

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Senator Quay Loses Three of His Regular Supporters.

OPPOSITION TO SPEAKER FARR.

His Summary Adjournment of the House Caused Some Talk of Depositing Him—A Bill For State Meat Inspectors and Two New Capitol Bills.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, March 7.—Aside from the long drawn out senatorial contest, which has resulted in the state having but one representative in the upper house of congress, the question that most agitates legislators just now is the opposition to Speaker Farr. The latest trouble began on Friday last, when Speaker Farr declared the house adjourned almost immediately after the body had been called to order. The house was called to order about 15 minutes late and as much time as possible was consumed in reading the journal of the previous day's proceedings. At 11 o'clock orders of the day were called on the ground that 11 o'clock was the proper hour for adjournment under the rules of the house. Representative Bliss raised the point of order that the rule for the Friday sessions had been changed fixing the hour of meeting at 10.30 in order that the house might be kept in session until the hour for the meeting of the joint convention, and that this change had been recognized by the speaker and the house on every Friday since its adoption.

The rule changing the hour of meeting from 9 o'clock to 10.30 was read, but as it contained no reference to the hour of adjournment the speaker decided that it had been changed only at one end and declared the house adjourned, refusing to entertain an appeal from his decision. Instantly pandemonium broke loose. The anti-Quay men asserted that Farr's action in adjourning the house was to prevent the introduction of a resolution by General Koontz, of Somerset, for the appointment of additional members on the bribery investigating committee.

As soon as the uproar subsided sufficiently for anyone to be heard a motion was made that Representative Bliss take the chair, which was carried by a viva voce vote. The regular officers having adjourned along with Farr, Chairman Bliss designated Representative Fow as clerk and ordered a roll call to ascertain the presence of a quorum. In spite of the fact that a large number of members had paired and gone home, that the Quay members had left the hall or refrained from answering to their names, the roll call revealed the presence of 102 members, or one less than a quorum. Had there been another member present there is little doubt that a resolution would have been adopted declaring the speaker's chair vacant and a new speaker promptly elected and installed.

Quay Loses Three Supporters. After some discussion a motion offered by Mr. Clarence, of Philadelphia, providing that a committee of inquiry, consisting of Representatives Clarence, Young and Woodruff, Republicans, and Dixon and Palmer, Democrats, were promptly named.

At the hour of 12 Speaker Farr reappeared, called the house to order and announced the entrance of the senate to take part in the joint convention. The calling of the roll on the 39th joint ballot proved as sensational as the earlier proceedings in the house. For the first time since the beginning of the long deadlock the Quay lines were broken, three members leaving him and joining the anti-Quay forces. The first break occurred when the name of McClellan Hersh, of Philadelphia, was called. He voted for George F. Huff, his fellow anti-Quay member applauding as he did so. The second break was Representative Mackey, of Lackawanna, who voted for Judge Charles E. Rice amid renewed applause. The third to change was Leslie Yates, of Philadelphia, who voted for P. A. B. Widener.

There has been talk of ousting Farr from the speakership. The anti-Quay forces are assured by their legal advisers that a majority vote of the house could make vacancies in the offices of speaker and clerks. From "Buckalew on the Constitution" is quoted: "That either house may remove at pleasure any officer of the house (except lieutenant governor) results from the clear words and certain meaning of the fourth section of the sixth article." The doubt that had existed as to the vote necessary to do this is banished by the anti-Quay leaders, but some of them, including Representative Bliss, are convinced that after a protest no further action will be necessary.

The Magee jury bill was again side tracked last week. There was a big break in the factional lines. Many of the Quayites who have been steadfastly supporting the measure voted on a motion to postpone it for the present, fearful that it would meet with defeat if an attempt was made to pass it. Such, indeed, would probably have been its fate, and some of the anti-Quay men and Democrats voted against the postponement. Parties and factions were badly mixed up. A count of the vote on postponement showed 82 yeas and 76 nays, while 46 members were absent or would not place themselves on record. From all indications it would seem that even though the bill has been amended to suit Anti-Quay Leader Plinn, much missionary work will have to be done to muster the necessary 103 votes for final passage.

Meat Inspectors For Pennsylvania.

The result of the investigation into the character of the meat supplied to the soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico during the Spanish war may help to pass a bill introduced by Representative Adams, of Philadelphia. "The Drovers' association, in West Philadelphia, is said to be back of the bill, which provides that, within 30 days after the passage of the act, the secretary of the pure food commission of this commonwealth shall appoint an inspector of meat in each county of one or more cold storage warehouses, for the purpose of inspecting all meats killed outside the limits of the state. These inspectors shall be graduates of some veterinary college, and shall be appointed for the term of four years. It shall be the duty of the meat inspectors to thoroughly inspect all meat killed outside of this commonwealth upon its receipt at any cold storage or other place in this commonwealth before it is offered for sale, and each carcass shall

be marked in such manner as may be determined by the secretary of the pure food commission, and so labeled when offered for sale to the public.

Should the meat inspectors find any meat infected with tuberculosis or any other disease, or determine that any meat has been treated with any preservative, drug or material in his judgment deleterious to good health, he shall condemn it and it shall be unlawful to sell or offer for sale any part of such meat.

The pay of the inspectors is to be \$1 for each carcass inspected. They are empowered to enter the premises of every firm, corporation or person who may have meat killed outside the state, for the purpose of inspection. The selling of such meat without bearing the mark of the inspector shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$25 to \$100, or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days.

Two New Capitol Bills.

Representative Harrold, of Beaver, introduced another new capitol bill, providing for a commission to supervise the completion of the capitol building, to consist of Governor Stone, who shall appoint two other citizens, and A. J. Cassatt of Montgomery county, William H. Graham of Lehigh, ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison of Philadelphia and Judge Samuel Miller of Mercer. The commission is restricted to finishing the present building, by following the plans contemplated in the present drawings, and shall, upon the passage of this act, advertise for bids to complete the work. The specifications shall call for light colored granite to enclose the present building, and the removal of any other buildings on the ground to be occupied by the wings of the new capitol building. The total cost is not to exceed \$4,500,000, and no more than \$900,000 a year is to be appropriated for the work. The building is to be completed on or before January, 1904.

Still another new capitol bill was introduced by Representative Adams, of Philadelphia. It directs the commission created two years ago to supervise the erection of a new capitol building and have the same ready for occupancy before the first Tuesday in January, 1903. The commission is authorized to advertise for plans and specifications for enclosing the present building with granite, and the removal of the two buildings now occupied by the secretary of internal affairs and the secretary of agriculture. The architect whose plans are accepted shall receive \$2,000, the second competitor \$1,500 and the third \$1,000. The total cost for the construction, furnishing and preparing it for occupancy shall not exceed \$4,000,000, and \$2,000,000 is appropriated to carry on the work for the next two years.

Juries May Save From the Gallows.

Representative McAndrews, of Luzerne, presented a bill to give juries discretion in murder cases of the first degree to say whether a verdict of guilty should carry with it a sentence of death. The bill has a preamble, which sets forth that the jury on a homicide case is confronted with the consideration of age, illness or the peculiar environments of the accused, which should be allowed weight in arriving at the question whether the accused should or should not be capitally punished. The bill then provides that it shall be lawful for juries on homicide cases to qualify their verdicts by adding the words "without capital punishment." This qualifying power is not to be limited to cases in which the court or the jury is of the opinion that there are palliating or mitigating circumstances, but to be extended to every case in which the jury is of the opinion that it would not be wise to impose capital punishment.

Representative Peoples' bill, making it illegal to fish with fish baskets, or fish pots, set nets and outlines, under certain provisions, would have met with rough treatment on second reading had not the author offered several amendments greatly modifying its provisions.

Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, said there was no use of the state expending any money for the propagation of fish if the bill passed. Mr. Peoples made a plea for the bill. He admitted that if fish baskets were improperly constructed they would destroy young shad. He offered an amendment that should only apply to rivers flowing partly through this and other states, restricting the provisions of the bill to the Susquehanna. This was agreed to, as well as another amendment reducing the size of the openings on fish baskets from three-quarters of an inch to one-half of an inch. Another change which he suggested was also adopted that hooks on outlines be baited with angle worms or cut or dead bait. The bill was then laid over for third reading, and will not come up for two or three weeks.

For Additional Common Pleas Judges.

John R. K. Scott, of Philadelphia, brought into the house with an unanimously favorable report from the judiciary general committee the Vane bill, which had passed the senate, for three additional common pleas judges in Philadelphia. The committee had evidently not been influenced by the Philadelphia Law association's request that Representative Woodruff should keep the bill in the committee until the association could send statistics here on the subject. Mr. Fow advocated the bill in the committee. Encouraged by the headway which this bill has made, Shaw, of Allegheny, introduced a bill for three additional common pleas judges in his county.

Aiming to make corporations contribute to the enlarged state revenue that is promised as a necessity, Representative Brown, of Clarion, introduced a bill increasing from five to six mills the tax on capital stock of corporations, thereby raising the state's revenue from that source from about \$3,750,000 to \$4,500,000 a year.

Township road authorities, if a bill from Brooks, of Erie, shall be enacted, may construct and maintain bicycle paths along highways, and enforce reasonable regulations therefor.

These bills passed the house finally: Providing for the payment of school directors at the rate of \$2 a day for attending the triennial convention for the election of county superintendent and for the punishment of candidates who pay directors' expenses; to protect the public from unlawful use of bottles, jars, vessels or packages in the sale and delivery of milk and cream and their products.

In the senate Mr. Muehlbrunner introduced an act repealing an act limiting the number of inmates of state prisons, penitentiaries and other penal institutions to be employed in manufacturing goods therein, and prohibiting the use of machinery therein.

Henry Ziegler, an old German, ex-postmaster of Dupont, near Avoca, has, through the courts, succeeded in getting an order for an issue to be framed between himself and the Hillside Coal & Iron Company to determine the title to 300 acres of land at Smithville, valued at \$1,500,000.

The land is underlaid with a vein of coal averaging twenty-five feet in thickness. Ziegler claims the ownership on the ground of exclusive possession for twenty-five years; the Hillside Company bases title on a deed obtained from the Orphans' Court. Judge Lynch, who handed down the opinion and order in the case, virtually decides that Ziegler is the owner of the property. Ziegler's attorneys were John T. Lenahan, E. F. McGovern, E. A. Lynch and John F. Shea. The Hillside Company was represented by Willard, Warren and Knapp, of Scranton, and Wheaton, Darling and Woodward, of Wilkes-Barre. It is said Ziegler's attorneys took the case on a contingent fee of one-third, and it that be true, they will receive \$500,000, or \$125,000 apiece.

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