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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Need For Legislation That Will Increase the State's Revenue.

A SHORTAGE OF OVER \$8,000,000.

Governor Stone Reiterates His Posttion on the Revenue Question-Bill Legalizing the Sale of Uncolored Oleomargarine Passes the House, as Does the Multiple Store Bill.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, March 28 .- Chairman Marshall, of the appropriations committee, made a statement in the house last Friday that the committee had reported all bills for state and semi-state institutions, amounting to \$5,739,000, and that the general appropriation bill, which would be reported by April 4, would carry about \$16,000,000 more. This would amount to more than the revenue in sight, and Mr. Marshall suggested that the committee be not required to report private appropriation bills until

more revenue is provided. A motion was made by Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, and adopted, rescinding that part of a resolution which required immediate report on private bills.

The appropriations favorably reported show an increase of more than \$\$00,000 over the aggregate for the same purposes two years ago. The biggest increases are for the indigent insane and the National Guard.

The nearly \$22,000,000 income assured for the next two years falls more than \$\$,000,000 short of the aggregate opmands on the state treasury. In making his calculations Mr. Marshall allows for Governor Stone's declaration that at least one-fourth of the \$3,500,000 deficiency caused by floating debts must be paid off within a year, and the remainder before the end of the term.

The legislature is confronted with the task of finding new revenues somewhere before any money will be in sight for the charities, such as hospitals, which do not ider the head of state or semistate institutions. In addition to the crying needs of these charities, including the hospitals that took in solaiers of the war with Spain, there is nothing but anticipation of the passage of some of the pending bills upon which to make either a partial payment of the floating debt or an appropriation for the new capitol.

Leading legislators feel that either by additional revenue or slashing in the general appropriation bill, or both, the hospitals and homes should be saved from much, if any, cutting below the aggre-gate of about \$1,500,000 appropriated to them two years ago. Neither Chairman Mershall nor the chairman of the ways and means committee, Mr. Hosnek, however, seems hopeful that this legislature can do enough cutting in governmental expenses or bring in sufficient new revenue to be as liberal to the charities as was its predecessor.

Governor Stone's Revenue Vlews. In a letter to J. B. Hershey, who asked for his views on the proposed reduction of the public school appropriation. Governor Stone said:

"We have reached a condition that is not an easy one. We have the floating debt of nearly \$4,000,000. Past legislatures have been appropriating more than the revenue anticipated. I am simply trying to do one of two things. and, of course, the legislature must elect which it will be. Either increase the revenue or reduce the appropriations. I

pasunchest friends in the house, Ellas Abrams, made a successful motion pro-viding special orders on Monday and Wednesday for the senate bill increasing the number of legislative employes is additional evidence that enactment of the measure is expected, through Mar-tin men's aid. Mr. Martin voted for it when it passed the senate finally. The Democratic representatives will be solid ngainst the bill, but the Quayites hope for its success through Mr. Martin's support.

In the senate Mr. Brown, of Philadel-phia, introduced a bill to repeat local option laws in the Fifteenth and Twenty-ninth wards of that city.

Legalizing the Sale of Oleo.

The Rice bill legalizing the sale of oleomargarine when it is not colored was the cause of an extensive debate, and the members proved to be anything but unanimous on the subject. Oleomarga-rine found a friend in Mr. Brown, of Lawrence, who asserted that it was better and purer than butter. He saw no good reason why it should not be col-On the other hand Messrs, Merored. rick and Rice favored the bill, and in do ing so said they voiced the sentiments of the farmers of the state. They charged that oleomargarine was colored for the purpose of deceiving the consumers. Senator Flinn favored the bill. The sale of oleo cannot be stopped and this bill will protect the farmer and public, he said. After further discussion the bill passed finally by a vote of 42 to 4. Those voting in the negative were Messrs. Brown of Lawrence, Gibson and Miller of Cumberland and Muchtbronner.

General Koontz, of Somerset, intro-duced in the house, "by request," bills supplementary to the act of July 30. 1897, to provide that distillers shall pay 25 cents a barrel on every barrel of liquor distilled by them, the barrel to be estimated at 3115 proof gallons, and that all new distilieries shall pay for the first year 25 cents a barrel that would be produced in case the distillery were run to its full capacity for the entire year.

The house defeated, on the question of final passage, by a vote of 72 yeas and 60 nays, the bill to pay Philadelphia constables a salary of \$1,200 a year. and require them to pay all their fees into the city treasury. Its success would have required 193 votes. The opposition was manly for the rural members, who considered the salary too high. On second reading the friends of the bill had successfully resisted efforts to reduce the amount.

A similar bill in the senate would pay the constables \$1,000, and on this efforts will be made to compromise, whether the defeat of the house bill shall be recon-sidered or not. Mr. Voorhees voted against the bill, so as the be able to move to reconsideration, and, with the view of aiding him. Messrs. Abrams and Ackerman changed their votes from the affirmative to the negative.

House Passed the Multiple Store Bill The house passed finally the Fow multiple store bill, which met little op position. 'The bill is backed by the Re tail Grocers' association, of Philadelphia, and is claimed to be intended as a protection to the proprietors of but one or two stores, and the comparatively small dealers generally, against individuals and companies that grasp a large amount of the business for themselves by controlling many stores. The bill would im pose in addition to the mercantile tax now required by law a tax of \$500 on each store more than three which a person or company has in a county.

To a query from Mr. Hasson, of Venango, whether the bill would not burden the storekeepers of the state, Mr. Fow said it would if it applied to the preprietor of one or two stores, but it did not so apply. Mr. Fow argued that when it is understood that in Philadelphia one man has 53 stores and anothe 75, and that these stores advertise to sell butter at 20 cents a pound, for which farmers charge 30, and to sell three pounds of prunes for 10 cents, it can be seen that the object of these storekeepers is to drive the small retailer out of business and establish a monopoly in

A Mammoth Found Near Dawson.

Miners Said to Have Uncovered the Body, Which Was Perfectly Preserved.

A recent issue of a Dawson newspaper contains a report of a "marvelous discovery on Dominion Creek.' It states that on Feb. 8th, August Trulson, a Swede, and his partner, while marking their claim, discovered the body of a mammoth forty feet below the surface. The story says the body was in a perfect state of preservation. There were no scientists in Dawson to examine the find, but the paper gives the following description of it :

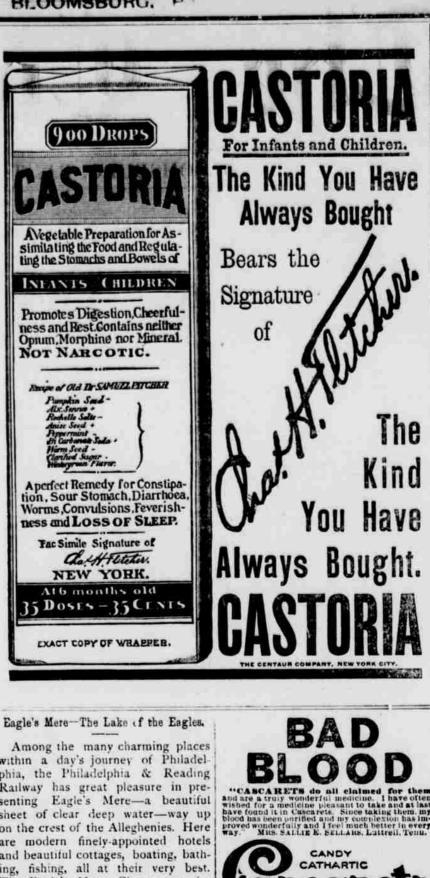
"The huge monster could not be lifted from its ancient grave, for it weighed from twenty-five to thirty tons. It measured 44 feet 6 inches. Its right tusk was broken, but its left tusk was perfect, so that the right must have snapped off in the fall which caused its death. The remaining tusk measured 14 feet 3 inches in length and 48 inches in circumference. The flesh was covered with wooly hair, about fifteen inches long, of a gravishblack color. The hindquarters were weighed in a fashion, the improvised scales showing 8,640 pounds. The neck was short, the limbs long and stout, and the feet short and broad, with five toes.'

Not at-all Pleasant-

There are few habits that are more common and at the same time more destructive to the general comfort to the family than that of being unpunctual at meal times. Every house keeper knows how trying is the experience of "keeping things hot" for the tardy member of the household. If the delinquent happen to be the father and nusband, the rest of the family do not repair to the dining room until his arrival. Often business has detained him at his office or place of business, and then he is the object of our sympathy. As much cannot be said of the thoughtless young person who lingers within a day's journey of Philadelover the book or needlework for 10 minutes after the other members of the nousehold are assembled around the board, while the entrance of the sheet of clear deep water-way up tardy son or daughter necessiates a check in the smoothly running machinery of "helping" and "passing."

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find that cutting off appropriations to a few schools, and even to private charities, will not give us enough money to pay our debts, even in instalments of \$1,000,000 a year, and continue this large appropriation to the public schools and maintain the institutions of the state to which the state is beholden.

'We cannot borrow money. There is no power under the constitution to do We cannot fund our floating debt. It must be paid. The state treasury now is nearly out of available cash. treasurer of the state is compelled to request corporations to advance money on taxes that are not due until the next fiscal year in order to pay the necessary expenses of the state. This is a deplorable condition, and one for which there is no excuse. I am simply trying to preserve the credit of the state, which can only be done by paying the honest debts of the state. If the legislature refuses to provide additional revenue I think it better to reduce the appropriations to the public schools a little than to go on increasing our floating debt. We must be just before we can be chari table. This is my position. It is the only position I have ever taken."

Revenue Hunters Discouraged.

The reform axes will not get a chance at the general appropriation bill until April 4. Meanwhile the revenue hunters, although somewhat discouraged by the killing of the direct inheritance and manufacturing corporation tax bills, and by the prospect of an overwhelming majority against either reducing the \$11, 000,000 appropriation to the public schools or keeping all the personal property tax from the counties, will do what they can to send to the governor the beer tax bill, the Baldwin mercantile tax measure, the Hosack corporation bills and other revenue schemes.

Mr. Hasson, of Venango, proposed to ask the house for special orders for his bill to have \$2,000,000 expended on the capitol by a new commission, but refrained on being reminded by Mr. Marshall that as this is an appropriation bill it will go on the special calendar of such bills, and, therefore, is in no danger of not being disposed of.

Earlier in the legislative term, when a new bill had some cnance, an influential delegation of prominent grocers from Philadelphia and elsewhere might have been expected here in opposition to a bill which Elias Abrams, of Philadelphpia, introduced in the house Friday prohibit the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors at places where groceries or food are sold. 'Ine new rules pre-sented by Mr. Abrams' Sixteenth cos-trict colleague, Mr. Stewart, and adopted to expedite revenue and appropria-tion bills, practically kill all belated measures on the calendar except those of urgent importance. Representative Fow, of Philadelphia,

introduced a bill making liquor licenses, wholesale or retail, personal property and subject to levy and sale, and providing for the transfer thereof to the purchaser. Transfers would be under the usual restrictions.

The fact that one of Senator Martin's

jurious to the public. One firm that controlled over 100 retail stores was referred to by Mr. Stew art, of Philadelphia, who said that as a result of such monopolizing there are 1,400 stores less in that city than there were a year ago.

To a question from Mr. Coray, of Luzerne, Mr. Fow said the bill was constitutional, because it made proprie tors of retail stores a class and taxed them uniformly.

An amendment offered by Mr. Robb. of Allegheny, confining the bill's application to Philadelphia, was overwhelmingly defeated, and the bill went through by a big vote.

Favoring New York's Voting Machine

The New York voting machine seems to have many friends proportionately in the house as in the senate. Mr. Woodruff, of Philadelphia, reported favorably from the house judiciary general committee Senator Grady's proposed con-stitutional amendment, which would have to be passed upon by another legis lature after this before permitting vot ing to be done by some other method than the present one, provided that secrecy should be insured.

That committee also reported favor ably on Mr. Woodruff's bill directing judges when sitting to count popular votes in Philadelphia to draw lots for at least two ballot boxes in each ward which shall be operated by them for the purpose of catching any ballot thieves who may have tried their hand. It is argued that the deterrent influence of such a law on scouadrels who could not guess where the lightning might strike would be a long forward step in ballot reform.

Representative Shaw, of Allegheny, introduced a bill regulating the fare to be charged by companies operating parlor cars, as follows: For a seat in a palace or chair car, not more than 25 cents for the first 125 miles, and an additional charge of 25 cents for distances in excess thereof up to 350 miles, and an additional charge of 25 cents for each additional 100 miles thereafter; for each berth in a sleeping car, 50 cents for a distance of 350 miles, and 50 cents for each additional 100 miles thereafter: for each seat in a sleeping car, 25 cents for the first 150 miles, and 25 cents additional for the next 200 miles, and 25 cents additional for the third 250 miles. The house took a recess last Friday and listened to an anti-expansion address from Senator William E. Mason, of Illinois. He said he was confident that American liberty would not be injected hypodermically into the people of other countries with 13-inch guns.

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