compulsory education has practically been abandoned by the failure of Representative Farr, of Lackawanna, and Seyfert, of Lancaster, its rival champions, to agree on a bill satisfactory to themselves or a majority of the members of the house. The patriotic orders have taken a hand in the movement, and if such a measure does become a law it will be through their efforts. They favor the Seyfert bill, but have agreed to leave the matter to the legislature.

The patriotic orders are making a strong fight for the passage of the bill introduced in the house by Mr. Smith, of Philadelphia, making it a misdemeanor for any public school teacher to wear a religious garb of any sect in the school room. The house committee on judiciary general has eliminated the penalty clause and will report the bill to the house in that form, unless it can be persuaded to rescind its action. The legislative committees of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America and Junior Order of United American Mechanics will be given a hearing tomorrow before the committee.

The house has concurred in the action of the senate for the appointment of a legislative committee to investigate the charges against the management of the state insane hospitals at Norristown and Wernersville. Speaker Walton will announce the committee on the part of the house tomorrow. President Pro Tem, Thomas, of the senate, has not indicated whom he will appoint. Representative Cochran, of Armstrong, is likely to be chairman of the committee to investigate the Wernersville institution and Senator Gobin, of Lebanon, that at Norristown.

The members of the legislature opposed to the re-election of Senator Cameron to the United States senate in 1897 have formed a compact with David Martin and Senator Porter, of Philadelphia, which they believe will be mutually beneficial to both parties. In return for their support of the Martin-Porter combine the anti-Cameronites have received a promise of assistance from the friends of the two Philadelphians. Cameron's enemies are secretly working for the nomination of Charles Emory Smith, of the Philadelphia Press, for Cameron's seat two years hence.

To Govern Revocation of Liquor Licenses. A bill was introduced in the house to-night by Mr. Comrade, of Philadelphia, providing that no rule to show cause why a retail liquor license should be revoked shall be granted by any court of quarter sessions except upon an affidavit first made and filed of record, giving the names and residences of the persons making the same, and the specific and particular grounds upon which it is based, together with accurate and exact dates and particulars of the alleged violation of the law. A certified copy of the affidavit shall be served upon the person or persons upon whom the rule is taken to revoke the license, and no such rule shall be heard or considered by the court until proof is made to the satisfaction of the court that the provisions of the act have been complied with.

Among other bills were: By Mr. Talbot, Chester, appropriating \$5,000 for the erection of a monument to the battlefield of Brandywine to the memory of Lafayette, to be appointed by the governor; by Mr. Douthett, Butler, creating a school book board to consist of the governor, the superintendent of public instruction and secretary of the commonwealth, to correspond with the publishers of school books to ascertain the standard price of such books.

Concurrent resolutions were offered by Mr. Reinhold, of Lebanon, providing for the appointment of a committee, to consist of three members of the house and two of the senate, to investigate charges that a number of employes of state insane hospital at Wernersville are unnaturalized.

So Very Easy to Glance at.

"Newspaper work must be easy," said Dingus, "nothing to do but write about things you see and hear. If it paid better I'd go into it." Now Dingus, let us dispose of your last proposition first. The well established newspapers of the larger cities yield immense profits. They are veritable gold mines to their owners.

In the smaller cities are hundreds of papers that are good paying investments for the stockholders. In the country towns and villages the papers that pay at all yield good returns for the capital invested. One fact must not be lost sight of. If a paper loses money it is apt to lose it fast. Work the business beyond a certain mark and the profits grow in double ratio to the expenses. Many newspapers are conducted on loose business principles because the ability to do good literary work and strict business and financing is seldom combined in one person.

This is why city papers pay best. The good business men are in the business office and the good writers are in their proper departments. Now for your first proposition. The work is hard. It ages one fast. Those engaged in it like it, and generally would do nothing else if they could, and more generally couldn't if they would. To do good newspaper and literary work you must be born with a natural aptitude for the work, and then trained to it. The men who take it up in middle life and make a success of it are as scarce as hen's teeth.

Nine-tenths of the successful newspaper men first learned the printer's trade and worked up. Indeed a pretty thorough knowledge of printing is almost absolutely necessary to a good writer. And many a really good writer would fail as a newspaper man, especially on the country press, for there a man must be everything. He must be able to "boil down" the account of a murder to a "stick full," if necessary, or spin out a whole seven column page of interesting nothings, just as the occasion demands. Whether he wants to or not he must be something of a politician. He must appear at ease in all kinds of society. He must, if not able to make a regular speech, be capable of "making a few remarks."

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