

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Alleged Would-be Bribers Denounce the Charges Against Them.

CALL IT GUERRILLA WARFARE.

Mr. Spatz of Berks and Ex-Representative Moyles Declare Themselves the Victims of Conspirators—Governor Stone and the Revenue Planners.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, March 14.—There is a warm hint in well informed political circles that something important in the way of breaking the deadlock in the legislature will occur before the end of the month.

It is understood here that as soon as the Fow bribery investigating committee makes its report there will be some arrests made on the evidence already elicited.

Mr. Spatz made a statement regarding the charges at the annual banquet of the Reading Press club on Saturday evening.

"The guerrilla faction of the Pennsylvania legislature, in its man hunting, character assassinating tactics, has been maligning me, among other Democrats, almost from the beginning of the session."

The limit of their infamous methods was reached on Wednesday night, when I was charged by two witnesses before the bribery investigating committee with having attempted to bribe them, with \$50 each, to continue voting for Mr. Jenks for United States senator.

What do my good friends think of this inconsistency? Attempting to bribe Democrats to vote for Mr. Jenks! The very thought is preposterous.

A Statement From Mr. Moyles. Ex-Representative T. M. Moyles, who is also charged with attempted bribery, made the following statement at his home in Wilkesbarre:

"The charges of attempted bribery by myself and others of certain members of the legislature are the result of studied design on the part of certain factional leaders, and have for their object one single purpose, and that is to prevent the re-election of Senator Quay. In their desperation they have gone into the sacred precincts of the legislative halls of our state legislature and succeeded, by questionable methods, in securing perjured testimony that for the time being blasts the reputation of honest, reputable and respected citizens of this commonwealth."

The first result of last week's conference between Governor Stone and the state revenue planners in the legislature is the favorable report of the Creasy general revenue bill from Chairman Hosack's ways and means committee.

Other amendments in the bill, to tax artificial gas companies, such as the United Gas Improvement company, five mills on their capital stock, doubling the present 2 per cent tax on foreign insurance company premiums, were also adopted.

The State Revenue Plans. In addition to these provisions the bill would give all the personal property tax to the counties, notwithstanding the governor's recommendation to keep all that tax for the next two years, or about \$4,000,000, for the state, instead of only one-fourth of it, as heretofore.

The bill would return to the counties the mercantile and other license fees and those of public offices. Mr. Creasy says that these, with the personal property tax, would relieve local taxation by over \$1,500,000 a year.

Representative Fow is the first legislator to get two of his bills to the governor—the Pennsylvania canal and divorce measures—and the first Philadelphian to get anything to the executive.

Governor Stone signed Fow's bill by which masters are empowered to take testimony in divorce proceedings, thereby relieving judges of this work. This will have the effect of doing away with divorce trials in open court.

A New Election Measure. A bill now on third reading in the senate would make a radical change in the filing of nomination certificates. The present law, in a general way, empowers a court to declare a nomination certificate or paper void if "not filed by parties entitled to file the same."

Another third reading bill in the senate, from Mr. Brown, of Philadelphia, changes Delaware river pilotage regulations. Among the changes would be the repeal of the increase of 10 per cent now allowed to a pilot speaking an inbound vessel east of Five Fathom Bank lightship, or north of Herford inlet lightship, or south of Fenwick's Island lightship; also repeal of the exemption of inbound vessels from taking pilots outside of a straight line between Cape Henlopen light and Cape May light.

On the same reading with these senate bills is one from Mr. Grady, of Philadelphia, prohibiting foreign trust companies from becoming the trustee in any mortgage issued by a corporation of this state, or surety upon any bond, guardian of any resident, executor or administrator of any estate, or otherwise exercising the functions of a trust company in Pennsylvania until they shall have deposited with the banking commissioner not less than \$100,000 each, as security for payment of their obligations.

A Proposed New School Tax. Mr. Hoskins, of Erie, in the house, presented a bill providing that for the fiscal years beginning the first Monday of June, 1898-1900, there shall be levied on the real estate of the commonwealth a tax of two mills on the dollar, to be paid into the state treasury on or before the first day of December of each of the years mentioned.

Mr. Hasson, of Venango, introduced a bill appropriating \$15,000 for the erection of a bronze statue of Governor Curtin, on the capitol grounds, in this city, the design to be solicited by a commission composed of Governor Stone, Colonel A. K. McClure of Philadelphia, Benjamin F. Meyer of Harrisburg, Colonel E. A. Irvin of Clearfield, J. B. Ross Thompson of Erie and Robert Henderson of Carlisle.

By the vote of 108 yeas and 42 nays the ballot reform bill, introduced in the house of Representatives of Mr. Keator, of Philadelphia, passed on second reading last week. This is not a complete ballot act, as is Senator Martin's, but it provides absolute secrecy in voting. Under the proposed law no voter shall have a helper unless he is physically incapacitated or unable to read.

Mr. Wentz, in the senate, and his fellow Montgomery countyman, Mr. Sexton, in the house, decided recently that they had waited long enough for reports from Senator Sproul's railroad committee and Representative Keyser's passenger railway committee on their bills to give eminent domain to rural trolley lines.

The bill does away with the circle and the name of the candidate shall be printed but once on the ballot for the same office; also reduces the size of the ballot to one-sixth its present size and enables the voter to avoid risk of mistake in voting. There is only one way to mark a ballot according to this bill, by putting a mark opposite the name of each candidate, the candidates being in groups, within party names and appellations following them.

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The date by which the bill extending the duration of the lien of the debts of a decedent upon real estate to five years was defeated in the house on third reading was reconsidered, and the bill passed finally.

In the house Mr. Bare, of Huntingdon, introduced a bill appropriating \$200,000 for the support of the National Guard for the next two years.

Mr. Fow, of Philadelphia, put in a bill to give colored people the same rights and privileges as those of other races.

Among the senate bills introduced was one from Mr. Brown, of Philadelphia, regulating telephone charges to \$3.50 a month, and providing a penalty of \$500 for violation of the provisions of the bill.

A bill introduced in the senate last Thursday gives permission to the secretary of internal affairs to grant warrants and patents for the beds of navigable rivers or streams for mining purposes.

The following gubernatorial nominations were received by the senate: Herbert Ash, Downingtown; H. B. John, Lancaster; and John C. Sims, Anthony J. Sharpe and Edward S. Ward, of Philadelphia, to be notaries public; William C. Russell, to be justice of the peace for the borough of Oxford, Chester county, vice John H. Kimball, resigned.

WILKINS.

The Season Little Observed.

The Harrisburg Commonwealth says there is a degeneration of Lenten observance, and that in this penitential season there are almost as many social and other amusements liberally patronized as in any other part of the winter. By way of explaining the spiritual deterioration, the Commonwealth asks: "Has not the Anglo Saxon blood, that brought with it those sterner qualities which lent strength to character, been diluted and intermingled with the blood of the lighter and more frivolous people of the world, until the American has become a composite fitted best for skepticism, indifference, selfishness and emotionism?"

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