

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Pennsylvania House Favors Electing Senators by Popular Vote.

A GRADUATED INCOME TAX BILL

Introduced in the Senate Proposes Taxing All Incomes in Excess of \$1,000 Per Annum—A Bill to Legalize Additional State Employees.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Feb. 7.—The long senatorial deadlock has again brought to the front the oft suggested plan of electing United States senators by popular vote, and last week the house, by a vote of 61 to 54, passed a resolution favoring the election of president, vice president and senators by the ballots of the people.

A bill that has aroused considerable opposition has been introduced in the senate by Mr. Gibson, of Erie. The bill is to tax gains, profits or incomes derived from any kind of property, rents, interests, dividend or salary, or from any profession, trade, employment or vocation carried on in this state. It fixes a tax of one-tenth of 1 per cent. on all sums between \$1,000 and \$5,000; two-tenths of 1 per cent. on sums between \$5,000 and \$10,000; three-tenths of 1 per cent. on sums between \$10,000 and \$20,000; four-tenths of 1 per cent. on all sums between \$20,000 and \$30,000; five-tenths of 1 per cent. on all sums between \$30,000 and \$50,000; one mill of additional taxation shall be added for every additional \$5,000 up to \$100,000; 3 per cent. on all sums above \$100,000. Interest on bonds or securities of this state and of the United States are exempt from taxation. The word income as used in the act shall be taken to mean gross profit. The tax is to be collected by the present tax collection system and all persons liable under the act must make a sworn statement of a complete and full return of their gains, profits and income.

House Favors Expansion. The Seal resolution, indorsing President McKinley's views on the expansion question, and inviting him to visit Harrisburg as the guest of the state, was called up last Friday. Mr. Creasy, of Columbia, and other Democratic members objected to the clause in the resolution relating to the expansion question, and moved to postpone further consideration. The motion failed by a strict party vote of 71 nays to 49 yeas.

Mr. Fow, of Philadelphia, made an argument against the clause recognizing sovereignty of the United States in the Philippines. He said it was a scheme of the sugar trust, and that it was a serious mistake for this country to aid the trust by the adoption of such a policy. He declared the records of deaths in the Tenth Pennsylvania volunteers would create a revulsion of public sentiment on this question.

Mr. Baldwin, of Delaware, spoke for the resolution and in favor of the president's policy on the expansion question. Mr. McClain, of Lancaster, said he had an abiding faith in the president, and urged the passage of the resolution.

Mr. Creasy demanded a division of the question on the clause affirming the right of sovereignty over the Philippine islands.

The expansionists won by a vote of 66 to 44. The resolution was then adopted without division. The vote was on strict party lines. The Democrats approved the clause to invite the president to Harrisburg, but did not insist on a roll call, and the resolution was adopted as introduced.

Mr. Myers, of Cumberland, offered a resolution that a special session of the house be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 28, to take action on the deaths of Representatives Orme, of Schuylkill; Hopwood, of Fayette, and Manning, of Cumberland.

Governor Stone's Staff Appointments. An order issued from the adjutant general's department last week announced the following appointments on Governor Stone's staff as commander-in-chief of the National Guard of Pennsylvania:

Colonel Ezra H. Ripple, late commissary general, assistant adjutant general, with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Frank G. Sweeney, inspector general, with rank of colonel, reappointed.

Colonel Thomas Potter, Jr., quartermaster general, with the rank of colonel, reappointed.

First Lieutenant Samuel Moody, quartermaster Seventeenth regiment, infantry, assistant quartermaster general, with rank of lieutenant colonel.

Edward E. Robbins, late major and brigade quartermaster, Second brigade, N. C. P., and captain quartermaster b. S. V., commissary general, with rank of colonel.

George M. Hallstead, assistant commissary general, with rank of lieutenant colonel.

John V. Shoemaker, surgeon general, with rank of colonel.

Major Frank K. Patterson, brigade ordnance officer, Second brigade, general inspector of rifle practice, with rank of colonel.

Colonel Sheldon Potter, chief of artillery, with rank of colonel, reappointed.

James Elverson, Jr., aide-de-camp.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hall, aide-de-camp, reappointed.

Lieutenant Colonel Millard Hunsicker, aide-de-camp, reappointed.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Keenan, Jr., Seventeenth regiment infantry, aide-de-camp.

Lieutenant Colonel James M. Reid, aide-de-camp, reappointed.

William L. Elkins, aide-de-camp.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry C. Trexler, aide-de-camp, reappointed.

George A. Huhn, aide-de-camp.

A. Frank Seltzer, aide-de-camp.

Ned Arden Flood, aide-de-camp.

Charles C. Pratt, aide-de-camp.

Millard Hunsicker, aide-de-camp. J. Milton Taylor, aide-de-camp. All the aide-de-camp rank as lieutenant colonels.

Sergeant Jacob Green has been reappointed color sergeant and Sergeant Edgar M. Major chief musician.

State Officials Confirmed.

The governor also made the following appointments, which were promptly confirmed by the senate: Rev. Dr. George E. Reed of Carlisle, state librarian; Dr. John V. Shoemaker of Philadelphia, surgeon general of the National Guard of Pennsylvania; Thomas Potter, Jr., of Philadelphia, quartermaster general of the National Guard; Edwin E. Robbins of Greensburg, commissary general of the National Guard.

Governor Stone has signed the concurrent resolution of both houses of the legislature urging congress to improve the Delaware river by digging a 20 foot channel to the sea, and by virtue of his signature the measure becomes a formal declaration of the state in behalf of a great public work. The improvement to the Delaware channel is of the highest importance to the interests of Pennsylvania and of all the states that seek an outlet through its territory, and is likewise so closely related to the welfare of the federal government that on the broad ground of principle alone it should command unhesitating approval. The river and harbor bill now on the house calendar falls to make provision for the item in question, but Senator Penrose has given notice of his intention to offer an amendment to the bill when it shall come from the house making an adequate appropriation for the deepening of the channel.

A bill introduced in the senate by C. L. Brown, of Philadelphia, proposes to legalize the employment of 40 additional persons at the capitol. The bill abolishes the no longer necessary positions of one engineer and four firemen, and puts in place of them an \$1,800 a year superintendent of lighting, heating and ventilating appliances, with three \$1,200 assistants, the four to be appointed by the commissioners of public grounds and buildings, who are Governor Stone, Auditor General McCauley and State Treasurer Beacom. For not one of the remaining 36 appointments provided for in the bill is any place abolished.

Increasing the List of Employees. The bill increases to 145 the number of employees directly connected with the legislature. Two are for the lieutenant governor, namely, a \$1,400 clerk and a page at \$2 a day. The senate is to have 17 appointments in addition to its present 47, and the house 17 new places, with the 64 that are now its share.

The additional help proposed for the senate is as follows: Two assistant doorkeepers, four clerks to committees and two messengers to committees, one janitor of committee rooms, one property clerk, one property janitor, one day watchman, one chief page and four pages.

The house of representatives shall elect the following additional employees: Four clerks to committees and two messengers to committees, two transcribing clerks. The chief clerk of the house shall appoint the following: One property clerk, one property janitor, one day watchman, and chief page and four pages.

Transcribing clerks shall receive \$7 a day, and the other employees \$6 a day during the session, save the day watchman, who shall receive \$3 during the year, and the chief page \$3 a day and pages \$2.

The total addition thus made to the senate's expenses is \$15,030; to those of the house, \$15,270, and to those of the public grounds and buildings commissioners and lieutenant governor's office, \$7,350. This, with \$1,400 for the mileage of those employed only while the legislature is in session, makes the total cost of the 40 new places \$39,330. Deducing the amount that was paid the incumbents of the five abolished positions, the net increase in the legislature's ordinary expenses is \$33,000. An extra or special session would show a proportionate increase. These figures are on a basis of only 120 days' service from the persons employed only during the legislative session. Should the session last six months, as it did in 1897, an addition of 50 per cent would be made to the expenses for the term employees.

A Judge's Retirement Bill.

A judge's retirement bill introduced in the house by Mr. Hosack, of Allegheny, provides that when any law judge, after having attained the age of 70 years, and having held his commission for at least 20 years consecutively, or, if not continuously in the same court, having faithfully served as a judge altogether 30 years, shall, before the expiration of his term resign, he shall thereafter, in consideration of such resignation and retirement, receive in equal quarterly instalments an amount of money equal to two-thirds of the annual salary payable to him at the time of such resignation.

The McCarrell bill preventing district attorneys from setting aside jurors passed the senate by a vote of 28 to 17. Analysis of the vote showed that the senators lined up on the bill according to their factional affiliations. All but two Democrats, Messrs. Boyd and Stiles, voted in the negative with the anti-Quayites. The bill was reported favorably to the house, but its opponents declare that its defeat is assured. The friends of the measure are lining up to get it through the house this week if possible. They cannot get the 103 votes for final passage in the house without the support of about 20 Democrats.

The Magee jury empaneling bill was recommended by the senate Saturday to the judiciary general committee. Some members of this committee say that when they voted on Thursday to report it favorably they understood from Senator Brown, of Philadelphia, that Senator Flinn had agreed with Mr. Magee on the bill. Mr. Flinn flatly denies that he did so, and says he has gone no farther in the matter than his statement in the debate on the McCarrell bill that he might vote for a measure increasing to a dozen the number of empaneling challenges. WILKINS.

ONE VOTE TO SPARE

The Senate Approves of the Treaty of Peace.

AYES 57, AND NAYS ONLY 27

Germans Men Routed—Doubtful Senators Join the Treaty's Friends—Speeches Before the Vote—Senator McLaughlin Turned the Tide for Treaty.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The Senate in executive session at 3:25 o'clock yesterday afternoon ratified the treaty of peace with Spain. The vote was: Yeas 57, nays 27, giving the treaty the two-thirds vote necessary for ratification. The vote in detail was as follows:

For ratification—Aldrich, R.; Allen, P.; Allison, R.; Baker, R.; Burrows, R.; Butler, P.; Carter, R.; Chandler, R.; Clark, R.; Clay, D.; Cullom, R.; Davis, R.; Deboe, R.; Elkins, R.; Fairbanks, R.; Faulkner, D.; Frye, R.; Foraker, R.; Gallinger, R.; Gear, R.; Gray, D.; Hanna, R.; Hansbrough, R.; Harris, P.; Hawley, R.; Jones (Nev.), S.; Kenney, D.; Kyle, Ind.; Lindsay, D.; Lodge, R.; Mantle, R.; McBridge, R.; McEnery, D.; McLaughlin, D.; McMillan, R.; Mason, R.; Morgan, D.; Nelson, R.; Penrose, R.; Perkins, R.; Pettus, D.; Platt (N. Y.), R.; Platt (Conn.), R.; Pritchard, R.; Quay, R.; Ross, R.; Sewell, R.; Shoup, R.; Sullivan, R.; Spooner, R.; Stewart, S.; Thurston, D.; Teller, S.; Thurston, R.; Warren, R.; Wellington, R.; Wolcott, R.

Forty Republicans, 3 Populists, 10 Democrats, 3 Silverites, 1 Independent. Against ratification—Bacon, D.; Bate, D.; Berry, D.; Caffery, D.; Child, D.; Cockrell, D.; Darr, D.; Gorman, D.; Hale, R.; Helfferich, P.; Hoar, R.; Jones (Ark.), D.; Mallory, D.; Martin, D.; Mills, D.; Mitchell, D.; Money, D.; Murphy, D.; Pasco, D.; Pettigrew, R.; Rawlins, D.; Roach, D.; Smith, D.; Tillman, D.; Turley, D.; Turner, D.; Vest, D.

Twenty-three Democrats 3 Republicans, 1 Populist. The pairs were Cannon and Proctor, paired with White, and Wetmore and Wilson paired with Turpie.

Before the roll call, on the question of ratification was ordered, a vote was taken on Senator Vest's proposed amendment. It was rejected by a vote of 53 to 39, a majority only being necessary to pass the resolution.

The amendment declared that the United States had no right to hold a conquered people as a colony or as a dependency against its consent.

Senator McLaughlin of South Carolina seems entitled to much of the credit for saving the treaty. He was supposed to be opposed to the treaty, but at the right moment came out in favor of it in a speech that did much to turn the tide. McEnery of Louisiana did not make up his mind how to vote until just before the roll call, when he let it be known that he would vote "Aye."

FOR HARBOR DEFENCE.

Gov. Bloxham Will Preside Over the National Convention at Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 8.—The harbor defence and National Guard reform convention called by Governor Bloxham of Florida convenes here to-day. The object of the convention is to aid the government in placing the National Guard on the most effective possible footing. The Florida state superintendent of education has also extended invitations to superintendents of education in all the states, inviting them to this convention to consider the introduction of a military drill system for public schools of the United States in the interest of patriotism, subordination and physical development.



GOVERNOR BLOXHAM.

The call, which explains more in detail the prospective work of the gathering, is in part as follows: "Impressed with the necessity for a thorough reorganization of our state militia service as discussed by members of the National Harbor Defence Convention at Tampa in 1896, I have deemed it proper to issue a call for a national convention in this interest to assemble at Tampa, Fla., on the 8th day of February, 1898. The object of this convention will be to discuss and suggest methods for placing state troops on the most effective footing. Questions relating to arms, equipment, tactics, clothing, food and transportation will be considered and discussed by experts. Special attention will be given to the subject of camp sites, sanitation and all precautionary measures that modern science can suggest to insure the comfort and health of troops.

Boston Suit Stopped Again.

Boston, Feb. 8.—For the second time the city teaming fraud case has been taken from a jury. The first time it was because of a newspaper headline. Yesterday it was because Assistant District Attorney McLaughlin charged that Charles H. Milliken, a jurymen, had received money as a bribe in the course of the trial. Mr. McLaughlin produced witnesses in support of his assertion and Judge Bond took the case from the jury. Milliken denied the charge. A new jury will be impanelled.

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Strange Politics.

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