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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1897. EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS. President McKinley Issues His First Proclamation.

President McKinley Saturday evening issued his first official proclamation convening the Fifty-fifth Congress in extra session, on the 15th of March, 1897, to receive such communications as may be made by the Executive.

PROPOSED NEW LAWS. The following acts were recently introduced in the State Senate:

AN ACT To regulate the distribution of the assets of certain insolvent partnership banks, and defining the rights of the partners therein.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same: That in all partnership banks having transferable shares and using names which do not give notice to the public of persons who are shareholders or partners, every transferee of any such share or shares shall be held to have assumed all the liabilities of the transferee of such share or shares so far as his interest in the partnership assets is concerned, and in case of the insolvency of any such partnership bank all the creditors of such bank shall be deemed and held to be creditors of the last firm or partnership so far as to be entitled to equal pro rata participation in the assets of said partnership, and no equity of the partners shall avail to prevent such equal pro rata participation.

Section 2. This act shall not be construed to change the rights or remedies of the creditors of any such partnership bank against the individual partners, nor shall this act apply to any such partnership bank which has already closed its doors or gone into liquidation, but shall apply to all such banks hereafter making assignments or committing acts of insolvency.

AN ACT To abolish quarterly returns by constables in open court, and providing for the making of returns to the clerk of the courts, and for pay for the same. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same: That the constables of the several wards, townships and boroughs of the Commonwealth shall hereafter be required to make their quarterly returns only when the said constables have some violation or irregularity of law to return, which returns shall be made and filed in the office of the clerk of the several courts in the form heretofore made.

Section 2. That for such returns as are required to be made the said constables shall receive one dollar per diem and the usual mileage allowed by law, to be paid by the county. Section 3. That this act shall not take away the power of the several courts to require special returns to be made by the said constables in open court whenever said courts may deem it advisable to have them so made. Section 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

An exchange says: "With only a boundary line between the States 70,000 persons are starving to death in Chicago while corn can be sold at 9 cents a bushel in Iowa. Prosperity well dost thou hide thy head in the face of economic conditions that can make such a result possible."

Congressional Extravagance.

After stating that the appropriations of the Fifty-fourth congress are \$1,043,437,018, Chairman Cannon, of the appropriations committee, says, "the appropriations are, in my judgment, in excess of the legitimate demands of the public service." Mr. Sayres, of the minority of the same committee, makes the total appropriations of this congress \$54,197,812 in excess of the Fifty-third congress; \$16,332,470 over the Fifty-second congress, and \$7,757,908 in excess of the Fifty-first congress.

It was the Fifty first congress that began the "Billion Dollar Country" style of extravagance in appropriation, partly to get rid of the surplus in the treasury which had for a long time been a heavy argument against high tariff. Anything and everything that asked money got it and pensions were given a new boom. These extravagances not only cleaned out the treasury but, with other extravagances, saddled the Democratic congress with fixed charges which could not be reduced nor left unpaid. Mr. Cannon, in his remarks on the appropriations, endeavors to add to the Democratic figures he quotes in various ways, but he says nothing about expenditures compelled by previous Republican legislation.

The Republican congress has gone to the utmost limit in spending the people's money and is floundering about for excuses. A billion dollars is an outrageous sum of money to be spent by one congress in an endeavor to show that a certain tariff law does not produce desired revenue. It is shameful extravagance for a more shameful purpose. With all the fixed charges created by a Republican predecessor the Democratic congress showed how economy was practical and it practiced economy. There was nothing to prevent the Fifty-fourth congress doing the same thing, that is nothing which a patriotic congress would find preventive. But the Fifty-fourth had something beside economy in view. There is a high tariff bill to be passed and the necessity for it must be made somewhat apparent. The people are being robbed to glut the rapacity of the Republican machine.

Senator Penrose's concern for his declared enemies brings him little more than contempt from all right thinking people and brings to their notice, if they choose to see it, one great defect in the criminal law. By what right should a man, as Penrose did, have a man or men arrested and perhaps deprived of liberty to serve his occasion and afterward drop the suit against them, his occasion having been served by the arrest and possible imprisonment of those he selected for this? Why should any man be permitted to use the machinery of the law for base personal purposes? If he withdraws his suit before trial why should he not be made to stand trial for false arrest, for anything that will reach such a case? Shall any man be permitted to be greater than the law and use it for his political purposes, juggling with it until it and its officers and the courts have served his turn?—Patriot.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS ITEMS.

- Lebanon police are instructed to arrest all male truants from the public schools. —The convention of the Catawissa Central Lutheran League was held at Danville this week. —Allegheny College at Meadville proudly celebrated the fact that President McKinley was one of its alumni. —While out of work and despondent, at Harrisburg this week, James G. Kreider of Easton, took laudanum and died. —The legislature will be urged by the Board of Trade, of Reading to appropriate \$500,000 for the Philadelphia museum. —Sheriff Crow read the death warrant to James B. Gentry, at Philadelphia on Monday. He is to be hanged April 22nd. —Ex-Congressman Leisenring of Luzerne County has announced his candidacy for governor at the expiration of Hastings's term. —For whipping a lad who had knocked over an ink bottle, Miss Maud Place, a school teacher at Stroudsburg was arrested. —Charles O. Kaiser, Jr., who is accused of having murdered his wife, Emma P. Kaiser near Norristown on the evening of October 28th last, was placed on trial at Norristown on Monday. The court rooms were crowded. During the reading of the bill the accused moved nervously from one foot to the other and supported himself by resting his hand on the railing surrounding the docket. —John J. Trode, of Mifflin County is the oldest postmaster in the United States, the oldest in continual service, for Mr. Strode has held his position for mails at Strode's Mills since 1845, despite the changes of administrations, political upheavals, war, and other agitation. John Strode is in his 82nd year, and is the pride of the post-office department in Washington, which placed his picture in the government display at the World's Fair.

A STATE GAME PRESERVE.

The Nittany Valley Rod and Gun Club Organized. TO PUT OUT GOOD LIVE QUAIL. While Pheasants and Other Game Birds Will Be Liberated—A Trout Stream to be Stocked—A Warden Engaged.

The Nittany Valley Rod and Gun Club, which promises to eclipse anything of the kind in the Eastern States, is now so far under way in formation that it is a sure thing. The successful formation of the club means the establishment of a game preserve of 20,000 acres in Nittany Valley, one of the best adapted retreats in the State, the whole well stocked with all kinds of game birds and with a well-stocked trout stream running for a distance of seven miles through the center.

Because of the scarcity of good gunning in the State this movement was instigated and brought about Frank Warfield, general freight and passenger agent of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, was the leader, and now he has the co-operation of all the leading sportsmen throughout the State, as well as of Governor Hastings and many members of the State Game Commission and the Fish Commission. The articles of incorporation have been circulated the past week through the neighboring towns and already have the following signers as members: George S. Good, Barton Pardee, Sedgwick Kistler, Wilson Kistler, Boyd C. Packer, Lock Haven; Governor D. H. Hastings, John G. Love, Andrew Brockerhoff, Frank Warfield, Thomas H. Harter, John P. Harris, A. O. Furst, James P. Coburn, W. F. Reeder, W. F. Reynolds, H. C. Valentine, W. P. Humes, E. L. Orvis, Harry Keiler, John Blanchard, P. Gray Meek, Robert Valentine, and M. O. Donahue, Bellefonte; Thomas Blythe, Maderia; Charles H. Wilhelm, Reading; John Hamilton, State College; Richard V. Fox and C. B. McConkey, Harrisburg; Joseph P. Mack, Philadelphia; H. C. McCormick, J. Henry Cochran, E. R. Payne, C. E. Sprout, A. D. Hermance, John J. Metzger and S. T. Forsman, Williamsport. During the next two weeks the same will be circulated through Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York and intermediate places for signers, and it is believed that fully 100 members will be secured before the incorporation of the club.

Six thousand Western quail will be put on the preserve this spring, so that by the time the season opens in the fall there will be not less than 15,000 to 20,000 birds in that locality. In order to keep up the stock it is proposed to supply from 1000 to

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2000 quail every spring. In addition to quail, pheasants and other game birds will be brought here.

Fishing Creek runs through the land for a distance of seven miles; and arrangements have been made for the construction on this stream of a number of fish dams and stocking it well with trout fry. The stream is now one of the best trout streams in the State, but there will be put in this spring 50,000 fry from the State hatchery and private hatcheries, and every spring from 10,000 to 15,000. No better location could be found anywhere for a game preserve than the one selected. There is enough timber on the land to afford protection and cover for the birds, and the creek is of the purest mountain water. At Hecla Gap, which is about the centre of the tract of land, the club will erect a large commodious club house. It will be fitted throughout in the most modern style, with large kitchen, banqueting hall, bath rooms, sleeping apartments, and be under the care of an experienced caterer.

A legally-appointed game warden will be in charge of the preserve at all times. It is also the intention to construct a rifle range, and Governor Hastings has given the assurance that in such an event he will use his influence to have the State shoot held here every year, and an effort will be made to have the national shoot here soon.

The projectors are very enthusiastic of success. The initiation fee to the club has been placed at \$100, in order that none but legitimate sportsmen may become members, and also that sufficient capital may be realized to start the association in the right way. It is expected that a meeting will be held in the near future to perfect an organization of the club in the election of officers, etc.—Phila. Record.

A CONTRAST.

The Industrial Building and Loan Association. A local Association under above name was started in Bloomsburg five years ago. The last annual statement shows the book value of five shares on which \$5.00 per month has been paid to be \$360.25 withdrawal value \$345.75. Share holders can withdraw at any time by giving proper notice and get the cash. A new series of stock, the tenth, is now open for subscription at the office of the Association, 2nd floor of the Wirt Building, A. N. Yost Secretary.

For further information inquire of C. C. Peacock, J. R. Townsend, Geo. S. Robbins, C. H. Campbell, Saml. Wigfall, Geo. E. Elwell, F. R. Carpenter, Directors.

People of Mt. Carmel are greatly alarmed over the appearance of large cracks in the earth extending in width from two to four inches. During Tuesday the break in the earth extended in length to over one hundred and fifty feet, and fears are entertained for the partial collapse of the large Edison electric light station and some other buildings which have been affected from the disturbances. Timbers have been placed in the mine underneath the dangerous ground, and the officials are of the opinion that all danger is passed, as the ground seems to be settled.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Clinton W. Lewis, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned appointed auditor to pass upon exceptions to the account and to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the administrator in the estate of Clinton W. Lewis, deceased, to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, on Monday, April 25th, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of his appointment, when and where all persons interested in said estate will appear and present their claims or be forever thereafter barred from coming in for a share of said funds. H. A. McKILLIP, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Christopher Kuster, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned auditor, appointed to distribute the funds in the hands of the administrator of the estate of Christopher Kuster, deceased, to and among the parties entitled thereto, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, on Saturday, April 10th, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the performance of the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties having claims against said estate will present them, for settlement properly authenticated or be forever thereafter barred from coming in for a share of said funds. H. A. McKILLIP, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE. Estate of William Wright, deceased. The undersigned auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Columbia county to distribute the sum in the hands of the Trustee to the persons entitled to the same, in the matter of the estate of William Wright, deceased, will meet the parties interested for the performance of his duties at his office in the town of Bloomsburg, on Saturday 3rd day of April, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons are required to present and where all persons are required to be forever thereafter barred from coming in for a share of the assets or fund. Mar. 11th, 1897. CHARLES G. BARRETT, Auditor.

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- the best goods we could buy. Coin toes, kid tips, and prices—well the quality is far superior to the prices. Groceries. Just received a new invoice of groceries. We sell only the best goods we can buy, and will offer these goods for quick turning, at prices that can not be equalled in town for the quality of the goods. No trash or cheap truck, but good goods at little money. Prunes, nice, fresh and good value, 5 lbs. 25c. Prunes, fresh, large meaty goods, 10c. quality, 7c. the lb. Head Rice, no cracked or broken stuff, worth at least 1/2 again as much, 5 lbs. 25c. Rolled oats, none better, A No. 1 quality, 12 lbs. 25c. Raisins, fat and juicy, 7c. the lb. 10c. quality, 4 lbs. 25c. Soup beans, nice large ones, 5 qts. 25c. Remember 2 lbs. to the qt. Large lima beans, 4 qts. 25c. Mackerel, nice fat fish, average weight 1 1/2 lbs., 2 for 25c. COFFEE. We handle none but the best of coffee. Chase & Sanborn's in bulk, and Levering's in package goods. Note the following prices: Levering, 16c. the lb. Rio coffee, 20c. the lb. Reduced from 25c. Can't be equalled in town for the money. A better Rio at 25c. 30c. quality. Extra Golden Rio, 28c. Perfection Blend, 30c. Equal to any 35c. or 38c. coffee in town.

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