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# HARRISBURG LETTER.

Ex-Congressman Kulp Denies Charge of Attempted Bribery.

### GOVERNOR'S PET PROJECT KILLED

The Bill Which Would Let the Counties | Keep Only One-third of the Personal Tax For Two Years Received Only Nine Affirmative Votes.

#### (Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, April 4.-The examination of every member of the lower house of the legislature by the bribery investigation committee has been completed, and has resulted in some startling charges. but the persons charged have promptly denied the statements made against them, and up to the present time there have been no proofs presented to substantiate the charges. As an instance, last week Representative Brown, of Union, testified that ex-Congressman Monroe H. Kulp, of Shamokin, had offered him \$300 to remain away from the first joint legislative caucus. Today Mr. Kulp appeared before the committee on his own request and swore that the charge was wholly baseless, and made for politcal effect.

A big delegation of Philadelphia insurance men argued before Senator Grady's finance committee against the Creasy revenue bill's provision to double the 2 per cent tax on the premiums of foreign insurance companies. Chairman Gady expects that by tomorrow night the committee will be ready to report the Creasy bill and the foreign and domestic beer tax bills, all of which have passed the house. The committee, Mr. Grady says, will try to report other revenue bills by that time, when 15 days will remain before final adjournment.

Representative Bliss, of Delaware, gave notive in the house that an issue Delaware. would be made henceforth by the legislative elements dominding the enactmen of such taxes as the beer bills against what seemed to be an effort to shield the brewers and certain corporate interestat the expense of the county treasuries and of such concerns as manufacturing corporations. Mr. Dixon, of Elk, also gave warning of possible clashing be-tween the interests referred to by Mr. Bliss

This discussion started over Ways and Means Chairman Hosack's appeal for passage of the bill, recommended by Gevernor Stone, which would let the counties keep only one-third of the personal tax for two years. The house had voted down a motion to postpone the bill for the present. It wanted to kill it right away. Mr. Hosack said that it the bill should be postponed he would not call it up unless revenue needs should compel him to do so. Appropriations Chairman Marshall sustained him.

The bill was denounced by Messrs. Creasy and Dixon, the latter asking: "What is the use of dillydallying with a measure that is universally condemned? I am informed that the general revenue bill (Crensy's) will raise all the necessary revenue, but there seems to be an attempt to shield corporate interests through the defeat of that measure."

The Governor's Pet Project Killed. By a vote of 100 to 63 Mr. Hosack's request for postponement was refused. Then the house killed the governor's pet project by a vote of 156 nays and 9 years on the question of final passage, when all those who had first voted in courtesy to Mr. Hosack joined in the stampede. Mr. Hosack had better luck with a motion to reconsider the defeated bill

or appointed thereto shall be entitled to all rights, powers, privileges and emolu-ments pertaining to the office and subject to its duffes and responsibilities." Three political elements in the senate

were successfully railied by Mr. Weutz, Democrat: Mr. Flinn, anti-Quay, and W. M. Brown, Quayite, for a bill which vain efforts had been made to enact in every logislature since 1871 to extend the minimum since 1871 to extend the minimum school term to seven months. Governor Stone favors the bill. It was called up by Mr. Flinn, In a speech opposing the bill Mr. Hertsler declared that the farmer has burdens enough to carry without adding more. Mr. Cumings said he believed in legis-tations for brains. After further delete lating for brains. After further debate the bill passed finally by a vote of 30 to

Proposed Free Library Commission. Senator Magee introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of a free library commission. The commission is to be composed of five persons, to be appointed by the governor, and the commissioners shall give advice and counse to all free libraries and to all communities proposing to establish them. The commission, which is to receive no compensation, shall establish and maintain out of money appropriated for the work a system of traveling libraries as far as possible throughout the state,

Another bill introduced by Mr. Magee appropriates \$20,000 to the commission for the purpose of beginning its work. and a third bill also read in place by Mr. Magee extends to cities of the sec-ond and third classes and to towns and boroughs a right to levy a tax and make appropriations for the establishment and maintenance of free libraries.

Mr. Fow, of Philadelphia, presented "by request" a petition in the house signed by 500 citizens of Lackawanna county, asking for the impeachment of Judges Archibald, Gunster and Edwards, of Lackawanna county, for unlawful and unconstitutional acts and conduct in their judicial capacity in the trial of the famous Jennings case against the Lehigh Valley railroad. The petition is similar to one brought to the last legislature, and grows out of an old trouble between the judges and John G. Jen-nings with his counsel. Cornelius Smith, who ran as an independent candidate for indre against Judge Gunster Inst fall In the house discussion on prohibition Mr. Fow was called on, as a defender of liquor dealers' rights, to explain how he managed to be the Prohibition can-

didate for representative in the Seven teenth ward last fall. This was in connection with the final passage of the bill fathered by Mr. McElhany, of Allegheny, to repeal as much of the special law as prohibits liquor traffic in Rankin bor-

ough, that county. In support of the bill Mr. Fow refer-'speak easies" as proof of the imred to possibility of legislating with entire suc-cess against men's appetite. Mr. Larzelere, of Montgomery, disagreed with him and pointed to the general success of Willow Grove Park, wherein prohibition is rigidly enforced.

Mr. Fow said the park's prosperity was easily understood, as a member of the house, "Mac" Hersh, was its manager.

### Mr. Fow as a Prohibitionist.

Mr. Adams, of Philadelphia, the reunsuccessful advocate of Memcently orial day prohibition, put the ticket con-undrum to Mr. Fow, who gravely asserted that his running as a cold water man, in addition to his candidacy on all the other tickets, was to prove the inconsistencies of a ballot law under which a candidate could easily appropriate party headings to his own use.

The house burst into an incredulous "oh-oh." but Mr. Fow stuck to it, add-"The brewers and other liquor ing: dealers helped to get me on the Pro-hibition ticket. I ran on another ticket that the gentleman from the Twenty-

### Good Roads.

The construction of good roads has received wide attention in this country, but as yet no practical system has been devised by which any considerable portion of our roads can be improved. The construction of good roads on any except a gravel soil is a costly business, so expensive that the farmers cannot bear the burden. It would amount to the confistication of the farms if the burden were placed upon them, for in the black prairie soil, for instance, there must be a deep solid foundation laid. Gravel on such a soil will not stand. It will go down out of sight during the spring thaws,

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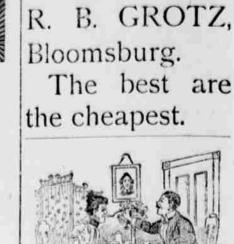
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taxing manufacturing corporations. He vehemently asked if the manufacturing concerns to protect which the National Guard had to be called out occasionally. were to remain untaxed. Pennsylvania. he said, is the only state in the Union which does not tax corporations.

Mr. Bliss at this point threw down the gage of battle against the brewers. If the beer bills shall not be passed, he declared, there will be no money for the charities. Despite his arguments and those of Messrs. Fow and Stewart against taxing manufacturing corpora-tions, Mr. Hosack gained reconsideration by a vote of 114 yeas to 36 nays, owing to the Democratic support. A motion by Mr. Hosack to postpon-

final action for the present was adopted. A majority of the house will keep close watch on the senate to see that the several corporation tax bills, especially the one affecting foreign corporations doing most of their business in this state, shall pass with the beer bills. The sen ate is warned by house leaders that there can be no change from April 20 as final adjournment day, and if these bills are not passed by that time the people decide where the responsibility rests.

The Hasson bill appropriating \$2,000, 000 to be expended on the capitol under a new commission and the two other new capitol bills were allowed to pass second reading in the house Thursday night, with other appropriation bills, without a fight, there being a general understanding to defer discussion until a third reading.

### To Sue For a Junketing Trip.

Mr. Yates, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill in the house authorizing J. H. Shaw, Robert Tagg, John T. Stauffer and the Hotel Lafayette, Philadelphia, to bring suit in the common pleas court of Dauphin county against the commonwealth, for claims on account of the legislators' junket to the Washington monument celebration two years ago.

In the senate Mr. Muchlbronner called up the bill permitting pool selling. This bill was placed on the postponed calendar ten days ago. The motion to proceed with the consideration of the measure was agreed to. Thereupon Mr. Henry, while opposing the proposition, said that if pool selling was a good thing three months in the year it was good all the year round. The bill passed finally by a vote of 28 to 10.

The bill making wholesale and retail liquor licenses personal property, and as such subject to pledge as security for debt and sale upon execution, also pass-ed the senate finally.

bill was introduced in the house by Mr. Creasy, of Columbia, "by request," to make women eligible to the office of judge in courts of record. The measure provides "that women learned in the haw are and shall be eligible to the ofof judge of all the courts of record in this commonwealth, and when elected

fourth ward was not on-the Honest Government ticket.'

This reference to the seare which the Honest Government candidates for the legislature in the Twenty-fourth district had given to Representatives Adams and Noblit brought down the house. The repeal bill was passed finally by 104 yeas to 34 nays, the only Philadelphians voting against it being Messrs. Adams and Woodruff.

Another bill which passed finally had been introduced by Mr. Hersh, of Philadelphin, as a result of Willow Greve Park experiences. It gives the authorisuch a park the right to take ties of charge of, keep in repair and place un-der their police regulations within the park limits any public road. The bill got 152 votes, with no opposition.

Almost as many supporters were wor for final passage of the Grady-Hersh bill, which had passed the senate, per-mitting the president of the Philadelphia board of education to make his signatures to salary warrants with a rubber stamp.

Inheritance Tax Bill Reconsidered. In consequence of pleas by Ways and Means Chairman Hosack and Appro-priations Chairman Marshall the house econsidered the defeat of the Baldwin bill taxing direct inheritances by a vote of 93 yeas to 43 nays. This was done. however, with the understanding that the bill, which was postponed for the present, should not be pushed for final passage in its present shape unless the supreme court decision, expected within the next few days, shall knock out the retroactive and other features of the collateral inheritance tax law. Messrs. Hosack and Marshall argued that if the

collateral inheritance amount depending upon the litigation shall be lost by the the legislature cannot reasonably avoid enacting the direct inheritance bill The house passed on second reading the bill for a tax in license form of three-fourths of a cent per gallon on malt liquors from other states or coun-

tries sold in Pennsylvania. Chairman Hosack, of the ways and menas committee, introduced a bill in the house providing for the payment of a bonus of one-third of 1 per cent upon the capital stock now actually employed in Pennsylvania of certain foreign corporations, limited partnerships and joint

stock associations now registered in this

commonwealth. Additional opposition to the proposed doubling of the 2 per cent tax on the premiums of foreign insurance companies arises from friends of the Fire pension fund, which gets income from that tax. It is asserted that unles the pension fund law were amended the pending tax bill could not be so worded as to spare the allowance to aged and disabled firemen.

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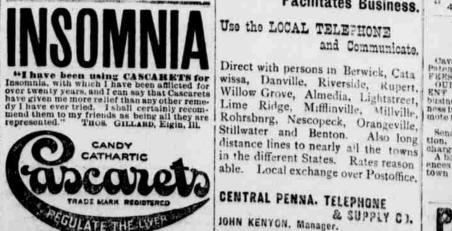
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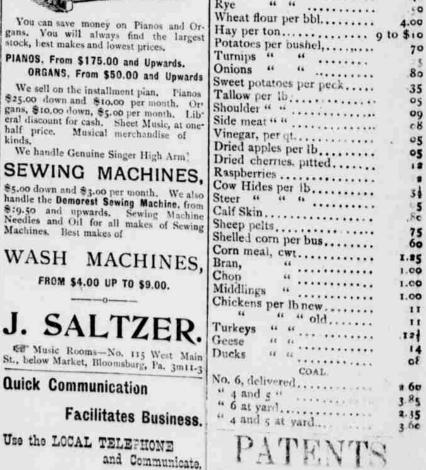
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